

**Official Minutes of
MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

October 7, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) met in regular session in Commission Chambers at 9:04 a.m. on Tuesday October 7, 2025 at the Marion County Governmental Complex located in Ocala, Florida.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The meeting opened with invocation by Commissioner Stone and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

The Marion County Memorial Honor Guard posted colors.

Chairman Bryant expressed appreciation to the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard for their service.

9:00 AM ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call the following members were present: Chairman Kathy Bryant, District 2; Vice-Chairman Carl Zalak, III, District 4; Commissioner Craig Curry, District 1; Commissioner Matthew McClain, District 3; and Commissioner Michelle Stone, District 5. Also present were Clerk Gregory C. Harrell, County Attorney Matthew G. Minter, County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes, Assistant County Administrator (ACA) Angel Roussel, ACA Tracy Straub, ACA Amanda Tart and Executive Director of Internal Services Mike McCain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Bryant addressed upcoming scheduled meetings as listed on the Commission Calendar (Item 13.2.1).

1. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Zalak, seconded by Commissioner Stone, the BCC approved and/or ratified the following:

1.1. PRESENTATION - Ma Barker House Plaque by the Society of Retired Special Agents of the FBI - Doug Jones, Member and George Albright, Tax Collector (Presentation Only)

Tax Collector George Albright presented the following recommendation:

Description/Background: Presentation of the Ma Barker House plaque by the Society of Retired Special Agents of the FBI by member Doug Jones and Tax Collector George Albright.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Presentation only.

Tax Collector George Albright introduced members of the Society of Retired Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SFSAFBI). He commented on State Senator Stan McClain's involvement in the project. Mr. Albright provided an overview relating to the history of the efforts to preserve the Ma Barker House, noting it brought over 1,000 visitors this year.

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Doug Jones, SFSAFBI, addressed the Ma Barker House as it relates to the County and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He noted tours are now booked out for up to two years. Mr. Jones expressed appreciation for the Board. He commented on his goal to have the Ma Barker House designated as a National Historical Site, which involves required protocols with the National Park Service (NPS) and FBI Headquarters. Mr. Jones read aloud the information displayed on the plaque presented today as seen on the overhead screens.

In response to Chairman Bryant, Mr. Jones advised that this project highlights the FBI's involvement during the gangster era America experienced during the 1930's. He stated in the FBI the shootout at the Ma Barker House is widely considered the beginning of the end of the American gangster era.

Mr. Albright expressed appreciation to the Board for preserving the rich history of Marion County.

1.2. PRESENTATION - The Florida Inmates and Dog Obedience Program – Kyra Lynch, Animal Services Director (Presentation Only)

Marion County Animal Services (MCAS) Director Kyra Lynch presented the following recommendation:

Description/Background: A collaboration between Marion County Animal Services and the Florida Department of Corrections, led by Wendy Hillyard, ushered in the start of the Florida Inmates and Dog Obedience (FIDO) program for Marion County. On March 23, 2015, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed, marking the official launch of the program.

The first FIDO class, named Star Paws, was introduced at the Marion County Correctional Institution Work Camp, which took place from October 27, 2015, until January 5, 2016, and included four (4) dogs: Chewy, Luke, Trooper, and Princess. The first class of the FIDO program was a resounding success, and has since continued to grow, with 36 more classes graduating from the program. The 37th class is currently hitting the books, studying hard, and learning the basics of dog obedience. In just a few weeks, they too will graduate and move on to loving forever homes, continuing the proud legacy of the FIDO Program.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Presentation only.

MCAS Director Kyra Lynch advised that she is present today to provide an update on the FIDO program and referred to a PowerPoint as seen on the overhead screens. She stated on March 23, 2015 a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed between MCAS and the Florida Department of Corrections (FDOC) thanks to the vision and leadership of Program Specialist Wendy Hillyard, MCAS, which marked the beginning of the FIDO program. Ms. Lynch advised that on October 27, 2015 the first class began at the Marion County Correctional Institute Work Camp, noting the class was called Star Paws. It included 4 dogs by the names of Chewy, Luke, Trooper, and Princess who all graduated on January 5, 2016. She stated the FIDO program launched and followed with overwhelming success. Ms. Lynch advised that since then 36 more classes of dogs have graduated and today the 37th class is hard at work. She provided a brief overview of what the classes entail. Ms. Lynch advised that the inmates gained valuable lessons in patience, teamwork, dog behavior and responsibility. She expressed appreciation for Ms. Hillyard's role in the program, noting she has selected dogs, supported adopters, listened to inmates and collaborated with community partners. Ms. Lynch commented on the time

