

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

October 3, 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	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	Yes
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	No
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	No
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 September 5, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Baxter Kruger made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jim Jordan. 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 September 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 September, and shared information about the cache radios. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, and the number of radio IDs in September totaling more than 63,728 subscribers. Push-to-talks for September totaled 10.7M and the number of busies were 374 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 preparation for and monitoring the system during Hurricane Francine, participated in calls for Hurricane Helene response, met and reviewed the WCC Disaster Response Plan, participated in a conference call for Central United States Earthquake Consortium, site visits for preventive maintenance and inventory, and continued work with contractors to co-locate equipment on towers.

Mrs. Carroll provided a MSWIN Refresh Project update. The SUA is on target for completion in June 2025. The GTRs, routers and switches are being refreshed and the R56 audit of sites is in progress. She provided updates on expansion sites in Pearl River, Tippah, and Tate counties.

Mrs. Carroll reported in the Contract Status Report noting no changes from the previous report.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Don Loper presented one procurement request today. The request was from the Ridgeland Fire Department to purchase a Mach Alert System and equipment including installation and implementation for a total of \$353,575.00 from MSWIN state contract 3429. Commissioner Loper called on Deputy Chief James Stokes to speak on the request. Mr. Stokes stated the city is installing the alert system to reduce dispatch response times and prioritize first responders' health. The procurement meets technical requirements with the caveat that the WCC is involved in the implementation before going live. The project is funded by Madison County EOC and official board minutes have been received. Commissioner Loper made a motion for the approval of the request, seconded by Commissioner Ray Causey. Having a motion and a second, Chairman Davis called for any discussion. Commission Marshall Horne asked if this was a pilot program? Technical advisor Karl Arndt stated it is not a pilot program, but no other fire stations are using it. Mr. Arndt stated the caveat to the technical approval is to insure cybersecurity firewalls for the protection of the system. Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

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

Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner McAfee reported there was no report this month. Commissioner McAfee did suggest the WCC send information out about the Mach Alert System to other fire stations.

Chairman Davis called for the approval of September expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2025 financial report for September including general funds, local project funds, and capital 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 Kruger. 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 Brad Bradford, Director of the Adams County EMA. Mr. Bradford served 25 years in the US Army and Army reserves, retiring at the rank of Major. He is currently serving as the Adams County Emergency Management Director, 911 Coordinator, Homeland Security Director, Radiological Emergency Planning Director, and Floodplain Administrator. He is also a member

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and current President of the Mississippi Civil Defense Emergency Management Association (MCDEMA). Mr. Bradford thanked Chairman Davis, the commissioners and legislatures for allowing him to come speak. In 2016 the county and 911 system were moved to MSWIN. MSWIN helped build relationships by allowing the Sheriff's Office to talk to local and state agencies. There are 3 towers in the county and the coverage is excellent. MSWIN works well for interoperability with state agencies. This is especially important with searches on the Mississippi River. Because of MSWIN, Mr. Bradford is also able to talk across the State Line to officials in Louisiana. He noted bad weather and bad guys don't stop at county or state lines. Mr. Bradford said after 26 years of marriage, he knows communication is key. He tells other counties to join the MSWIN system because it helps the county. If people can't hear you talk, they make up something. Mr. Bradford thanked the legislature, chairman and commissioners again for the opportunity to speak. Mr. Bradford, on behalf of Adams County, thanked Mr. Guynes and the WCC for all that they do to keep MSWIN operational.

Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday November 7, 2024, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kruger motioned to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Doug Mann. With no discussion and none opposed, the motion carried.

Karana Canell

Attested: Executive Director

10/30/2024

Date

May Bi

Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

11/7/24

Date