

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

July 6, 2023

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 Department of Health	Craig, Jim (Vice Chairman)	No
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	Vacant	
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	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	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	Stanley, David	No
Advisory Members		
Senate Appropriations Committee	Williams, Bart	Yes
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Bounds, Scott	Yes
House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee	Steverson, Jody	Yes

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, legislative advisors, 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 June 1, 2023 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 Status Update for June 2023. She reported information on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talkgroups assigned, and activities staff participated in during June. Mrs. Carroll provided a slide presentation on site maintenance and repairs. Mrs. Carroll noted the number of radio IDs in June totaled 58,805 subscribers. Push-to-talks for June totaled more than 10.4M and the number of busies were 1381. Mrs. Carroll also reported MSWIN Top 10 state agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for the month.

Mr. Bill Buffington provided a technical update including no system outages during the recent stormy weather and working with cellular carriers to co-locate on existing MSWIN tower sites.

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Mrs. Carroll then provided a MSWIN Refresh Project update, along with Mr. Bill Buffington, to include a review of the activities and invoices to date.

Mrs. Carroll provided an update on the MSWIN increased coverage project with the \$3.9M provided by the legislature for FY2024 in House Bill No. 603. The counties on the list include Tate, Pearl River, Tippah, and Oktibbeha. Mrs. Carroll reported on the Contract Status Report noting that the Butler Snow and Cindy Crocker contracts are finalized for FY2024.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Chairman Donald Loper reported on a Special Called Meeting on June 14, 2023, for the review of the Capitol Police Department's procurement request for 35 APX6000 radios for \$156,209.55 from the MSWIN 3429 statewide contract. The Procurement Review Committee approved the request with no further action required from the Commission. Next, Commissioner Loper presented one procurement request from Tishomingo County to purchase 173 portable, 8 mobile and 4 base unit radios for \$636,339.21 from both MSWIN 3429 and EPL 3744. Chairman Davis called for a motion to approve the procurement request. Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the request contingent upon ITS approval for a planned purchase of EPL 3744 items, seconded by Commissioner Ben Cohen. Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Davis called for a report from the Personnel Committee. Chairman Davis reported that the WCC has been in an interim period for the past year, without an Executive Officer. Chairman Davis thanked Beth Ann Wann, ITS HR Director, for assisting the Personnel Committee with posting the position, recruitment, and scheduling interviews for the open position. Karana Carroll was selected as the top candidate for the position. Upon approval by the Commission today, the next steps will involve finalizing this action with the State Personnel Board (SPB). Chairman Davis entertained a motion to accept the recommendation from the Personnel Committee to name Karana Carroll as the WCC's Executive Officer beginning July 1, 2023, with an annual salary of \$118,000. Commissioner Baxter Kruger motioned to accept the recommendation, 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 for the report of expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2023 financial report for June including general funds, deficit funds, and grant funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Ray Causey motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Stephen McCraney. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.


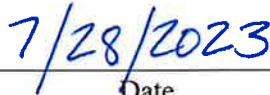

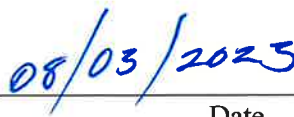
Moving on to Other Business, Chairman Davis called on Mrs. Carroll to present the WCC Budget Request proposal for FY2025. Mrs. Carroll thanked the Legislature and Legislative Advisors for their continued support and funding of the Commission. The budget categories include salaries for \$921,104.00 and 10 positions, travel for \$10,000.00, contractual services \$10,628,850.00, commodities for \$113,849.00, and equipment for \$100,000.00. The operating funds request for FY2025 totaled \$11,773,803.00. Ms. Carroll provided a detailed review of the increases and decreases from FY2024 to FY2025 in contractual services, commodities, and equipment. Commissioner Matt Bailey made a motion to approve the FY2025 Budget Request proposal for \$11,773,803.00 for operating funds, seconded by Commissioner Kruger. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.

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With no further business, Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday August 3, 2023, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mann motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kruger. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.

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Attested: Deputy Executive Officer	Date
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Approved: Chair or Vice Chair	Date