

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

December 5, 2024

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

Commission Members	Commissioner	In
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Chairman)	No
MS Department of Transportation	Jordan, Jim (Vice-Chairman)	No
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Bailey, Matt	Yes
MS National Guard	Causey, Col. Ray	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	Yes
MS Department of Health	Horn, Marshall	Yes
MS Office of Homeland Security	Kruger, Baxter	No
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Donald	Yes
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Mann, Doug	Yes
MS Department of Corrections	McAfee, Audrey	No
MS Emergency Management Agency	McCraney, Stephen	Yes
MS Municipal League	Moore, Glen	Yes
MS Sheriff's Association	Mullins, Paul	No
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris	Yes
MS Department of Information Technology	Savorgnan, Holly	Yes
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Scarber, Ernie	Yes
Advisory Members		
House of Representatives Appropriations Committee	Bounds, Scott	Yes
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Lancaster, Jon	Yes
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Powell, Brent	Yes
House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee	Steverson, Jody	Yes

Commissioner Doug Mann called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, legislative advisors, staff, and visitors. Commissioner Mann asked Mrs. Karana Carroll to conduct a roll call of those Commissioners and legislative advisors who may be joining the meeting via conference call. Commissioner Mann called for the review of and a motion to approve the November 7, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Donald Loper made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Matt Bailey. Commissioner Mann called for any discussion. With no discussion, Commissioner Mann called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Commissioner Mann called on Mrs. Carroll to provide the MSWIN Staff Report for November 2024. Mrs. Carroll provided a slide presentation on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff participated in during November. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the number of radio IDs in November totaling more than 64,383 subscribers. Push-to-talks for November totaled 10M and the number of busies were 221 with the reliability of the statewide communications systems at 99.999%. Mrs. Carroll also reported MSWIN Top 10 state agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for the month

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Mrs. Carroll then provided a review of the staff activities to include Mrs. Carroll speaking at the Mississippi Civil Defense/Emergency Management Association (MCDEMA) Mid-Winter Conference, meetings with cities of Gulfport, Biloxi, and Pass Christian, demobilization of the SOW in Philadelphia and the SOW mobilization in Magee, site visits for preventive maintenance and inventory, and continuing work with contractors to co-locate equipment on towers.

Mrs. Carroll provided a MSWIN Refresh Project update. The SUA remains on target for completion in June 2025. The GTRs, routers and switches are being refreshed, all the cores at the master sites are complete. The R56 audit of sites is in progress. The equipment is being staged in Orlando and shipped to Mississippi. She provided updates on expansion sites in Pearl River, Tippah, and Tate counties. The Independence site in Tate County is completed and fully operational. The contract is in process for the Ripley East in Tippah County. Once the contract is finalized, a Notice to Proceed will be issued to complete the tower work and all equipment has been received. Moving on to the greenfield site in Pearl River County, the Poplarville South site's concrete pads for the shelter, generator, and propane tanks have been poured. The tower is fully stacked, and the crane is setting the shelter in place.

Mrs. Carroll reported in the Contract Status Report that Buford, Goff & Associates contract is finalized and the FY2025 contract with Crown Castle is in process.

Commissioner Mann called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper presented two procurement requests today. The first request was from the Quitman County School District to purchase 40 Motorola APX1500 mobile radios and 8 APX900 portable radios for \$116,746.56 from MSWIN state contract 3429. Commissioner Loper called on Mr. Richard Graham to speak on the procurement. Mr. Graham said the Quitman School District's current radio system is aging and the Transportation Department and school district want to purchase radios operable on MSWIN for better and more reliable radio coverage along with interoperability with state and local agencies on MSWIN for the safety of students on buses. The request meets technical approval and is contingent on the receipt of the school district's official minutes. The project is funded by the school district's General Fund. The request was approved by the Procurement Committee and requires no action by the commission. The second request was from the Pearl River County Sheriff's Department for 23 APX-N70 portable radios with accessories, software, and service for a total of \$214,984.98 from MSWIN state contract 3429. Commissioner Loper called on Major Scott Allee to speak on the request. Major Allee stated Pearl River County Sheriff's Department is replacing aging and obsolete radios. The procurement meets technical requirements. The project is funded by COPS Grant and official board minutes have been received. Commissioner Loper said this request was approved by the Procurement Committee and requires no action by the commission.

Commissioner Mann called for report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Ray Causey reported there was no report this month.

Commissioner Mann on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner McAfee was not present to provide a report.

Commissioner Mann called for the approval of November expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2025 financial report for November including general funds, deficit funds, and grant funds as provided on the

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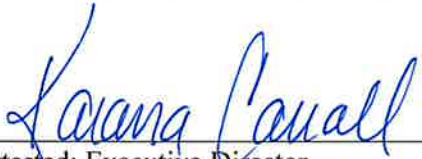
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WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Causey motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Stephen McCraney. Commissioner Mann called for any discussion. With no discussion, Commissioner Mann called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

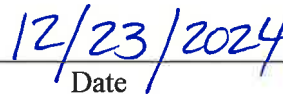
Commissioner Mann called for any Other Business to come before the Commission today. Commissioner Mann announced the next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 2, 2025. With that day being the day after a state holiday, Commissioner Mann called on a motion to move the meeting date to the following Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 1:30pm at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Commissioner Causey made the motion and Commissioner Sanders seconded. Commissioner Mann called for any discussion. With no discussion, Commissioner Mann called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard the motion carried. The next meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday January 9, 2025, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks.

Commissioner Mann moved on to MSWIN in Action and asked Mr. Dent Guynes to introduce guest speaker Mr. Chris Simpson, Emergency Management Coordinator for the MS Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI). Mr. Simpson has over 20 years' experience in MBCI emergency services serving as a fireman, a medic, and fire instructor. In 2020 with COVID-19 safety preparations, he discovered MBCI operated on 8 different radio systems. Mr. Simpson put together a proposal to move MBCI to 1 system on MSWIN. They gathered information on coverage to determine the best solution and they decided to build 3 tower sites to serve the Tribal Administration, food services, schools, hospitals, fire and police departments, and emergency services. The Choctaw Tribe is located in 7 counties in Mississippi and 1 county in Tennessee. The MSWIN system is interoperable with local, state, and federal partners. Mr. Simpson said MSWIN in phenomenal, and he is a strong proponent of the system. He is working on securing grant funds next year to upgrade radios for the police department.

Commissioner Mann exercised the option of the Chairman to adjourn the meeting.



Attested: Executive Director



Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair



Date