

# MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

November 4, 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)	Yes
MS Emergency Management Agency	Buseck, Bob	No
MS National Guard	Causey, Lt. Col. Ray	Yes
MS Municipal League	Girod, Arty	No
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	No
MS Department of Health	Vaughn, Wayne	No

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 October 7, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Ray Causey 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 October 2021. She reported information on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talkgroups assigned, and activities staff participated in during September. Ms. Helfrich reported staff continues to work with MEMA, the Mississippi Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, and the Mississippi National Guard in their response to COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. Ms. Helfrich noted the number of radio IDs in October totaled 51,485 subscribers. Push-to-talks for October totaled more than 9.38M and the number of busies were 335. 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 the completion of the most recent co-location towers added in Osyka, Craig Springs and Holmes County State Park. Mr. Buffington noted the replacement of microwave batteries at several sites. Work continues with FirstNet and CSpire co-locations. Staff is reviewing MSWIN equipment that may be aging, such as microwave equipment, and in need of replacement in the near future.

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

Chairman Lariviere called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper presented two procurement requests presented to the Committee. The first request from the University of MS Medical Center MedComm included the purchase of the Cambium Microwave System

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for \$143,379.90 from the State MSWIN 3429 Contract. This is a replacement to the current system. The Procurement Review Committee approved the purchase with no action required by the full Commission. The second procurement request was from Calhoun County and included the purchase of radio dispatch consoles and a Next Generation 911 system for \$252,010.25 (\$114,955.25 from Statewide 3429 Contract for the consoles and \$137,055.00 from EPL 3748 for the Next Gen 911 system). 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 Doug Mann, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Lariviere called for a report for the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Lariviere reported that the committee is going to look into establishing a policy for retention of voice recordings.

Chairman Lariviere called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner McAfee reported there was no report this month.

Chairman Lariviere called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Savorgnan presented the FY2022 financial report for October 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 Gray motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Causey. The motion carried, with none opposed.

Ms. Helfrich introduced Stephen Houck, Clinical Director for the MS Center for Emergency Services. Mr. Houck provided a brief overview of how the Center utilizes the MSWIN system by providing multiple examples of how the shared communications platform of the MSWIN system has saved lives of citizens and emergency responders throughout the state. Mr. Houck also gave a brief overview of the UMMC's First Hands Program which provides training to emergency responders on life-saving medical applications/skills and MSWIN radio communications. To date, over 9,000 emergency responders have been trained. For more information or to schedule a class, email [publicsafetysupport@umc.edu](mailto:publicsafetysupport@umc.edu).

With no further business, Chairman Lariviere announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday December 2, 2021, at the Woolfolk building. Chairman Lariviere then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gray motioned to adjourn, and the motion carried with none opposed.



November 22, 2021

Attested: Executive Officer

Date



November 22, 2021

Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

Date