

# MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

May 1, 2025

MS Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks, Conference Room  
1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS

<b>Commission Members</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>In</b>
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Chairman)	Yes
MS Department of Transportation	Jordan, Jim (Vice-Chairman)	No
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Bailey, Matt	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	No
MS Department of Health	Horn, Marshall	No
MS Office of Homeland Security	Kruger, Baxter	Yes
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Donald	Yes
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Mann, Doug	Yes
MS Department of Corrections	McAfee, Audrey	Yes
MS Emergency Management Agency	McCraney, Stephen	Yes
MS National Guard	McMillan, Maj. William	Yes
MS Municipal League	Moore, Glen	Yes
MS Sheriff's Association	Mullins, Paul	Yes
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris	Yes
MS Department of Information Technology	Savorgnan, Holly	Yes
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Scarber, Ernie	Yes
<b>Advisory Members</b>		
House of Representatives Appropriations Committee	Bounds, Scott	Yes
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Lancaster, Jon	Yes
Senate Appropriations Committee	Michel, Walter	Yes
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Powell, Brent	Yes
House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee	Steverson, Jody	Yes
Senate Appropriations Committee	Williams, Bart	Yes

Chairman Mandy Davis called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, legislative advisors, staff, and visitors to the meeting. She introduced a new commissioner, Major William T. McMillan, representing the MS National Guard and she thanked Col. Ray Causey for serving this Commission since July 2014. Chairman Davis asked Mrs. Karana Carroll to conduct a roll call of those Commissioners and legislative advisors who may be joining the meeting via conference call. Chairman Davis called for the review of and a motion to approve the April 3, 2025, minutes. Commissioner Stephen McCraney made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Doug Mann. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Davis called on Mrs. Carroll to provide the MSWIN Staff Report for April 2025. Mrs. Carroll provided a presentation on MOU renewals, law enforcement events, local events, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff participated in during April. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the generator paint project, and the number of radio IDs in April totaled 66,125 subscribers. Push-to-talks for April

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totaled 10.2M and the number of busies were 388 with the reliability of the statewide communications systems at 99.999%. Mrs. Carroll also reported MSWIN Top 10 state agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for the month.

Mrs. Carroll then provided a review of the staff activities in April to include monitoring severe weather throughout the state. The staff also has been working with Motorola during the refresh of the MSWIN system, worked with Motorola to turn on two new sites in Ripley and Poplarville South, held meetings with local counties regarding fiber connectivity issues related to the refresh project, attended a meeting at Camp Shelby regarding new communication equipment, and the WCC Director and staff met with local officials in Ripley, MS for a site visit. Spring preventative maintenance is ongoing for ground maintenance, generators, and HVAC systems at each site.

Mrs. Carroll provided a Coverage Expansion Project update including details about the Ripley East site in Tippah County and the Poplarville South site in Pearl River County. She also gave an MSWIN Refresh Project update. The MS Band of Choctaw Indians have two of their three new sites operational. DeSoto County continues moving forward with their additional tower site. Staff continue to meet with Motorola on the completion of the SUA, and it remains on target for completion in June 2025. Mrs. Carroll thanked the legislature for their ongoing commitment to and investing in MSWIN to provide the best coverage.

Mrs. Carroll reported no change in the Contract Status Report from last month. Chairman Davis called for any questions or comments about the staff report presented. Hearing none, Chairman Davis thanked Mrs. Carroll for the report.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper reported there were two procurement requests this month. The first procurement request is from the MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks for 30 APX N70 portable radios with accessories for \$136,968.90 from MSWIN 3429. The department is replacing existing radios that are no longer supported and this procurement meets technical requirements. The request was approved in committee and requires no further action by the Commission. The second procurement request is from George County to purchase 911 Dispatch P25 Radio System Project including 3 Dispatch console stations with furniture, equipment, installation, and training; 60 APX N30 portable radios and 33 APX4500 mobile radios; and MSWIN site expansion with a cost not to exceed \$5,195,671.00 from the county board accepted RFP. The county is improving its Emergency Communication System by updating their Dispatch Center equipment, mobile and portable radios across multiple offices, and expansion of network coverage in the county. This request meets with technical approval with the caveat that the WCC be included throughout the implementation process to ensure it is integrated in line with MSWIN technical system requirements. Commissioner Loper reported George County's request received approval from the committee to recommend approval to the Commission. Commissioner Baxter Kruger motioned to approve the procurement request, seconded by Commissioner Mann. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Davis called for report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Col. Ray Causey introduced a report regarding Push to Talk (PTT) over Long Term Evolution (LTE) on the MSWIN system. Commissioner McCraney motioned to table the vote to accept the report in order to review the report, seconded by Commissioner

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Kruger. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner McAfee reported there was no report this month.

Chairman Davis called for the approval of April expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2025 financial report for April including general funds, local project funds, and capital funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Mann motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Chris Sanders. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

In other business, Chairman Davis presented Col. Causey with a Certificate of Appreciation for 11 years of service and thanked him for all he has done for the WCC and MSWIN. Chairman Davis called for any other business to come before the Commission today. Hearing none, Chairman Davis moved on to MSWIN in Action and asked Mr. Dent Guynes to introduce the speaker, Mr. Shawn Cordray, Telecommunications Specialist from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives. Mr. Cordray began in Communications in the Guard in 1990. Since then, he has worked in the private sector, Gulfport Police Department, Stennis Space Center, and US Customs. Mr. Cordray said MSWIN is the most robust system he has used, and the agents are confident in the knowledge they are covered. The radio is there in all disasters. MSWIN is very impactful and as a federal agency, they want to support state and local agencies. Using MSWIN, the ATF was able to have 2 raids on different sides of the state simultaneously resulting in secure and successful operations. Mr. Cordray thanked the WCC for the work they do in supporting them.

Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday June 5, 2025, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kruger motioned to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Mann. With no discussion and none opposed, the motion carried.

  
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Attested: Executive Director

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6/11/25  
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