

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION
 March 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 Place: Woolfolk Building, Room 145, 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS

Commission Members Present:	
MS Department of Transportation	Huff, Willie (Chairman)
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve
MS Department of Corrections	McAfee, Audrey
MS Department of Information Technology Services	Savorgnan, Holly
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Donald
MS Department of Emergency Management	McRaney, Stephen
MS Department of Homeland Security	Williams, Jenny
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris
MS Sheriffs Association	Peterson, Troy
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Waggener, Perry
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Lariviere, Tom

Chairman Willie Huff called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed everyone. Chairman Huff then called for the review of the February 6, 2020 minutes. Chairman Huff called for a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Troy Peterson made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Don Loper, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Ms. Vicki Helfrich, Executive Officer, then provided the MSWIN Status Update for February 2020. She reported information on MOUs, special event talk groups assigned, activities the WCC staff participated in during the month, the number of current MSWIN users, the number of push-to-talks, the top ten (10) state agencies/number of devices by system use, and the top ten (10) local/other agencies/number of devices by system use. Ms. Helfrich also reported staff is continuing to work with AT&T and FirstNet to finalize tower lease agreements.

Mr. Bill Buffington, Technical Director, provided an update on the WCC projects. Mr. Buffington reported that work on the Canton and John C. Stennis Space Center tower sites continue to progress. Staff is working with Madison County on the ground lease for the Canton site and we expect FEMA approval for the site soon. The Stennis site is in progress and will be fully operational in the near future. Mr. Buffington stated he has been looking at opportunities to enhance MSWIN capabilities in Oktibbeha County. Additionally, he reported that there were no issues or outages during the recent flooding and storm events. All system components performed as designed.

Ms. Helfrich provided an update on WCC contract status. She reported that the WCC is waiting on signatures for the SBA tower lease renewals which were approved by the Commission on December 5, 2019 and the ITS Board on December 19, 2019. Additionally, Ms. Helfrich reported that HB No. 73 which supports the WCC becoming a standalone agency, has passed the House Public Utilities Committee.

Chairman Huff called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Commissioner Perry Waggener reported that there was only one (1) procurement request from Scott County utilizing the State's 3429 contract. The county is requesting an amount not to exceed \$1,023,533.74 to purchase 275 portable APX radios and a 2-position radio dispatch console to upgrade and replace the older radios. Mike Marlow, EMA Director of Scott County, stated that this purchase will replace all radios county-wide and provide improved interoperability using MSWIN. On behalf of the Procurement Review Committee, Chairman Waggener recommended approval to the full Commission of the purchase with one caveat: (1) approval is pending receipt of official minutes to the full Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lariviere, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Huff called for the report of the Governance/Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Lariviere reported that there was no formal Governance meeting, but they did speak about the upcoming Beta testing

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for the mobile application the WCC is developing for the Tactical Interoperability Channel Plan Field Operations Guide (TICP-FOG) which is the go-to reference for emergency communications planning and radio technicians during emergency response. The Beta testing is expected to begin soon.

Chairman Huff called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan provided the financial reports for February 2020, including general funds, grant funds, and program income as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Chairman Huff called for any discussion. With no further discussion, Commissioner Jenny Williams motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Stephen McRaney, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Huff called for the report of Other Business. Chairman Huff introduced Norberto Colón of Motorola Solutions to speak about Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1). Mr. Colón reported that NG9-1-1 is a technological transformation of the current 911 infrastructure. The first 911 call was made over 50 years ago and now the aged infrastructure needs to be upgraded to enhance emergency response by incorporating text messaging, images, and video. Mr. Colón explained for this to happen public safety answering points (PSAPs) will need to be connected to an Emergency Services IP Network or ESInet as well as Next Generation Core Services. ESInets will need to meet numerous core requirements to ensure the reliability, redundancy, and security of these networks. Mr. Colón also noted that two states, Ohio and Illinois, have issued RFPs for statewide NG9-1-1 services that utilize existing state-owned IP-based emergency services networks for deployment. Chairman Huff stated that the Commission needs to stay on top of this effort as the MSWIN telecommunications backbone network (TBN) can possibly be leveraged as part of a statewide ESInet solution as it is an IP-based emergency services communications network. The Commission should look every opportunity to leverage the MSWIN TBN for emergency communications as it is being underutilized.

Chairman Huff announced the formation of the Emerging Technologies Committee. This Committee will work on NG9-1-1 and all other emerging technologies dealing with emergency communications. He advised each Commissioner to submit their ideas to the Chairman of the Emerging Technologies Committee. The Committee includes the following Commissioners: Steve Gray (MAS), Greg Michel (MEMA), Audrey McAfee (MDOC), Don Loper (MHSP), Troy Peterson (MSA), Tom Lariviere as Committee Chairman (MFCA), and Bill Buffington as Committee Consultant (WCC). The Committee will provide a preliminary report at the June 4, 2020, monthly meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Huff then announced that the next monthly meeting would be held at 1:30 PM, on April 2, 2020, in room 145 of the Woolfolk Building at 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS. Chairman Huff entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Waggener motioned to adjourn. The motioned passed with none opposed.



Attested: Executive Officer

3/25/20

Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

4/2/20

Date