



Marion County

Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Agenda

McPherson Governmental Campus
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District 1 – Craig Curry, Commissioner
District 2 – Kathy Bryant, Commissioner
District 3 – Matt McClain, Vice-Chair
District 4 – Carl Zalak, III, Chairman
District 5 – Michelle Stone, Commissioner

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

9:00 AM

**McPherson Governmental
Campus Auditorium**

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners welcomes you to its regularly scheduled meeting held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted. The zoning portion of the meeting is held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. and the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

All commission and zoning meetings are open to the public.

Pre-screening will be conducted upon entering the administrative building, located at 601 SE 25th Ave., Ocala, FL 34471.

As a courtesy to others, silence your cell phones and other electronic devices before entering the auditorium. If you need to take a call, please step outside.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

To encourage participation, ensure equal access to all participants and foster mutual respect, please follow these guidelines.

-Regular BCC Meeting

-There are two (2) public comment portions on the agenda, one reserved for comments related to items specifically listed on the agenda, and one for all other comments.

-To be allotted five (5) minutes, you must sign up the Friday prior to the meeting that you wish to speak at. You can sign up online at <https://marionfl.org/comment> or via phone at 352-438-2300.

-Those who do not submit a request in advance (by 5:00 p.m. the Friday prior) are still welcome to sign up at the desk located in the foyer of the commission auditorium on the day of the meeting, but will only be allotted two (2) minutes.

-BCC Planning and Zoning Meeting

-Public Comments during the Planning and Zoning portion of the meeting will be limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. You must sign in at the desk located in the foyer of the commission auditorium on the day of the meeting.

Marion County staff is available throughout each meeting for your convenience.

Anyone requiring accommodations due to a disability or physical impairment should contact Marion County Administration at 352-438-2300 at least two (2) days before a meeting.

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CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
9:00 AM ROLL CALL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- 1.1. [PRESENTATION - Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report - Timothy Westgate, CPA, Audit Partner, Purvis Gray & Company \(Presentation Only\)](#)
- 1.2. [PRESENTATION - Fiscal Year 2023-24 Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Fiscal Year 2023-24 Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, and Fiscal Year 2025-26 Distinguished Budget Presentation Awarded to the Marion County Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Office - Gregory C. Harrell, Clerk of Court and Comptroller \(Presentation Only\)](#)
- 1.3. [PROCLAMATION - Problem Solving Court Month - Crystal Watkins, Drug Court Manager, Fifth Judicial Circuit \(Approval and Presentation\)](#)
- 1.4. [PROCLAMATION - Motorcycle Safety Month - Greg Smale, President, American Bikers Aiming Towards Education "ABATE" \(Approval and Presentation\)](#)
- 1.5. [PROCLAMATION - Anthony's 150th Anniversary - Bertha Flynn, President, Anthony Historical Society \(Approval and Presentation\)](#)
- 1.6. [PROCLAMATION - National Travel and Tourism Week - Loretta Shaffer, Director, Tourist Development \(Approval and Presentation\)](#)
- 1.7. [PRESENTATION - Employee Appreciation Month and Ideal Team Players 2026 - Bobbi Perez, Human Resources Director \(Presentation Only\)](#)
- 1.8. [PROCLAMATION - Building Safety Month \(Approval Only\)](#)
- 1.9. [PROCLAMATION - Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Daniel Mercado \(Approval Only\)](#)

2. AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Reserved for comments related to items specifically listed on this agenda. Scheduled requests will be heard first and limited to five (5) minutes. Unscheduled requests will be limited to two (2) minutes. Citizens may contact Marion County Administration by 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the meeting at 352-438-2300 to request to speak or submit the request online at: www.marionfl.org.

3. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

- 3.1. [January 6, 2026](#)
- 3.2. [January 20, 2026](#)

3.3. [January 26, 2026](#)

4. **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND GOVERNMENTAL OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:**

4.1. [Request Approval to Renew Agreement Between the Fifth Judicial Circuit Court and Marion County Board of County Commissioners to Provide Funding for a Court Program Specialist I in Post Adjudication Expansion Drug Court \(26-27-02\) \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$102,295.89\)](#)

4.2. [Request Approval to Renew Agreement Between the Fifth Judicial Circuit Court and Marion County Board of County Commissioners to Provide Funding for a Court Program Specialist I in Veterans Treatment Court \(26-27-03\) \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$101,331.89\)](#)

5. **CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT:**

5.1. **Budget Amendment**

5.1.1. [County Transportation Maintenance Fund - Multiple Departments - \\$200,000](#)

5.1.2. [Fine and Forfeiture Fund - State Attorney Technology - \\$115,700](#)

5.1.3. [Insurance Fund - Insurance - \\$944,947](#)

5.1.4. [Public Improvement Transportation Capital Projects Fund - Public Improvement Transportation Capital - \\$145,033](#)

5.1.5. [Solid Waste Disposal Fund - Solid Waste Disposal - \\$65,000](#)

5.1.6. [Solid Waste Disposal Fund - Solid Waste Disposal - \\$183,000](#)

5.1.7. [Solid Waste Disposal Fund - Solid Waste Recycling - \\$28,500](#)

5.1.8. [Stormwater Fund - Stormwater Program - \\$210,000](#)

5.2. **Clerk of the Court Items**

5.2.1. [Present the Acquisition or Disposition of Property Forms Authorizing Changes in Status, as Follows: 050667, 052188, 140750D and IT Disposition List](#)

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS (Request Proof of Publication) at 10:00 am:**

Public participation is encouraged. When prompted, please step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record. Please limit your comments to the specific issue being addressed.

6.1. [PUBLIC HEARING to Consider an Ordinance Amending the Marion County Code, Creating Section 18-8, Entitled Nonconsensual Towing and a Resolution Establishing Maximum Rates for Nonconsensual Towing Services and Storage of Vehicles and Vessels](#)

7. CONSENT:

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda is a motion to approve all recommended actions. All matters on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion unless desired by a Commissioner.

7.1. Attorney:

- 7.1.1. [Request Board Authorization for County Attorney and County Engineer to Proceed with the Acquisition of Certain Property Interests from Ivan Portal and Annia Gutierrez, or their Successors in Interest, for the SW/NW 80th/70th Avenue Road Construction Project, Within the Purchase Price and Other Parameters Described Herein \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$38,274.75\)](#)

7.2. Community Services:

- 7.2.1. [Request Approval of Second Amendment to the Marion County Standard Professional Service Agreement Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Rental Housing Project with S & A Allen SR 200, LLC \(Budget Impact - None\)](#)

7.3. Fire Rescue:

- 7.3.1. [Request Approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Marion County, Florida and the District Board of Trustees of the College of Central Florida \(Budget Impact - None\)](#)

7.4. Human Resources:

- 7.4.1. [Request Approval of the Reclassification of Three RLE Maintenance Tech Equipment Operator Positions, Pay Grade 103 Non-Exempt, to Three RLE Maintenance Tech Equipment Operator Positions, Pay Grade 103-105 Non-Exempt, within the Budget of Contracted Road Construction RLE MSTU HC505541 \(Budget Impact - None\)](#)

7.5. Procurement Services:

- 7.5.1. [Request Approval of Bid Award: 26B-059 SE 113th Street Road Resurfacing Project - Art Walker Construction, Inc., Ocala, FL \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$974,113\)](#)
- 7.5.2. [Request Approval of Bid Exemption: 26BE-087 Long-Term Gopher Tortoise Recipient Site - Atlantic Ecological Services, St. Augustine, FL \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$312,500\)](#)
- 7.5.3. [Request Approval of Contract: 26C-082 Evaluation of Leachate Treatment Options for Marion County Baseline Landfill - University of Florida Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, Gainesville, FL \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$126,000\)](#)