Ms. Hillyard spent outside of office hours and her dedication to staying connected with adopters after the dogs find homes. She stated the Department reached out to FIDO past adopters, noting they in turn shared heartfelt stories and photos of their pets today. Ms. Lynch provided a brief overview of some of their responses. She expressed appreciation to the Board for approving the program 10 years ago with continued support, as well as to County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes, ACA Angel Roussell, FDOC, Procyon Training, Mr. Mocha's Pet Supplies, Paw Pals, Ocala Dog Ranch, staff, volunteers and Ms. Hillyard.

It was noted for the record that FIDO dog Josey from the "Outpaws" class was present. Chairman Bryant advised that the staff and volunteers at MCAS's dedication is what makes things happen, noting it is not an easy job.

1.3. PRESENTATION - Look Up Marion, Put the Phone Down Campaign – Beth McCall - Executive Director, Marion County Children's Alliance (Presentation Only)

Legislative Manager Matt Cretul, Administration, presented the following recommendation:

Description/Background: The Marion County Children's Alliance has partnered with multiple stakeholders within the community, including Marion County's Local Technology Planning Team, to launch the "Look Up Marion, Put the Phone Down" campaign. The campaign is aimed at disconnecting children from screens and reconnect with the world around them. The campaign will hold a "Put the Phone Down" day on Saturday, November 15th & a summit on December 3rd.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: For presentation only.

Legislative Manager Matt Cretul, Administration, stated he is the head of the Local Technology Planning Team (LTPT). He advised that one of the goals of the LTPT is to look for ways they can partner with other community agencies and stakeholders to increase digital equity and literacy in Marion County. He commented on their recent collaboration with Marion County Children's Alliance (MCCA) and introduced Executive Director Beth McCall. Mr. Cretul presented a public service announcement (PSA) video as seen on the overhead screens.

Executive Director Beth McCall, MCCA, expressed appreciation to the Board and staff for being instrumental in launching this program. She advised that the BCC is a partner in the Look Up Marion, Put the Phone Down campaign; however, all of the funding for this campaign has been raised by donations and grants through the MCCA. Ms. McCall provided a brief overview on the history of the campaign, noting the results of focus groups at a MCCA general meeting reported the issue of mental health in youth due to social media consumption as the top priority. She stated the connection between high screentime and children results in obesity, sleep deprivation, anxiety, and depression is an issue for youth. Ms. McCall advised of a committee that was formed made up of the members of the MCCA, as well as representatives from Boys and Girls Club, Kimberly Center, The Pearl Project, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Interfaith Emergency Services, Harlow's Helping Hands, the Public Education Foundation of Marion County, Marion County Public Schools (MCPS), the Marion County Hospital District (MCHD) and many other community leaders. She stated the group decided to form an awareness campaign to designate one day where citizens in Marion County are encouraged to look up and put down phones. Ms. McCall advised that Legislation was passed to eliminate phones in elementary and middle schools, noting the positive impact

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being reported. The Look Up Marion, Put the Phone Down day will be on Saturday, November 15, 2025. She referred to the website www.lookupmarion.com and accompanying Quick Response (QR) Code as seen on the overhead screens, which has been created to provide ideas on things to do in Marion County. It offers a resource guide for parents and a family pledge encouraging accountability. Ms. McCall advised that a Countywide marketing campaign involving PSA's, social media, print and radio ads began yesterday. She presented a brochure entitled "Put Down the Phone Day" as an example. Ms. McCall stated the second part of the campaign will be the Look Up Marion Summit, which will be held on December 3, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. at the College of Central Florida (CF) Klein Center. The summit will feature nationally known speaker Ambassador Liaison Mande Hamann, ScreenStrong, who will talk about kids brains and screens. She expressed appreciation to the Board for supporting the MCCA and this initiative. Ms. McCall encouraged citizens to help take a stand for kids, health, and the community by unplugging.

Chairman Bryant stated she recently deleted social media applications from her phone and encouraged others to do the same.

