

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

July 11, 2024

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

<b>Commission Members</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>In</b>
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Chairman)	No
MS Department of Transportation	Jordan, Jim (Vice-Chairman)	No
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Bailey, Matt	No
MS National Guard	Causey, Col. Ray	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	No
MS Department of Health	Horn, Marshall	Yes
MS Office of Homeland Security	Kruger, Baxter	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 Emergency Management Agency	McCraney, Stephen	Yes
MS Municipal League	Moore, Glen	No
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
<b>Advisory Members</b>		
House of Representatives Appropriations Committee	Bounds, Scott	Yes
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Lancaster, Jon	Yes
Senate Appropriations Committee	Michel, Walter	Yes
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Powell, Brent	Yes
House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee	Steverson, Jody	Yes
Senate Appropriations Committee	Williams, Bart	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 June 6, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Donald Loper made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Baxter Kruger. 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 June 2024. Mrs. Carroll provided a slide presentation on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff participated in during June. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the number of radio IDs in June totaling more than 62,509 subscribers. Push-to-talks for May totaled 10.3M and the number of busies were 948. 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 presenting at the MS Chiefs of Police Summer Conference, deploying a SOW (Site On Wheels) to the Coast Convention Center, attending the MEMA Hurricane Exercise at the State EOC, monitoring the system during the severe weather, and continuing work with contractors to co-locate equipment on towers.

Mrs. Carroll provided a MSWIN Refresh Project update. She reported on the refresh of equipment at sites across the state being finalized. She provided updates on expansion sites in Pearl River, Tippah, and Tate counties.

Mrs. Carroll reported in the Contract Status Report noting that Buford, Goff & Associates, Butler Snow and Cindy Crocker contracts are in process. The contract dollar amounts with Spectrasite Communications, LLC and SBA Tower were updated to reflect the FY25 numbers.

Commissioner Mann called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Loper there were no procurements for the month of June.

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 reported there was no report this month.

Commissioner Mann called for the approval of June expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2024 financial report for June including general funds, deficit funds, and grant funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Causey motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Ernie Scarber. Commissioner Mann called for any discussion. With no discussion, Commissioner Mann called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

In Other Business, Commissioner Mann stated there were two items to come before the Commission today. Commissioner Mann called on Mrs. Carroll to present the WCC Budget Request proposal for FY2026. Mrs. Carroll thanked the Legislature and Legislative Advisors for their continued support and funding of the Commission. The budget categories include salaries for \$942,275.00 and 10 positions, travel for \$10,000.00, contractual services \$10,852,786.00, commodities for \$121,600.00, and equipment for \$176,350.00. The operating funds request for FY2026 totaled \$12,103,011.00. Ms. Carroll provided a detailed review of the increases and zero change line items from FY2025 to FY2026 in contractual services, commodities, and equipment. Commissioner McAfee made a motion to approve the FY2026 Budget Request proposal for \$12,103,011.00 for operating funds, seconded by Commissioner Kruger. Commissioner Mann called for any discussion. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.

Commissioner Mann called on Mrs. Carroll to present the proposed lease from Crown Castle for the expansion site in Tippah County. After reviewing more than 6 coverage options in the county, the best option is a 315-foot tower owned by Crown Castle. This site will add portable coverage for Ripley and the surrounding areas and boost current mobile coverage. The lease agreement is for a five-year term, with the option to renew, and a 3% annual increase. The lease totals \$187,943.41. Commissioner Stephen McCraney made a motion to approve the lease agreement with

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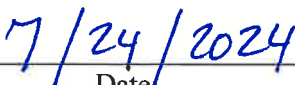
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Crown Castle Tower Company for use of the tower in Ripley for an initial five-year term, with the option to renew, and a 3% annual increase for \$187,943.41, seconded by Commissioner Chris Sanders. Commissioner Mann called for any discussion. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.

Commissioner Mann moved on to MSWIN in Action and asked Mr. Dent Guynes to introduce guest speaker Mr. Barry Whitehead, Assistant Federal Security Director-Law Enforcement of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in Mississippi. Mr. Whitehead has been with the Federal Air Marshal Service since 2008 and has worked in investigations, Special Missions, Joint-Terrorism Task Force, FBI Terrorist Screening Operations, and Supervisory Federal Air Marshal. He is a member of the Joint Terrorism Task Force Executive Board and has served as a member of the US Attorney's Jackson Metro Human Trafficking Task Force. Mr. Whitehead uses the MSWIN system for the 7 airports across the state for communications. This communication line is important to the airports when phone lines go down and when interoperability with other agencies is needed. Mr. Whitehead spoke about the planned operations TSA performs by conducting joint training using radios with the US Marshal Services VIPER teams and up to 7 other Federal and state agencies. He has also used the MSWIN system during emergency operations for instant communications with state and local agencies for additional support from law enforcement. Mr. Whitehead praised the staff at Wireless Communication Commission for their technical skills, knowledge, and professionalism in problem solving and meeting the needs of first responders.

Commissioner Mann announced the next monthly meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday August 1, 2024, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Commissioner Mann then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McCraney motioned to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Kruger. With no discussion and none opposed, the motion carried.

  
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