

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

July 7, 2022

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

| Commission Members | Commissioner | In |
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| MS Department of Public Safety | Davis, Mandy (Chairman) | Yes |
| MS Department of Health | Craig, Jim (Vice Chairman) | Yes |
| MS Fire Chiefs Association | Bailey, Matt | Yes |
| MS National Guard | Causey, Lt. Col. Ray | Yes |
| MS Department of Transportation | Cohen, Ben | Yes |
| MS Municipal League | Girod, Arty | Yes |
| MS Association of Supervisors | Gray, Steve | Yes |
| MS Department 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 Sheriff's Association | Peterson, Troy | Yes |
| MS Department of Environmental Quality | Sanders, Chris | Yes |
| MS Department of Information Technology | Savorgnan, Holly | Yes |
| MS Association of Chiefs of Police | Stanley, David | Yes |
| Advisory Members Present: | | |
| House of Representatives Appropriations Committee | Beckett, Jim | Yes |
| House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee | Bounds, Scott | Yes |
| House of Ways and Means Committee | Steverson, Jody | Yes |
| Senate Appropriations Committee | Williams, Bart | Yes |

Chairman Mandy Davis called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, legislative advisors, staff, and visitors. Chairman Davis welcomed Chief Matt Bailey to the Commission, representing the MS Association of Fire Chiefs, replacing Chief Tom Lariviere. Chairman Davis thanked Sheriff Troy Peterson for his completed service to the Commission, representing the MS Sheriff's Association. Chairman Davis asked Ms. 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 June 2, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Donald Loper made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Baxter Kruger. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. Commissioner Loper noted a typographical error on page 2. With that change, the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Davis called on Ms. Carroll to provide the MSWIN Status Update for June 2022. She reported information on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talkgroups assigned, and activities staff participated in during June. Ms. Carroll noted the number of radio IDs in June totaled 53,789 subscribers. Push-to-talks for June totaled more than 9.1M and the number of busies were 441. Ms. Carroll also reported MSWIN Top 10 state agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for the month. Ms. Carroll called on Mr. Guynes to give a brief summary of his participation in the Mississippi Military Department's annual hurricane exercise in Gulfport. Following Mr. Guynes overview, Commissioner Ray Causey expressed his appreciation for allowing Mr. Guynes to participate in the exercise.

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Ms. Carroll then asked Mr. Bill Buffington to provide the MSWIN Project Status Update. Mr. Buffington noted the following: Choctaw Nation is in the process of migrating to MSWIN; increased coverage in the City of Starkville; and possible local funding of a Marshall County site. Staff is preparing for the MSWIN refresh project. Mr. Buffington noted operational issues with lighting strikes on microwave, and fades per the 100 degree weather. Mr. Buffington continues to work with multiple commercial carriers to co-locate on MSWIN tower sites.

Ms. Carroll reported on the Contract Status Report with changes noted including an extension in process for Buford Goff & Associates exercising the remaining years on a 5 year contract, as approved by the commission. In addition, the Butler Snow, Cindy Crocker and Debbie Fyke contracts have been finalized. FY23 contract caps were noted for tower and land leases.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper presented two procurement requests to the Commission. The first request from Forrest County Sheriff's Department included the purchase of 15 APX1500 mobile radios, 48 APX6000 portable radios, accessories and installation for \$198,228.00 from the Statewide Contract 3429. The Procurement Committee approved the purchase with no action required by the full commission. The second request from Covington County Fire Services included the purchase of 96 APX900 and 4 APX4000 portable radios, accessories and installation for \$165,935.00 from the Statewide Contract 3429. The Procurement Committee approved the purchase with no action required by the full commission.

Chairman Davis called for a report for the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Causey reported on the voice recorded retention policy. Discussion included filing a comprehensive records retention policy with the MS Department of Archives & History for the WCC to include voice records.

Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner McAfee reported on upcoming activity including a Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) workshop, Communication Focused Table Top Exercise, Communication Focused Drill, and on Communication Unit Leader (COML).

Chairman Davis called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Savorgnan presented the FY2022 financial report for June 2022, including general funds, deficit funds, and grant funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Causey motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner David Stanley. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Davis called for the report of other business. The first item included the review and approval of the WCC FY2024 Budget Request. Chairman Davis called on Ms. Carroll to present the request. Ms. Carroll thanked the Legislature and Legislative Advisors for their continued support of the WCC. The budget categories include salaries for \$907,040.00 and 10 positions, travel for \$10,000.00, contractual services \$10,448,864.00, commodities for \$16,100.00 and equipment for \$10,000.00. The operating funds request for FY24 totaled \$11,394,004.00. Ms. Carroll noted the Legislature appropriated \$11M in FY23 to begin the \$22M MSWIN Refresh project. Staff will request the remaining \$11M to complete the project. Ms. Carroll provided a detailed review of the expenses comprising contractual services. Commissioner Kruger made a motion to approve the FY2024 Budget Request for \$11,392,004.00 in operating funds, \$11M to complete the MSWIN Refresh Project, seconded by Commissioner Doug Mann. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Davis introduced and explained the Resolution to Authorize Temporary Signature Authority in absence of an Executive Officer. Mark Garriga, legal counsel, was available for any questions.

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Commissioner Mann made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ben Cohen. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Davis introduced Karl Arndt, Director, Government Wireless, Mark Winstead, Vice President, Field Operations, and Mitchell Jordan, Director, RF Engineering & Design, to provide a CSpire Network update including government wireless teams across the state, expansion, network status, and operational overview.

With no further business, Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday August 4, 2022, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Causey motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kruger. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.

Karana Canall
Attested: Deputy Executive Officer

7/29/22
Date

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Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

8/4/22
Date