Ms. McCall advised that social media is a very useful tool; however, the goal is to teach moderation.

1.4. PROCLAMATION - Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk - Ellary Belote, President of the Marion County Young Republicans, Ocala, FL (Approval and Presentation)

The Board presented the Proclamation designating October 14th, 2025 as "Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk" to Ellary Belote, President of the Marion County Young Republicans Club and several other members of the community.

Chairman Zalak commented on the importance of American values. He expressed appreciation for the Marion County Young Republicans.

1.5. PROCLAMATION - National Arts and Humanities Month - Jaye Baillie, Executive Director, Marion Cultural Alliance (Approval and Presentation)

The Board presented the following Proclamation designating October as "National Arts and Humanities Month" to Executive Director Jaye Sterchi Baillie, Accreditation in Public Relations (APR), Marion Cultural Alliance (MCA); Executive Director Patricia Tomlinson, Arts in Health Ocala Metro; Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Brooke Hutto, Marion County Public Schools (MCPS); Assistant Director Victoria Billig, Appleton Museum of Art; Graphic Design and Social Media Coordinator Lisa Taylor, Appleton Museum of Art; Director Jason Steuber, Appleton Museum of Art; and Accounting Specialist Laci Clavette, Appleton Museum of Art.

Commissioner McClain advised that arts have a lot to offer in Marion County, noting citizens can enjoy the natural springs and a show at the theater all in the same day.

Executive Director Jaye Sterchi Baillie, APR, MCA, expressed appreciation to Commissioner McClain for serving as the BCC liaison to the MCA. She stated there have been days she has hiked the Ocala National Forest (ONF) and then gone to the symphony at night. Ms. Baillie advised that the arts play a role in the local economy and they are phenomenal assets that keep residents here to stay with their discretionary dollars as opposed to taking them elsewhere.

Executive Director Patricia Tomlinson, Arts in Health Ocala Metro, stated their organization is a nonprofit that supports mental and physical health through the arts.

Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Brooke Hutto, MCPS, advised that she serves on the board for MCA, Fine Arts for Ocala (FAFO), and Ocala Municipal Arts Commission (OMAC).

1.6. PROCLAMATION - Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Amy Roberts, Chair, Cancer Alliance of Marion County (Approval and Presentation)

The Board presented the Proclamation designating October as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” to Chair Amy Roberts, Cancer Alliance of Marion County and several other representatives from the community.

Commissioner Stone stated she is honored to present the proclamation today. She advised that mammograms save lives and encouraged everyone to complete their breast self-examination. Commissioner Stone stated this applies to men as well, noting they also can be at risk for breast cancer. She advised that it is a simple process and it is possible to be an advocate for yourself when it comes to screening. Commissioner Stone stated the earlier it is caught the longer individuals get to live.

1.7. PROCLAMATION - National 4-H Week - Katie Davis, Extension Agent, Extension Service (Approval and Presentation)

The Board presented the Proclamation designating October 5th through 11th, 2025 as “National 4-H Week” to Extension Agent Katie Davis, Extension Services, and several other members from 4-H.

Extension Agent Katie Davis, Extension Services, expressed gratitude for all of the participating youth, volunteers, County leaders and the BCC.

Indigo 4-H Club Member Javon Dowdy advised that the youth organization grows confident young people who are empowered for life today and prepared for careers tomorrow. He stated 4-H programs reach nearly 6 million youth across the United States (U.S.) through hands on experience that build critical life skills, noting the Marion County Indigo 4-H Club has a strong history beginning in the early 1960’s. Mr. Dowdy stated the club continues to thrive with youth focusing on leadership and livestock projects.

Lucky Learners 4-H Club Member Hunter Varnado advised that the Beyond Ready initiative aims to reach 10 million youth annually by 2030, which is a goal supported in Marion County by expanding programs with strong community involvement. He stated with 35 active 4-H clubs the organization continues to grow each year. Mr. Varnado advised that 4-H nationally reaches every U.S. County and parish through 110 public universities and over 3,000 extension offices; however, globally it partners with independent programs to serve 1 million youth in 50 countries.

Lucky Learners 4-H Club Member Abigail Hurst stated research shows that 4-H youth are 4 times more likely to contribute to their communities, twice as likely to pursue leadership roles, twice as likely to live with purpose, and 3 times more likely to volunteer. She advised that the group is proud to have 4-H recognized today and remains committed to growing the next generation of leaders who will shape communities, the Country, and the world.

