

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

October 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

Commission Members Present:	
MS Department of Transportation	Huff, Willie (Chairman)
MS Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks	Bolden, Michael (Vice-Chairman)
MS National Guard	Causey, Lt. Col. Ray
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve
MS Department of Information Technology Services	Johnson, David
MS Association of Fire Chiefs	Lariviere, Tom
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Don
MS Department of Emergency Management	Michel, Greg
MS Association of Sheriffs	Patten, Sheriff Travis
MS Department of Environmental Equality	Sanders, Chris
MS Association of Police Chiefs	Waggener, Perry
MS Office of Homeland Security	Williams, Jenny
Advisory Members Present:	
Senate Appropriations Committee	Burton, Senator Terry
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Beckett, Representative Jim
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Steverson, Representative Jody

Chairman Willie Huff called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed everyone. Chairman Huff then called for the review of the September 5, 2019 minutes. Several Commissioners noted amendments to the minutes as provided. Vice-Chairman Bolden made a motion to amend the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ray Causey, and the motion carried with none opposed. After discussion of the proposed amendments, Commissioner Steve Gray made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Commissioner Travis Patten, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Huff then acknowledged Mark Garriga, legal counsel for the Commission, to discuss the next item on the agenda – Review and Consideration of the Jackson County Emergency Communication District (JCECD) Findings. Mr. Garriga explained that the Decision on Review, which has been provided to each Commissioner, should be reviewed by the Commissioners to ensure that it includes the pertinent facts and conclusions of law that support the Commission’s deliberations and decision announced in the open meeting on September 5, 2019, that the JCECD request should not be approved and, therefore, the Commission does not provide sign-off approval of the JCECD Request. Chairman Huff entertained a motion for the Commission to consider the Decision on Review next on the agenda, Commissioner Chris Sanders made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Mandy Davis, and the motion carried with none opposed. The Chairman then opened the floor for discussion of the Decision on Review. After discussion, Commissioner Jenny Williams made a motion to approve and adopt the Decision on Review as presented to the Commission; the motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Bolden, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Ms. Vicki Helfrich, Executive Officer, then provided the MSWIN Status Update for September 2019. She reported information on MOUs, special event talk groups assigned, activities the WCC staff participated in during the month, the number of current MSWIN users, the number of push-to-talks, the top ten (10) state agencies/number of devices by system use, and the top ten (10) local/other agencies/number of devices by system use.

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Ms. Helfrich then provided an update on the MSWIN build-out status. She reported that the Canton tower site continues to progress with the geo-tech design underway. The FAA has requested that the Canton tower be lowered from 500 feet to 490 feet; final approval to begin construction is expected soon. Staff is continuing to work with FirstNet/AT&T to finalize tower lease agreements.

Ms. Helfrich provided an update on WCC contract status. She noted that the contracts for QA/QC services have been finalized and the extension request for the MICG grant has been filed with MOHS.

Chairman Huff called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Chairman Perry Waggener stated that he was not present for the Procurement Committee meeting and the Committee elected Commissioner Don Loper as the Chairman- elect. He then asked Commissioner Loper to provide the report for the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Loper reported that there were two (2) items on the agenda. The first request from Marshall County for \$634,592.95 includes the replacement of four (4) radio dispatch consoles, one (1) microwave link system, ninety-two (92) APX900 radios and one (1) control station for the E911 Dispatch and Volunteer Fire Departments. Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Ray Causey, and the motion carried with none opposed. The second item from Lowndes County for \$918,743.50 for two hundred (200) APX portable and mobile radios and one (1) console for County Fire Departments. Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Greg Michel, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Huff called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner David Johnson provided the financial reports for September 2019, including general funds, grant funds, and program income as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Chairman Huff called for any discussion. With no further discussion, Vice-Chairman Bolden motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Loper, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Huff called for the report of the Governance Committee. Chairman Tom Lariviere stated that there was nothing to report.

With no further business to report, Chairman Huff then announced the next monthly meeting will be at 1:30 PM, November 7, 2019, in Room 145 of the Woolfolk Building at 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS. Chairman Huff entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Greg Michel motioned to close, seconded by Chairman Waggener, and the motion carried with none opposed.

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Attested: Executive Officer/Date


Approved: Chair or Vice Chair/Date
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