

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

April 2, 2020

Via: Teleconference

Commission Members Present:	
MS Department of Transportation	Huff, Willie (Chairman)
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Bolden, Michael (Vice-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 National Guard	Causey, Ray
MS Department of Health	Vaughan, Wayne
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. The meeting was held via teleconference. Ms. Vicki Helfrich, Executive Officer, employed the use of roll call to check attendance and to ensure that a quorum was attained. Chairman Huff then called for the review of the March 5, 2020 minutes. Chairman Huff called for a motion to accept the minutes. Vice-Chairman Michael Bolden made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Don Loper. Chairman Huff called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Ms. Helfrich then provided the MSWIN Status Update for March 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, and the number of push-to-talks. Ms. Helfrich also reported staff is continuing to work with AT&T/FirstNet to finalize tower lease agreements. Additionally, Ms. Helfrich reported that work on the Canton and John C. Stennis Space Center (Stennis) tower sites continue to progress. Madison County has approved the ground lease for the Canton site and FEMA has provided the State with a FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) which allows the WCC to begin construction of the tower. The Stennis site is in progress and will be fully operational in the near future. Ms. Helfrich reported that the majority of the month has been spent assisting agencies with the COVID-19 response and staff is working with MS Department of Health, MEMA, MS Department of Public Safety, and the MS National Guard to update the ICS205 (Incident Radio Communications Plan) every 3-4 days.

Ms. Helfrich provided an update on WCC contract status. WCC is waiting on signatures for the SBA tower lease renewals which were approved by the Commission and the ITS Board in December 2019. Ms. Helfrich reported that the SBA tower leases are still being processed and there will be a small decrease in the rental payments to SBA. Also, the BTOP Contract Amendment has been fully executed and work to add a microwave loop in the coastal counties to increase redundancy will begin as soon as possible.

Chairman Huff called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Commissioner Perry Waggener reported that there was only one (1) procurement request from the City of Southaven utilizing the State's 3429 contract. The City requested an amount not to exceed \$242,312.00 to purchase 65 APX6000 portable radios and accessories to replace end of life radios for the Police Department. This request was approved by the Procurement Committee with no further action needed from the full Commission.

Chairman Huff called for the report of the Governance/Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Tom Lariviere stated that the Governance Committee nor the Emerging Technologies Committee have met.

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Chairman Huff called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan provided the financial reports for March 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 Ray Causey motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Wayne Vaughan. Chairman Huff called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Huff called for the report of Other Business. There was no other business to report.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Huff announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on May 7, 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 Steve Gray motioned to adjourn. Chairman Huff called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.



Attested: Executive Officer

4/29/20 revised 5/6/20

Date

Willie R. Huff
Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

5/7/2020

Date