1.8. PROCLAMATION - Community Planning Month - Chuck Varadin, Growth Services Director (Approval and Presentation)

The Board presented the Proclamation designating October as “Community Planning Month” to Growth Services Director Chuck Varadin and several other staff members.

Commissioner Curry opined that this is a very important proclamation and probably affects the BCC more than everything else they do. He advised that the Board spends

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more than 40 percent (%) of their time on Growth Services and Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) issues with 25 to 30 hearings a month. Commissioner Curry provided a brief overview of the Planning and Zoning process. He expressed gratitude to staff for their tireless efforts informing the BCC.

1.9. PROCLAMATION - Fire Prevention Week - Chief James Banta, Marion County Fire Rescue (Approval and Presentation)

The Board presented the Proclamation designating October 5th through 11th, 2025 as “National Fire Prevention Week” to Fire Chief James Banta, Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR), Fire Marshall Ken McCann, MCFR, and Firefighters from Lowell Station No. 11. Fire Chief James Banta, MCFR, advised that the Department joins fire departments across the nation in recognizing Fire Prevention Week, which educates residents about fire safety and prevention. This year’s theme established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is “Charge Into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home”. He commented on lithium-ion batteries in homes, noting improper charging or storage can lead to overheating and serious fires. Chief Banta stated through this year’s campaign it is the goal of MCFR to help families understand how to use devices with lithium-ion batteries safely and the proper disposal that improves recycling centers. He advised that Fire Prevention Week is about empowering the community with knowledge and habits, which prevents emergencies before they happen. Chief Banta introduced MCFR mascot Sparky.

In response to Chairman Bryant, Fire Marshall Ken McCann, MCFR, stated smoke alarms save lives. He advised that there is a partnership in Marion County with the American Red Cross that provides and installs smoke detectors at no cost to those who cannot afford them.

1.10. PRESENTATION - Employee of the Quarter for July - September 2025 - Sara Caron, Human Resources Director (Presentation Only)

Human Resources (HR) Director Sara Caron presented the following recommendation:

Description/Background: The Employee of the Quarter program recognizes employees that go above and beyond to provide exceptional services to the citizens of Marion County and to reward exemplary employees for their accomplishments and contributions. The Employee of the Quarter can be nominated by co-workers, supervisors, citizens, or County Commissioners and must meet certain criteria in order to be qualified for consideration. The Employee of the Quarter is recognized by the Board, receives a day off with pay, and is included in the Ideal Team Player candidate pool. Each year, during Employee Appreciation, the County Administrator awards chosen employees with the Ideal Team Player award.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Presentation of Employee of the Quarter for the quarter ending in September 2025.

The nominees for Employee of the Quarter for the 3rd Quarter (July - September 2025) are:

Patricia Blair	Animal Services
Shawn Leary	Building Safety
Andres Aragon	Human Resources

Aleya Kahn	Human Resources
Donald Bean	Municipal Services
Heather Ringo	Office of the County Engineer
Candace Shelton	Tourist Development
Carrie Hyde	Utilities
Josh Kramer	Utilities
Brandy Raymond	Utilities

HR Director Sara Caron provided an overview relating to the accomplishments of the Employee of the Quarter for July through September 2025. She advised that this employee has worked for the County since 2023 and has worked diligently to be an important part of the team that highlights the great experiences in Marion County. Ms. Caron stated this employee epitomizes the County's Humbleness, Respect, Commitment, Integrity, Accountability, Discipline (HICARD) values through her commitment and brand integrity. She advised that she has had a huge impact on her Department's success through strong communication and effective execution. Ms. Caron stated in her first year the employee stepped into her current role where she is connected with local partners, sharing resources and showing how tourism strengthens the community and economy. She advised this employee has been able to measure the success of her efforts from the record number of applicants for the teams Marketing Assistance Program, which helps tourism related businesses and organizations in Marion County improve their marketing efforts and promoting their local destination. Ms. Caron stated Community Relations Specialist Candace Shelton was also a participant in the Employee Academy class of 2024 where she gained valuable knowledge about the County Department's. She opined that her bright and cheerful presence lights up a room. Ms. Caron provided a brief overview of Ms. Shelton's introduction to Ocala and current hobbies outside of the office.

