

**MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION**

December 2, 2021

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

<b>Commission Members</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>In</b>
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Lariviere, Tom (Chairman)	Yes
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Vice Chairman)	No
MS Emergency Management Agency	Buseck, Bob	Yes
MS National Guard	Causey, Lt. Col. Ray	Yes
MS Municipal League	Girod, Arty	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	Yes
MS Department of Transportation	Cohen, Ben	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 Sheriffs' Association	Peterson, Troy	Yes
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris	Yes
MS Department of Information Technology Services	Savorgnan, Holly	Yes
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Stanley, David	Yes
MS Department of Health	Vaughn, Wayne	No
<b>Advisory Members Present:</b>		
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Bounds, Scott	Yes
Senate Appropriations Committee	Williams, Bart	Yes
House of Representatives Appropriations Committee	Beckett, Jim	Yes

Chairman Tom Lariviere called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed everyone. 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 a motion to approve the November 4, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Bob Buseck made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Steve Gray. The motion carried, with none opposed.

Chairman Lariviere called on Ms. Helfrich to provide the MSWIN Status Update for November 2021. She reported information on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talkgroups assigned, and activities staff participated in during November. Ms. Helfrich reported staff continues to work with ATT/FirstNet, CSpire and other carriers to co-locate equipment of MSWIN towers. Ms. Helfrich noted the number of radio IDs in November totaled 51,651 subscribers. Push-to-talks for November totaled more than 8.79M and the number of busies were 271. Ms. Helfrich also reported MSWIN Top 10 state agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for the month.

Ms. Helfrich then asked Mr. Bill Buffington to provide the MSWIN Project Status Update. Mr. Buffington noted site maintenance occurs daily across the state and repairs reported at commission meetings are typically repairs that are not covered under the 3<sup>rd</sup> party maintenance agreement. Mr. Buffington also discussed the Site Security Plan which includes installing cameras at MSWIN sites where vandalism has occurred.

Ms. Helfrich reported on the Contract Status Report with no change noted.

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Chairman Lariviere called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper presented one procurement request presented to the Committee. The request was from Newton County which included the purchase of 3 Motorola MCC7500e consoles and services for \$275,425.00 from the State MSWIN 3429 Contract. Newton County is utilizing an older 3 position, wireless console at their primary dispatch. They have migrated their primary communications to MSWIN and are working to completely rebuild their dispatch with true wireline connectivity into the MSWIN system for reliability, safety and interoperability for day to day activities. Newton County's existing consoles are no longer supported and new equipment is needed. Chairman Lariviere called for discussion and a motion to approve the procurement request. Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Bob Buseck. The motion carried, with none opposed.

Chairman Lariviere called for a report for the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Lariviere reported Commissioner Causey will serve as the Chairman of the Governance Committee.

Chairman Lariviere called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner McAfee reported she met with Ms. Helfrich and Mr. Derek Nesselrode, Region 4 Emergency Communications Coordinator for Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to discuss future technical assistance workshops for the state. More information will be provided in the future.

Chairman Lariviere called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Savorgnan presented the FY2022 financial report for November 2021, including general funds, deficit funds, grant funds, and state revenue as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Chairman Lariviere called for any discussion. With no discussion, Commissioner Mann motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Ray Causey. The motion carried, with none opposed.

Ms. Helfrich introduced Mr. Derek Nesselrode who serves as the Region 4 Emergency Communications Coordinator for CISA covering the State of Mississippi. Mr. Nesselrode provided a brief overview of the true cost and scope of emergency communications. Mr. Nesselrode also discussed the different areas that make up the emergency communications ecosystem, including 911, radio communications systems (such as MSWIN), broadband and data systems, alerts and warnings, training and exercises, governance, and cybersecurity.

Chairman Lariviere opened the floor for discussion for moving the next meeting from January 6<sup>th</sup> to January 13<sup>th</sup>. With no disagreement, the Chairman announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday January 13, 2021, at the Woolfolk building. Chairman Lariviere then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Causey motioned to adjourn, and the motion carried with none opposed.



Attested: Executive Officer

December 28, 2021

Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

December 29, 2021

Date