

**MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION**

October 7, 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	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	No
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 September 2, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Doug Mann made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ray Causey. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Lariviere called on Ms. Helfrich to provide the MSWIN Status Update for September 2021. She reported information on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talkgroups assigned, and activities staff participated in during August. 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. Staff continues to work with cellular carriers on colocation sites. Ms. Helfrich noted the number of radio IDs in August totaled 51,135 subscribers. Push-talks for May totaled more than 9M and the number of busies were 979. 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 a few sites. Work continues with FirstNet and CSpire on several tower co-locations.

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Ms. Helfrich reported on the Contract Status Report. Ms. Helfrich reported the MICG grant closed September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Lariviere called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper reported that there was one procurement request. The request was from Kemper County in the amount of \$199,353.60. The request included the purchase of 110 portable radios and 30 mobile radios from ITS EPL 3744. Kemper County is moving from a VHF system to MSWIN. The Procurement Review Committee approved the request. This procurement request does not require full Commission approval.

Chairman Lariviere called for a report for the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Lariviere reported there was no report for this month.

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 September 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 Donald Loper motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner David Stanley. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Ms. Helfrich gave a brief presentation of the History of WCC and MSWIN. In summary, Senate Bill No. 2514, Regular Session 2005, established the Wireless Communication Commission with a goal to build and maintain a survivable, reliable, interoperable voice and data communications system for first responders. The MSWIN 3429 contract was signed June 29, 2007, to build a Project 25 (P25) interoperable digital two-way wireless communication system. Funding for the system was provided by Federal Grants and State bonds. MSWIN was operational statewide in March of 2013 with 97% mobile area coverage. Investments in the system total \$495M to date. Currently, MSWIN users include 58 State agencies, 504 local agencies, 22 federal agencies, 1 tribal entity and 30 public safety non-governmental organizations utilizing more than 51,000 devices,

With no further business, Chairman Lariviere announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday November 4, 2021, at the Woolfolk building. Chairman Lariviere then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Causey motioned to adjourn, with no second required, and the motion carried with no objection heard.



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Attested: Executive Officer

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October 25, 2021

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Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

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October 25, 2021

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