

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

September 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)	Yes
MS Department of Transportation	Jordan, Jim (Vice-Chairman)	Yes
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	No
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	No
MS Sheriff's Association	Mullins, Paul	No
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris	No
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 August 1, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Doug Mann made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Steve Gray. 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 August 2024. Mrs. Carroll provided a slide presentation on executed MOUs and renewals, Law Enforcement Events, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff participated in during August. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the number of radio IDs in August totaling more than 63,368 subscribers. Push-to-talks for May totaled 11.4M and the number of busies were 479. 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 meeting with George County leadership to discuss MSWIN and possible site addition in the county, meeting with MEMA about a tower site, participating in FEMA Region IV coordination call for Hurricane Debby, participating in MSWIN 10 year lifecycle review, and continuing work with contractors to co-locate equipment on towers.

Mrs. Carroll provided a MSWIN Refresh Project update. She presented an Implementation Plan Timeline for the Refresh project from October 2022 to June 2025 and reported on the refresh of equipment at sites across the state. 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 contract is in process. The contract dollar amounts for FY2025 with Spectrasite Communications, LLC and SBA Tower are finalized. The FY2025 contract with Crown Castle is in process.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Audrey McAfee filled in for Commissioner Loper since he has recused himself as the MS Department of Public Safety has a procurement request before the commission today. Commissioner McAfee presented two procurement requests. The first request was from Clay County to purchase 63 APX6000 portable radios and 7 APX8000 portable radios with accessories for a total of \$266,693.14 from MSWIN state contract 3429. Commissioner McAfee called on Mr. Torrey Williams, EMA Director to speak on the request. Mr. Williams said the county is purchasing portable radios for the volunteer fire departments in the county. The procurement meets technical requirements and is being funded by Assistance to Firefighters grant. Commissioner Stephen McCraney recommended approval of the request, seconded by Commissioner Ray Causey. Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried. The second request was from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety for 63 APX-N70 portable radios with accessories and radio subscription software and service for a total of \$601,532.61 from MSWIN state contract 3429. Commissioner McAfee called on Mr. Loper, Communication Director to speak on the request. Mr. Loper said the Department of Public Safety is replacing radios that are at end of life. The procurement meets technical requirements and is being funded by ARPA and General Funds. Mr. Loper also stated there will be subsequent purchases for this project. Commissioner Mann recommended approval of the request, seconded by Commissioner Gray. Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried. Chairman Davis thanked Commissioner McAfee for filling in for Commissioner Loper.

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.

Chairman Davis called for the approval of August expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2024 lapse period and FY2025 financial report for August including general funds, local project funds, and capital funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Gray motioned to accept the report, 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.

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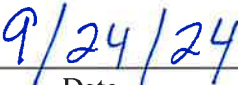
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Chairman Davis called for any Other Business to come before the Commission today. Hearing none, Chairman Davis moved on to MSWIN in Action and introduced guest speaker Special Agent Josh Fulgham, MS Gaming Commission. Mr. Fulgham thanked the commissioners and legislatures for allowing him to come speak. Mr. Fulgham works in law enforcement and oversight of the 26 casinos in the state. In 2018 the commission began joining local agency talk groups across the state for additional support of local law enforcement. This has been pivotal for investigations. After seeing the benefits of the support and interoperability with MSWIN, he encouraged other divisions to join. They have recently joined the MS Highway Patrol for support in rural counties. Mr. Fulgham said he has never had issues with reception on the coast and the signal quality is good. Mr. Fulgham spoke on the ease of contacting and working with Mr. Dent Guynes or Mr. Marty Letchworth to have special event talk groups set up for stings involving multiple Federal, State, and local agencies. Mr. Fulgham has also been able to use MSWIN to help a citizen with a vehicle fire contact dispatch in an area 45 minutes from the nearest town. He said these and similar situations show how the MSWIN system is effective and works.

Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday October 3, 2024, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Causey motioned to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Gray. With no discussion and none opposed, the motion carried.



Attested: Executive Director



Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair



Date