

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

November 7, 2024

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

Commission Members	Commissioner	In
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Chairman)	Yes
MS Department of Transportation	Jordan, Jim (Vice-Chairman)	Yes
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Bailey, Matt	No
MS National Guard	Causey, Col. Ray	No
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	Yes
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
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

Chairman Mandy Davis called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, legislative advisors, staff, and visitors. Chairman Davis asked Mrs. Karana Carroll to conduct a roll call of those Commissioners and legislative advisors who may be joining the meeting via conference call. Chairman Davis called for the review of and a motion to approve the October 3, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Donald Loper made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Doug Mann. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Davis called on Mrs. Carroll to provide the MSWIN Staff Report for October 2024. Mrs. Carroll provided a slide presentation on executed MOUs and renewals, law enforcement events, local events, special event talk groups assigned, activities staff participated in during October. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the generator paint project, and the number of radio IDs in September totaling more than 64,005 subscribers. Push-to-talks for September totaled 11M and the number of busies was 289 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 Mr. Dent Guynes and Mr. Marty Letchworth presenting at the Mississippians for Emergency Medical Services (MEMS) Conference and at the Mississippi 911 Conference, the release of our Annual Survey of MSWIN to users, requested technical assistance from CISA-ECD for communication classes and cybersecurity testing, 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, and the R56 audit of sites is in progress. She provided updates on expansion sites in Pearl River, Tippah, and Tate counties. The Independence site in Tate County was turned on in October and upon the completion of punch list items the site will be finished. 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. Moving on to the greenfield site in Pearl River County, the Poplarville South site's foundation is complete, and the site is scheduled to begin stacking the tower in December.

Mrs. Carroll reported on the Contract Status Report noting that Buford, Goff & Associates contract is ongoing. The contract with Crown Castle for the Ripley East site continues to be in process.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper presented two procurement requests today. The first request was from the City of Vicksburg to purchase 30 Motorola APX6000 portable radios for \$122,193.30 from MSWIN state contract 3429. Commissioner Loper called on Mr. Bill Ford to speak on the procurement. Mr. Ford said the Vicksburg Police Department requires additional radios for personnel, replacement, and spares. The procurement request meets technical approval and is contingent on the receipt of the city's official minutes. The request was approved by the Procurement Committee and requires no action by the commission. The second request was from the City of Ridgeland for radio microwave equipment including installation for a total of \$168,407.50 from MSWIN state contract 3429. Commissioner Loper called on Mr. Craig Cotten to speak on the request. Mr. Cotten stated the city is replacing and upgrading the current microwave equipment that is no longer supported by the manufacturer. The procurement request meets technical requirements with the caveat that the WCC is involved in the implementation to approve final interconnection configuration with the MSWIN TBN. The project is funded by Madison County EOC 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.

Chairman Davis called for report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Ray Causey was not present to provide a report.

Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner McAfee reported there was no report this month.

Chairman Davis called for the approval of October expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2025 financial report for October including general funds, local project funds, and capital funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Loper motioned to accept the

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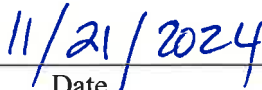
report, seconded by Commissioner Mann. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Davis called for any Other Business to come before the Commission today. Hearing none, Chairman Davis moved on to MSWIN in Action and asked Mr. Dent Guynes to introduce guest speaker Mr. Curt Clayton, Union County EMA. Mr. Clayton began his career in the Fire Service as a volunteer in 1992 and became the Fire Chief of Southeast Fire Department in 2002 and still holds this position. In 1998 he joined the Union County Sheriff's Department and became the county EMA director in 2010 and later absorbed Union County E911 in 2016. He said about 10 years ago the Sheriff's Office joined MSWIN with the goal of getting all Union County on the statewide system. Now, about 98% of the county is using MSWIN, including the Sheriff's Office, E911, the Board of Supervisors, and the county Road Department. All these departments can easily communicate with each other and the local municipalities since several are also on MSWIN. Mr. Clayton spoke about how quickly WCC staff, Mr. Dent Guynes and Mr. Marty Letchworth, respond and set up talk groups at the county's request. Mr. Clayton said, "I don't know where we'd be today without MSWIN".


Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday December 5, 2024, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mann motioned to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Marshall Horn. With no discussion and none opposed, the motion carried.



Attested: Executive Director



Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair



Date