
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: JOHN GILBERT
FROM: HOWARD
SUBJECT: CELL PHONES
DATE: 10/10/2000
CC: GOV. MUSGROVE

The Governor's Office currently has 20 cell phones active. We have implemented a corporate pool minutes plan (10,000 minutes), which allows the office the flexibility to move minutes between staff members. All long distance is free if placed within the Mississippi calling area. When roaming, all minutes and long distance is charged.

Last month, this office used 14,826 minutes and the total bill was \$4545.20. Below is a breakdown of the minutes use.

Security – 615	John Gilbert – 1032	David Cole – 691
Donna Simmons – 973	Bill Bunch – 340	Johnie Cooks – 512
Lisa Mader – 3752	Erich Howard – 437	Marla Ruth – 485
Rita Tell – 2630	Michael Boyd – 515	Rosemary Maxey – 291
Security – 552	Ronnie Musgrove – 1182	Car RM – 105
Security – 349	Melanie Musgrove – 126	Car MM – 178
*CCS – 50	#Emily Myers – 11	

* CCS is a phone for Citizen & Community Services to check out while on the road. The only person to use this phone has been David Cole.

Emily Myers received her phone late during the billing cycle.

The majority of the charges have been from use of cell phones while traveling.

Possible solutions to reducing cell phone bills:

- 1) Transfer all security phones to Public Safety
- 2) With the addition of Emily Myers, Rosemary maxey would be adequately served by a pager.
- 3) Erich Howard and the scheduler would also be adequately served by a pager.

- 4) Legislative liaisons can perform their duties without cell phones outside of session. Bell South Mobility keeps a list of numbers on hold for the Governor's Office. A phone can be activated with the same number during session.
- 5) Bill Bunch is not currently on Governor's Office payroll. His phone should be turned in to the office.
- 6) If the CCS phone is not checked out, it should be disconnected.

All of the above suggestions will help reduce our bill. However, staff members must cut back on their usage of cell phones when an alternative is present, especially on trips. All staff members have or can receive a calling card, which is a much cheaper alternative to cell phones.