- 7.5.4. [Request Approval of Contract Amendment: 25B-048-CA-01 Scrap Metal Recycling Services - Trademark Metal Recycling LLC, Tampa, FL \(Budget Impact - Revenue; estimated additional \\$50,000 annually\)](#)
- 7.5.5. [Request Approval of Contract Amendment \(Renewal\): 22Q-073-CA-02 Tree Services Contract - Flyway Access LLC dba Conrad Tree Service, Ocala, FL and Enviro Tree Service LLC, Apopka, FL \(Budget Impact - None\)](#)
- 7.5.6. [Request Approval of Contract Amendment \(Renewal\): 23Q-081-CA-01, Electric Motor/Pump/Blower Repair Services - CEC Motor and Utility Services, Palmetto, FL; and Electrical & Mechanical Maintenance, Inc., Bradenton, FL \(Budget Impact - Neutral; estimated annual expenditure of \\$200,000\)](#)
- 7.5.7. [Request Approval of Contract Amendment \(Renewal\): 24B-227-CA-01 - Active Wear for Fire Rescue Personnel - Empire Printing LLC, Springfield, MO \(Budget Impact - Neutral; Estimated Annual Expenditure of \\$75,000\)](#)
- 7.6. **Tourist Development:**
 - 7.6.1. [Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Recommendation for Room Night Generating Event \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of up to \\$3,900\)](#)
 - 7.6.2. [Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Request for Event Bid Fee \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$90,000\)](#)
- 7.7. **Transportation - County Engineer:**
 - 7.7.1. [Request Approval of Amendment to the Purchase Agreement and Escrow Agreement with C & K Investments Ocala, LLC Related to the Construction of a Left Turn Lane on County Road 42 Associated with Previously Acquired Property \(Budget Impact - Neutral\)](#)
 - 7.7.2. [Request Approval of a Purchase Agreement Associated with the NW 80th/70th Avenue Segment 3 Road Improvement Project for a Portion of Parcel 23299-005-00 \(Budget Impact- Neutral; expenditure of \\$15,000\)](#)
 - 7.7.3. [Request Approval of a Purchase Agreement Associated with the NW 80th/70th Avenue Segment 3 Road Improvement Project for a Portion of Parcel 23299-003-00 \(Budget Impact- Neutral; expenditure of \\$7,500\)](#)

- 7.7.4. [Request Approval of a Purchase Agreement Associated with the NW 80th/70th Avenue Segment 3 Road Improvement Project for a Portion of Parcel 21625-000-05 \(Budget Impact-Neutral; expenditure of \\$75,000\)](#)
- 7.7.5. [Request Approval of a Purchase Agreement Associated with the SW 80th Avenue Segment 1 Road Improvement Project for a Portion of Parcel 21251-001-20 \(Budget Impact- Neutral; expenditure of \\$63,300\)](#)
- 7.7.6. [Request Approval of a Purchase Agreement Associated with the NW 49th Street Phase 3 Road Improvement Project for a Portion of Parcel 13561-001-02 \(Budget Impact- Neutral; expenditure of \\$5,300\)](#)

8. COUNTY ATTORNEY:

- 8.1. [Request Board Authorization for County Attorney and County Engineer to Proceed with the Acquisition of Certain Property Interests from Adam Paul Lusk and Lynn Ann Lusk, as Trustees of the Adam Paul Lusk and Lynn Ann Lusk Joint Revocable Trust, or their Successors in Interest, for the NW 49th Street Phase 3 Road Construction Project, within the Purchase Price and Other Parameters Described Herein \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$2,488,131.25\)](#)

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

- 9.1. [Present 911 Management Department Update](#)