Chairman Bryant congratulated Ms. Shelton for a job well done.

There was a recess at 10:34 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:39 a.m. with all members present.

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.

J.D. Elliot, E Fort King Street, stated as a conservative he was alarmed when he heard the BCC was going to highlight Charlie Kirk in Item 13.1.1 through a road dedication. He opined that the Board should not name a public thoroughfare after someone who lacks Christian values. Mr. Elliot encouraged the Board to reconsider.

Virginia Kilmer, NW 73rd Terrace, did not appear when called upon.

Bobby Bradshaw, SE 28th Lane, expressed opposition to Agenda Items relating to Charlie Kirk. He questioned the approval process in establishing Proclamations. Mr. Bradshaw addressed the history of Charlie Kirk's rhetoric.

Jean Marie Derrough, Cherry Road, President of Marion Progressive Democrats, addressed Agenda Items 1.4 and 13.1.1. She addressed free speech and the diversity of

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citizens in Marion County. She advised that Board Policy 06-01 is currently written to honor Marion County citizens who contributed to the community and questioned whether there were more suitable choices. She requested the BCC codify an Ordinance emphasizing the protection of free speech for all individuals as an alternative to the road dedication.

Reverend Reginal Willis Sr., Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church, commented on his years of dedicated service to the community and expressed opposition to the Road dedication for Charlie Kirk. Dana Warwick, SE 21st Place Road, Silver Springs, Coordinating Campaign Chair for Marion Progressive Democrats, stated she is a supporter of free speech including what Charlie Kirk practiced; however, his speech was for only a certain type of person in the community. She expressed concern over honoring hate speech, promoting anger and violence towards neighbors.

Bob Schmidt, SW 82nd Court Road, expressed appreciation to the Board for Agenda Items 1.4 and 13.1.1. He commented on Turning Point USA events and the youth that attend them. Mr. Schmidt opined that the Board's decision today represents the best this Country has to offer.

Antoinette Pedicini, NE 133rd Street, Silver Springs, advised of social repercussions in relation to the Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk. She requested the Board memorialize others who died as seen in recent current events. Ms. Pedicini encouraged citizens to remember love, kindness and community.

Henry Munoz, Marion Oaks Boulevard, commented on the Board vacancy on the Marion Oaks Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) Advisory Council.

Chairman Bryant advised that public comment is now closed.

3. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: (3 Sets)

3.1. May 1, 2025

3.2. May 6, 2025 A

3.3. May 6, 2025 B

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to adopt the meeting minutes of May 1 and 6 (2 sets), 2025. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

4. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND GOVERNMENTAL OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES: NONE

5. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT:

5.1. Clerk of the Court Items

5.1.1. Present the Acquisition or Disposition of Property Forms Authorizing Changes in Status, as Follows: 036428, 039475, 040794, 042413, and 5th Judicial List

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to approve the Disposition of Property Forms 036428, 039475, 040794, 042413, and 5th Judicial List. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Request Proof of Publication) at 10:00 am: NONE

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. County Attorney Mathew G. Minter, Legal, advised that the Items under 7.2 relate to Interlocal Agreements (ILA) between MCFR and the cities of Ocala and Belleview, noting Belleview has the same ILA on their Agenda for their meeting this evening. He stated there has been no confirmation with the City of Ocala's Attorney's office confirming that this draft of the ILA is the version they would like to move forward with and would like to request the Board allow him to make any necessary revisions following today's approval. It was the general consensus of the Board to concur.

Chairman Bryant advised of a revision to Item 7.7.3, noting additional language has been added to the Agenda cover page and to limit the request only to the vehicles on the attached list.

County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes clarified that all listed items have been approved in the budget.

Mr. Bouyounes stated Item 7.9.1 has a revision to the Agreement being requested. He advised that since publishing the original Agenda there has been some added language clarifying the conditions of the development referenced.

In response to Chairman Bryant, ACA Tracy Straub advised that when the Agreement was brought forward staff recognized inadvertent references to a paragraph no longer included. She stated language was removed regarding landscape and buffering that is part of the Improvement Plan. Ms. Straub advised that clarifying language regarding amenities was added and an updated recommended motion now involves timing of the amenities with Certificate of Occupancy (CO).

