

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

September 3, 2020

Via: Teleconference

Commission Members Present:	
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Lariviere, Tom (Chairman)
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Doug Mann
MS Department of Transportation	Huff, Willie
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve
MS Department of Information Technology Services	Savorgnan, Holly
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Donald
MS Department of Homeland Security	Williams, Jenny
MS Sheriffs' Association	Peterson, Troy
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Stanley, David
MS National Guard	Causey, Lt. Col. Ray
MS Emergency Management Agency	McRaney, Stephen
Advisory Members Present:	
House Public Utilities Committee	Steverson, Representative Jody
Senate Energy Committee	Carter, Senator Joel

Chairman Tom Lariviere 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 Lariviere called for the review and approval of the August 6, 2020 minutes. Chairman Lariviere called for a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Troy Peterson made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Don Loper. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Ms. Helfrich provided the MSWIN Status Update for August 2020. She reported information on MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, activities staff participated in during August noting specific hurricane preparation and coordination with neighboring states and Region IV for Hurricane Laura and Tropical Storm Marco, the number of users, and the number of push-to-talks, noting more than 9 million push to talks and only 145 busies for August. Ms. Helfrich also reported MSWIN Top 10 state agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for August.

Bill Buffington, Technical Director, provided the MSWIN Project Status Update for August 2020. Mr. Buffington reported hurricane preparation during August, working with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) including assistance with adding equipment for additional MSWIN portable coverage and a technical review of equipment that will allow approximately 600 subscribers to the system. Mr. Buffington stated that the FirstNet/AT&T deployment continues, the Stennis site is close to being finished and Canton has been turned on and near completion.

Ms. Helfrich provided an update on WCC contract status. The WCC is in the process of finalizing the Butler Snow contract for legal services, SBA tower leases are being amended, and the BTOP grant has been finalized and is currently in the closeout phase.

Chairman Lariviere called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper reported that the Procurement Committee had only one procurement request from Clarke County. Clarke County is requesting \$896,980.00 to purchase radio dispatch 3 position Zetron MAX consoles (3), GIS mapping, NG911 call taking, furniture, network hardware, and a 125 ft. self-support tower for their emergency communications center. Chairman Lariviere opened the floor for any questions or comments from Commissioners. After discussion, Chairman Lariviere called for a motion. On behalf of the Procurement Review Committee, Commissioner Loper made a motion to recommend approval by the full Commission,

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seconded by Commissioner Ray Causey. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Lariviere called for the report of the Governance/Interoperability Committee and the Emerging Technologies Committee. Chairman Lariviere stated there was nothing to report.

Chairman Lariviere called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan provided the FY2020 Lapse Period Report through August 2020. For Grants, all final invoices have been submitted and the agency is working with the Office of the Governor to close-out the BTOP grant. Commissioner Savorgnan presented the FY2021 financial reports for August 2020, including general funds, grant funds, and program income as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Chairman Lariviere called for any discussion. With no further discussion, Commissioner Loper motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Jenny Williams. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Lariviere called for the report of Other Business. The floor was opened for nominations to fill the role of Vice Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Huff nominated Commissioner Mandy Davis for the position. Commissioner Davis accepted the nomination. With no additional nominations, nominations were closed. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Lariviere asked if there was any other business to discuss. Commissioner Huff asked Dent Guynes, WCC Staff, to provide an overview of a recent FEMA Region 4 emergency communications exercise and to discuss the patches MSWIN has in place with neighboring states. Mr. Guynes explained that the states in FEMA Region IV worked to patch the statewide communication systems together, using Tennessee as a 'hub' and were able to talk to Kentucky, North Carolina, North Georgia, and Tennessee. The Region IV communications exercise was a success. In addition, Mr. Guynes explained that MSWIN has connectivity in place with the Tennessee Advanced Communication Network (TACN), Baldwin County in Alabama, the Louisiana Wireless Information Network (LWIN) and the Arkansas Wireless Information Network (AWIN) to ensure communications are available with our neighboring states during natural disasters or major planned events.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Lariviere announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on October 1, 2020, by teleconference. Chairman Lariviere then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gray motioned to adjourn. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.



Attested: Executive Officer

9/24/2020

Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

10/01/2020

Date

Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission

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	Present	Absent
Bounds, Representative Scott		
Anderson, Representative Brent		
Beckett, Representative Jim		
Steverson, Representative Jody	✓	
Carter, Senator Joel	✓	
Hopson, Senator Briggs		
Harkins, Senator Josh		
Lariviere, Tom (Fire Chiefs)	✓	
Davis, Mandy (MDPS)	✓	
Causey, Lt. Col. Ray (National Guard)	✓	
Girod, Arty (Municipal League)		✓
Gray, Steve (Supervisors)	✓	
Huff, Willie (MDOT)	✓	
Loper, Donald (MHSP)	✓	
Mann, Doug (MDWFP)	✓	
McAfee, Audrey (MDOC)		✓
McRaney, Stephen (MEMA)	✓	
Peterson, Troy (Sheriffs)	✓	
Sanders, Chris (MDEQ)		✓
Savorgnan, Holly (ITS)	✓	
Stanley, David (Police Chiefs)	✓	
Vaughn, Wayne (MDOH)		✓
Williams, Jenny (Homeland Security)	✓	

