

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

July 2, 2020

Via: Teleconference

Commission Members Present:	
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Bolden, Michael (Chairman)
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Lariviere, Tom (Vice-Chairman)
MS Department of Transportation	Huff, Willie
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 Homeland Security	Williams, Jenny
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris
MS Sheriffs' Association	Peterson, Troy
MS Department of Health	Vaughn, Wayne
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Waggener, Perry

Chairman Michael Bolden 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 Bolden called for the review and approval of the June 4, 2020 minutes. Chairman Bolden called for a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Audrey McAfee made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Donald Loper. Chairman Bolden called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Ms. Helfrich provided the MSWIN Status Update for the month of June 2020. She reported information on MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, activities staff participated in during June, the number of users, and the number of push-to-talks. Ms. Helfrich also reported staff continues to work with MEMA and other state agencies on communications for COVID-19; work with AT&T/FirstNet on tower leases to locate equipment on MSWIN towers; and has completed all MSWIN preventive maintenance (system and facilities) for FY2020.

Ms. Helfrich provided an update on WCC contract status. The WCC has three contracts in the renewal process – Butler Snow, Cindy Crocker, and Renea Walton. These contracts are renewed on an annual basis. The contract with SBA for tower leases has been finalized.

Bill Buffington, Technical Director, provided the MSWIN Project Status Update for the month of June 2020. Mr. Buffington reported that the BTOP work is almost complete with acceptance testing being conducted over the past weekend with the completion of the microwave additions in the coastal counties. Additionally, the Stennis site is near completion as radio equipment is on site and the tower crew is scheduled to hang antennas in July. Mr. Buffington also reported that the Canton site tower construction is complete, radio equipment is on site, utility power has been finalized with Entergy, and microwave equipment will soon be added.

Ms. Helfrich reported on the Legislative Budget status. The WCC's FY2021 appropriation bill, Senate Bill 2972, has been approved by the Legislature for \$10,107,880 with 10 positions. This is approximately a 5% reduction from the FY2020 appropriation. The WCC will need to request deficit funding for FY2021.

Chairman Bolden called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Commissioner Perry Waggener stated there was nothing to report.

Chairman Bolden called for the report of the Governance/Interoperability Committee. Vice-Chairman Tom Lariviere stated there was nothing to report. Vice-Chairman Lariviere then asked Mr. Dent Guynes to report on the testing of the MS-FOG (Field Operation Guide) application. Mr. Guynes reported that the testing of

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the application has been completed. All parties involved were very pleased with the process and feedback has been incorporated into the final stages of the development process. The MS-FOG application will be available in the Google and Apple stores by mid-July.

Chairman Bolden called for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Vice-Chairman Lariviere stated there was nothing to report.

Chairman Bolden called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan provided the financial reports for June 2020, including general funds, grant funds, and program income as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Savorgnan pointed out that Program Revenue Income has been added to the financial report. Chairman Bolden called for any discussion. With no further discussion, Commissioner Loper motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Jenny Williams. Chairman Bolden called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Bolden called for the report of Other Business. Ms. Helfrich presented the FY2022 Budget Request. The request is for \$10,735,802.00 which is a slight increase of \$95,928.00 over the budget request for FY2021. This request includes \$825,174.00 in salaries for 10 (ten) PINS, \$10,000.00 for travel, \$9,866,028.00 for Contractual Services, \$24,600.00 for commodities, \$10,000.00 for Equipment, and \$0 for vehicles. The change to the budget request includes a \$120,882.00 increase in the Contractual Services budget category (due to ground lease/tower lease 5-year renewals) and a \$25,000.00 decrease in the Vehicle budget category as the agency is not requesting a vehicle. Chairman Bolden called for any discussion. With no further discussion, Commissioner Huff motioned to approve the WCC's FY2022 Budget Request for \$10,735,802.00 and 10 PINS, seconded by Commissioner Steve Gray. Chairman Bolden called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Bolden announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on August 6, 2020, in either room 145 of the Woolfolk Building at 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS or by teleconference. Chairman Bolden then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Loper motioned to adjourn. Chairman Bolden called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.



Attested: Executive Officer

7/22/20

Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

8/6/20

Date

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	Present	Absent
Bounds, Representative Scott	_____	_____
Anderson, Representative Brent	_____	_____
Beckett, Representative Jim	_____	_____
Steverson, Representative Jody	_____	_____
Carter, Senator Joel	_____	_____
Jackson, Senator Gary	_____	_____
Hopson, Senator Briggs	_____	_____
Harkins, Senator Josh	_____	_____

	Present	Absent
Bolden, Michael (MDWFP)	_____✓_____	_____
Lariviere, Tom (Fire Chiefs)	_____✓_____	_____
Huff, Willie (MDOT)	_____✓_____	_____
Causey, Lt. Col. Ray (National Guard)	_____	_____✓_____
Davis, Mandy (MDPS)	_____✓_____	_____
Girod, Arty (Municipal League)	_____	_____✓_____
Gray, Steve (Supervisors)	_____✓_____	_____
Savorgnan, Holly (ITS)	_____✓_____	_____
Peterson, Troy (Sheriffs)	_____✓_____	_____
Loper, Donald (Highway Safety Patrol)	_____✓_____	_____
McAfee, Audrey (MDOC)	_____✓_____	_____
McRaney, Stephen (MEMA)	_____	_____✓_____
Sanders, Chris (MDEQ)	_____✓_____	_____
Vaughn, Wayne (MDOH)	_____✓_____	_____
Waggener, Perry (Police Chiefs)	_____✓_____	_____
Williams, Jenny (Homeland Security)	_____✓_____	_____

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Commission Action on Approval of Minutes, Expenditures, and Other Items (as needed)

Vote: Yea/Nay

	June 4, 2020 Minutes		June Expenditures		Review & Approval of FY2022 Budget Request		Other Business		Motion to Adjourn	
	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay
1st Motion	Audrey McAfee		Donald Loper		Willie Huff		_____		Donald Loper	
2nd Motion	Donald Loper		Jenny Williams		Steve Gray		_____		_____	
Unanimous Consent "No Objection Heard"	Unanimous		Unanimous		Unanimous		_____		Unanimous	
Roll Call Vote (No Unanimous Consent)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Bolden, Michael (MDWFP)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Lariviere, Tom (Fire Chiefs)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Huff, Willie (MDOT)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Cause, Lt. Col. Ray (National Guard)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Davis, Mandy (MDPS)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Girod, Arty (Municipal League)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Gray, Steve (Supervisors)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Savorgnan, Holly (ITS)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Peterson, Troy (Sheriffs)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Loper, Donald (Highway Safety Patrol)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
McAfee, Audrey (MDOC)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Michel, Greg (MEMA)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Sanders, Chris (MDEQ)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Vaughn, Wayne (MDOH)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Waggener, Perry (Police Chiefs)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	
Williams, Jenny (Homeland Security)	_____		_____		_____		_____		_____	