Chairman Bryant questioned if the language before did not tie the amenities to COs. Ms. Straub advised that it did; however, it is not something staff typically places. She stated she wanted to make sure the Agenda Item cover showed the timing of the amenities to the CO.

In response to Chairman Bryant, Ms. Straub advised that the language regarding the buffers reflects they come with each phase as would be expected with construction.

Upon motion of Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Curry, the Board acted on the Consent Agenda to include the revisions as presented today:

7.1. Administration:

7.1.1. Request Approval of Blanket Travel for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (Budget Impact - Neutral; as approved in the FY 2025-26 budget)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Executive Assistant Jennifer Clerk, Commission Office:

Description/Background: The 2026 legislative regular session begins Tuesday, January 13, 2026, and ends on Friday, March 13, 2026, the 60th and last day of regular session. Regular session is preceded by Interim Committee meetings, which may be scheduled as early as October 2025. Additionally, meetings are scheduled with many state legislators, including Marion County's own state delegation members, federal congressional leaders and associations.

Members of the Board of County Commissioners and appropriate staff (such as the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrators, Executive Director, Legislative Manager and Executive Assistant) may on occasion be required to travel to Tallahassee, Florida and Washington D.C., to also include legislators'

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district offices as well as state and federal agencies outside the county. Commissioners are appointed to serve on select committees through legislative associations and are members of other organizations (non-legislative) that require additional travel for their participation.

Staff is requesting consideration and approval of blanket travel as requested for FY 2025-26 and as scheduling permits.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; as approved in the FY 2025-26 budget.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the blanket travel for FY 2025-26.

7.1.2. Request Approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Sumter County and Marion County Regarding Road Ownership and Maintenance of Sumter County Road 102, Also Known as Marion County SE 180th Street (Budget Impact - None)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes, Administration:

Description/Background: The border between Sumter County and Marion County lies along the centerline of the right-of-way for Sumter County Road (CR) 102, which is also known as Marion County SE 180th Street. Staff from both counties have drafted this agreement together to provide for clear and efficient maintenance responsibilities.

In summary, Sumter County agrees to be responsible for that portion of the road and road right-of-way between Sumter CR 103 and Sumter CR 101; and Marion County will do the same for that portion of the road and road right-of-way between Highway 301 and Sumter CR 103. Responsibilities include, but are not limited, right-of-way permitting; maintenance such as mowing, tree trimming, debris removal, asphalt repair, road repaving and reconstruction, traffic signage and striping; and addressing stormwater or drainage needs.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the Interlocal Agreement between Sumter County and Marion County regarding road ownership and maintenance of CR 102.

7.2. Attorney:

7.2.1. Request Approval of the Interlocal Agreement Between Marion County and the City of Ocala for the City to Collect EMS Impact Fees Within the Ocala City Limits (Budget Impact - None)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by County Attorney Mathew G. Minter, Legal:

Description/Background: On May 23, 2025, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2025-17, the "Marion County Fire Rescue Impact Fee Ordinance." Because the City has its own fire department, only EMS Impact Fees will be charged within the City. This draft agreement provides for City collection of those impact fees within the City and remittance to the County. We have been working with the City to finalize this agreement, and the County Attorney is requesting general approval of this agreement but authorization for the County Attorney to negotiate any final revisions with the City Attorney.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve agreement and authorize the County Attorney to negotiate any final revisions with the City Attorney.

7.2.2. Request Approval of Interlocal Agreement Between Marion County and the City of Belleview for the City to Collect Fire Rescue Impact Fees Within the Belleview City Limits (Budget Impact - None)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by County Attorney Minter, Legal:

Description/Background: On May 23, 2025, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2025-17, the "Marion County Fire Rescue Impact Fee Ordinance." This agreement provides for City collection of those impact fees within the City of Belleview and remittance to the County. The City collection of the Impact Fees is more cost effective than any alternative collection method. We will have a separate Interlocal Agreement with the City of Ocala for similar collection services. The City Commission is considering this Agreement on October 7th.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the Interlocal Agreement with City Of Belleview for Collection and Expenditure of Fire Service Impact Fees.

