

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

December 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Place: Woolfolk Building – DFA, Room 145, 501 North West Street
Jackson, MS

Commission Members Present:	
MS Association of Fire Chiefs	Lariviere, Tom (Chairman)
MS Department of Public Safety	Magee, Ken
MS Office of Homeland Security	Barnes, Rusty
MS National Guard	Causey, Ray
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve
MS Municipal League	Hinton, Chris
MS Department of Transportation	Huff, Willie
MS Department of Information Technology Services	Johnson, David
MS Department of Corrections	McAfee, Audrey
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Smith, Timothy
MS Department of Health	Vaughn, Wayne
MS Association of Police Chiefs	Waggener, Perry
MS Emergency Management Agency	Wilson, Richard
Also Attending:	
Governor's Office	Jay Ledbetter

Chairman Tom Lariviere called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed everyone to the proceedings. He then provided time for the review of the minutes from the previous meeting after which he entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2015 meeting, as they were transmitted. Mr. Richard Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as transmitted, the motion was seconded by Mr. Wayne Vaughn and the motion passed with none opposed.

Ms. Vicki Helfrich gave the MSWIN Project Update for October 2015. She provided information on MOUs executed, radios loaned out, and special events the WCC Staff participated in during the month. Special Event Talk groups were issued for multi-jurisdictional interoperability to MEMA for training and several missing person searches, the City of Brandon PD for a football game, and the Yalobusha County SO for joint operation with other agencies. Staff represented MS at the NCSWIC/SAFECOM Joint meeting in Norman, Oklahoma, continued channel expansion at the Sillers site, and provided radio interoperability training at MCDEMA's Mid-Winter Conference. Dent Guynes provided that training which went very well. A lot of people expressed interest and we have received requests to provide that training in other Counties. We are going to take a look at setting the training up on a regional basis after the first of the year. Ms. Helfrich also provided information on the number of current users on MSWIN (23,206), the number of users projected for the end of the 4th Quarter and on the top twenty (20) MSWIN users.

Mr. Bill Buffington gave an update on build-out status reporting that we are moving forward with the integration of the site at Port Bienville in Hancock County. We received word this morning from FEMA EHP that they do not have the resources to move our project further at this time and they think that they will be able to work on our projects in early 2016. Rankin County Project – 90-95% of users are integrated to the new system. The old system is now offline; Hinds County Project – working to come up with a solution to improve coverage on the west side of the county and we are almost ready for a presentation.

Ms. Helfrich gave an update on contract status. She reported that we entered into a Professional Services contract with Consolidated Works, Inc. for grounds maintenance and she expects that the generator maintenance contract will be finalized shortly as quotes are being reviewed. Two road repairs are in process now and an amended ground lease will have to be finalized at the Mantachie site before repairs can begin. The propane tank at that site is filled at this time.

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Chairman Lariviere called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Chairman Waggener noted that one request came before the Committee this month – a request from the City of Pascagoula Fire Department for the purchase of APX6000 portable units and APX4500 mobile units to upgrade their communications to P25 TDMA in preparation for the future Jackson County ECD P25 migration in the amount of \$130,540.75. This request was approved by the Procurement Review Committee. It did not meet the threshold to be brought before the full Commission for approval.

Governance/Interoperability Committee Chairman Willie Huff reported that he had nothing to report.

Chairman Lariviere called for the report from the Cellular RFP Committee. Col. Causey reported that the Committee met this morning to finalize the RFP. The ad will go to the Clarion Ledger for the first printing on November 8, 2015 and the evaluation period will be January 12-15, 2016. Mr. Huff asked what the WCC's role is in this and Col. Causey stated that the selection will be brought before the Commission and the Commission will vote on the selection.

Chairman Lariviere called for the report from the Broadband Committee. Mr. Ken Magee stated that we have eight (8) sites left to deconstruct and it is expected that those will be completed next week. On November 19, 2015, WC staff/Med-Com met with FirstNet along with the Congressional Staff from Senator Cochran's and Senator Wicker's office to discuss the State's proposal. The proposal set forth is to finalize the LTE network, which consists of one hundred forty five (145) sites and enter into a spectrum lease with FirstNet. The proposal also included upgrading the system to 2016 software releases, vendor accepting the operating and maintenance of the system for up to a five (5) year period, and network coverage at 80%. FirstNet and NTIA are currently preparing a response to our proposal and we anticipate them providing their response to us by Friday, December 4, 2015. If we are unable to reach an agreement, we will fall back to plan 'B'. Ms. Helfrich added that we expect to be told no or some variation of that and we are already working on plan 'B'. The most important thing is that we have our Congressional Staff engaged. We (WCC, MedCom, ITS, and Governor's Office) have had several updates/conference calls with NTIA about what our plans are and they seem to be very willing to accommodate us on a plan 'B' and how we can use the remaining funds.

Mr. David Johnson gave the update on expenditures for the month of November 2015. Mr. Johnson noted that the remaining balance in Total Operating funds is \$6.8M dollars with \$587 thousand dollars in expenditures for the month. Chairman Lariviere called for a motion to approve the monthly expenditures. Mr. Perry Waggener made a motion to approve monthly expenditures, the motion was seconded by Mr. Rusty Barnes and the motion passed with none opposed.

Chairman Lariviere asked if there was any other business for discussion. There was none. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 7, 2016, 1:30 PM in Room 145 of the Woolfolk Building DFA at 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS.

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wayne Vaughn made a motion to adjourn and the motion passed with none opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:53 PM.