10. COMMITTEE ITEMS: NONE

11. NOTATION FOR ACTION:

- 11.1. [Request Approval to Schedule a Workshop with Parks & Recreation Regarding Department Funding on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium](#)
- 11.2. [Request Approval to Schedule and Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance to Amend the Name of the Municipal Service Taxing Unit and to Increase the Maximum Assessment Rate for Bahia Oaks Municipal Service Taxing Unit for Street Lighting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium](#)
- 11.3. [Request Approval to Schedule and Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider a Rate Resolution to Increase the Current Assessment Rate Associated with the Bahia Oaks Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Street Lighting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. or as Soon Thereafter as Possible in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium](#)

- 11.4. [Request Approval to Schedule and Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider a Rate Resolution to Increase the Current Assessment Rate Associated with the Kingsland Country Estates Whispering Pines and Kingsland Country Estates Forest Glenn Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Street Lighting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium](#)
- 11.5. [Request Approval to Schedule and Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider a Rate Resolution to Increase the Current Assessment Rate Associated with the Indian Meadows Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Street Lighting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. or as Soon Thereafter as Possible in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium](#)
- 11.6. [Request Approval to Schedule and Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider a Rate Resolution to Increase the Current Assessment Rate Associated with the Golden Hills Turf and Country Club Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Street Lighting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. or as Soon Thereafter as Possible in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium](#)
- 11.7. [Request Ratification of the State of Emergency Order Signed by the Vice Chairman on April 20, 2026, Pertaining to a Ban on the Use of Flares, Explosives, or Outdoor Burning Devices or Otherwise Lawful Outdoor Burning](#)
- 11.8. [Request Ratification of the Extension of the State of Emergency Order Signed by the Chairman on April 27, 2026, Pertaining to a Ban on the Use of Flares, Explosives, or Outdoor Burning Devices or Otherwise Lawful Outdoor Burning](#)

12. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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13. COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

13.1. Commission Comments

13.2. Commission Calendar

13.2.1. [Present Commission Calendar](#)

14. NOTATION FOR RECORD:

14.1. County Administrator Informational Items:

14.1.1. [Present Letter of Support Dated April 28, 2026, to FloridaCommerce for the East Central Florida Regional Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Project Proposed by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council](#)

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- 14.1.2. [Present Update on 2022-26 Strategic Plan Empowering Marion for Success II for May 2026](#)
- 14.2. **Present Walk-On Items From Previous BCC Meeting: NONE**
- 14.3. **Clerk of the Court:**
- 14.3.1. [Present Letter Dated April 14, 2026, from the City of Belleview, Development Services Department, Regarding Scheduled Meetings for the Annexation Application Relating to Parcels 36862-000-00, 36872-001-01 and 36872-001-03](#)
- 14.3.2. [Present Administrative Budget Transfer Report for Fiscal Year 2025-26](#)
- 14.3.3. [Present Regular Report of Utilization for Reserve for Contingencies](#)
- 14.4. **Present for information and record, minutes and notices received from the following committees and agencies:**
- 14.4.1. [Dog Classification Board - October 1, 2025 and February 19, 2026](#)
- 14.4.2. [Development Review Committee \(DRC\) - April 6 and 13, 2026](#)
- 14.4.3. [Land Development Regulation Committee - March 25, 2026](#)
- 14.4.4. [Marion Oaks Municipal Services Advisory Board for Recreation Services and Facilities - January 13 and February 10, 2026](#)
- 14.4.5. [Public Safety Coordinating Council \(PSCC\) - January 26, 2026](#)
- 14.4.6. [Tourist Development Council - March 26, 2026](#)
- 14.5. **General Informational Items:**
- 14.5.1. Marion County Health Department – For the Latest health news and information, Visit the Website at <http://marion.floridahealth.gov/>
- 14.5.2. Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) - For Minutes and Agendas, Visit the Website at <http://www.WaterMatters.org>
- 14.5.3. St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) - For Minutes and Agendas, Visit the Website at <https://www.sjrwmd.com>
- 14.5.4. Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) - For Minutes and Agendas, Visit the Website at <https://ocalamariontpo.org>
- 14.5.5. Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) - For Minutes and Agendas, Visit the Website at <http://www.wrwsa.org>