

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

April 4, 2024

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

Commission Members	Commissioner	In
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Chairman)	Yes
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Bailey, Matt	Yes
MS National Guard	Causey, Lt. Col. Ray	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	No
MS Department of Health	Horn, Marshall	Yes
MS Department of Transportation	Jordan, Jim	Yes
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	No
MS Municipal League	Moore, Glen	Yes
MS Sheriff's Association	Mullins, Paul	No
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

Chairman Mandy Davis called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, staff, and visitors. Chairman Davis asked Mrs. Karana Carroll to conduct a roll call of those Commissioners who may be joining the meeting via conference call. Chairman Davis called for the review of and a motion to approve the March 7, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Donald Loper 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 March 2024. Mrs. Carroll provided a slide presentation on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff participated in during March. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the number of radio IDs in March totaling more than 61,140 subscribers. Push-to-talks for March totaled more than 10.5M and the number of busies were 468. 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 to include the WCC's representation at the International Wireless Communication Expo (IWCE) in Orlando, FL where Mr. Dent Guynes served as a panelist. Mrs. Carroll asked Mr. Guynes to report to the commission his experience at the IWCE. Mr. Guynes said the expo was attended by 5,000 participants and 300 exhibitors. His panel discussion was about Communications with Rural Neighbors. He said other agencies remarked how good Mississippi's communication system works across the state. Other staff activities during the month involved monitoring the system during the severe weather, attending training on new

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microwave monitoring software, participating in meetings with neighboring states regarding a regional interoperability workgroup, and continuing work with contractors to co-locate equipment on towers.

Mrs. Carroll and Mr. Bill Buffington provided a MSWIN Refresh Project update. Mr. Bill Buffington reported MSWIN refresh is ahead of schedule in the replacement of equipment at core sites across the state. He provided updates on expansion sites in Pearl River, Tippah, and Tate counties. Mr. Buffington said this would be his last commission meeting and thanked the commission for the last 19 years. He said he has been able to see the users on MSWIN grow from zero to over 61,000 and thank you for the opportunity to serve. Chairman Davis thanked Mr. Buffington for his years of service to the WCC.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Loper presented one request. The request was from the Madison County School District to purchase 136 APX1500 mobile radios, 8 APX900 portable radios, 2 APX6000 portable radios, and 4 APX1500 mobile control stations and installation for a total of \$380,469.42 using statewide contract 3429. Chairman Loper called on Mr. Justin Mitchell, Transportation Director to speak on the request. He said the school district is purchasing 2-way radios for installation in all school buses. Commissioner Loper made a motion recommending approval of the procurement request, seconded by Commissioner Ray Causey. Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Davis called for report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Causey presented a synopsis of the March 7, 2024, committee meeting with FirstNet/AT&T representatives David Pennebaker, Rob McClure, and Ronny Caluda about Push To Talk Interoperability. Commissioner Causey provided a copy of the meeting minutes to the Commissioners in attendance.

Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner McAfee reminded the commission that Motorola will be presenting information regarding technology and future capabilities on April 10. She asked the commissioners to please let Karana Carroll know if they would like to attend.

Chairman Davis called for the approval of March expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2024 financial report for March including general funds, deficit funds, and grant 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 Baxter 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 for any Other Business to come before the Commission today. Hearing none, Chairman Davis moved on to MSWIN in Action and asked Mr. Guynes to introduce guest speaker Col. Jeremy Parker, MS National Guard. Col. Parker told the commission how the Guard uses the MSWIN system daily and during disaster response. The MS National Guard is combat reserve for the Army and Airforce and has limited training time for disaster preparedness so the communication system must be easy to use and easily integrate with other local agencies. Col. Parker spoke about working with Capitol Police for the Governor's Inauguration, training at Camp Shelby where they tested the system interoperability with multiple agencies, and the emergency response to the Apache helicopter crash in rural Prentiss County. He said debris was spread over 3 miles. The site was quickly secured by soldiers with

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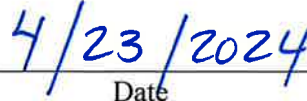
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the help of Mississippi Highway Patrol and local law enforcement. The soldiers could easily communicate by radio with the Jackson office to build a site map of the accident. Col. Parker said MSWIN is critical for our communication backbone.

With no further business, Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday May 2, 2024, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mann motioned to adjourn. A point of order was then discussed by the Commission's legal counsel, Mr. Garriga. Chairman Davis thanked Mr. Garriga. Chairman Davis called for a second to the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kruger seconded the motion. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.



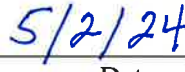
Attested: Executive Director



Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair



Date