7.3. Community Services:

7.3.1. Request Approval of Florida Housing Finance Corporation Local Government of Opportunity Funding Form and Marion County Community Services Preliminary Loan Commitment Agreement for Construction Financing Letter for Madison Oaks West II, LLC (Budget Impact - Neutral; not to exceed \$460,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Community Services Director Cheryl Butler:

Description/Background: Marion County Community Services issued a request for applications in response to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation's (FHFC) Request for Applications (RFA) 2025-201. Three applicants submitted proposals for consideration: Madison Oaks West II, LLC (Madison Oaks Phase II), Magnolia Terrace, and Oak Valley. In accordance with FHFC guidelines, the County may designate only one project for Local Government Contribution and Area of Opportunity (LGAO) preference. Local government commitments include a State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) match of \$460,000 to strengthen the competitiveness of applications under FHFC's scoring process.

All three proposals were independently reviewed by Neighborhood Lending Partners, a third-party evaluator secured by the County, and presented to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) for consideration. On September 3, 2025, AHAC voted to recommend Madison Oaks Phase II as the project that best aligns with RFA requirements and community priorities.

The initial Madison Oaks development was awarded housing tax credits in 2022, which delivered 96 fully occupied affordable units. The proposed Phase II will add an additional 96 units, has the City of Ocala's support, and is shovel-ready with permits already secured.

AHAC recommends approval to designate Madison Oaks Phase II as Marion County's Local Government Area of Opportunity (LGAO) project for FHFC RFA 2025-201. The County's support will include:

- Issuance of a Verification of Contribution Loan Form and Preliminary Loan Commitment Agreement for construction financing.

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- Commitment of up to \$460,000 from the FY 2025-26 SHIP grant as match funding, contingent upon FHFC awarding the housing tax credits.

If awarded by FHFC, construction of Madison Oaks Phase II is anticipated to begin in 2026.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; not to exceed \$460,000.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize Chairman and Clerk to execute the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Local Government of Opportunity Funding Form and Marion County Community Services Preliminary Loan Commitment Agreement for Construction Financing letter for Madison Oaks West II, LLC.

7.3.2. Request Approval of the Marion County Standard Professional Services Agreement Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG-PS) with Vets Resource Center, Inc. (Budget Impact - Neutral; not to exceed \$50,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Community Services Director Butler:

Description/Background: On August 6, 2025, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Action Plan for Community Services, which includes the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). This Annual Action Plan aligns with the Fiscal Year 2024-28 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The Vets Resource Center is requesting \$50,000 of CDBG-PS grant. The Vets Resource Center is a local nonprofit dedicated to serving Marion County veterans, many of whom face an elevated risk of cancer due to service-related disabilities sustained throughout our nation's conflicts. The funding requested will support a critical initiative to provide early cancer detection testing for low-to-moderate income Veterans. These advanced tests can identify more than 50 types of cancer in their earliest stages, significantly improving treatment outcomes. Currently, this essential testing is not available through the Veterans Administration, leaving a critical gap in care that this project seeks to fill.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; not to exceed \$50,000.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair and the Clerk to execute all necessary documentation associated with the agreement for the CDBG-PS grant with Vets Resource Center, Inc.

7.3.3. Request Approval of Marion County Standard Professional Services Agreement Emergency Solutions Grant Program (HESG) with Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc. Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Brother's Keeper (Budget Impact-Neutral, not to exceed \$77,029)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Community Services Director Butler:

Description/Background: On August 6, 2025, the Board approved the FY 2025-26 Annual Action Plan for Community Services, which includes the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). This Annual Action Plan aligns with the Fiscal Year 2024-28 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Brother's Keeper, a ministry of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, is requesting \$77,028.45 through of the ESG grant. The funding will support emergency housing

services for individuals and families at risk of homelessness. As a condition of the award, Brother's Keeper will provide a dollar-for-dollar match, bringing additional resources to the effort. With these combined funds, the organization anticipates assisting approximately 90 families in need of stable housing.

Budget/Impact: Neutral, not to exceed \$77,028.45.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute all necessary documents associated with this Agreement with Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc. d/b/a Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Brother's Keeper.

7.3.4. Request Approval of the Marion County Standard Professional Services Agreement Challenge Grant with Ocala Housing Authority (Budget Impact - Neutral; not to exceed \$55,430)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Community Services Director Butler:

Description/Background: On July 15, 2025, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners approved a contract with the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to distribute state and federal funds, administered through the Ocala/Marion Joint Office on Homelessness Continuum of Care (CoC) FL-514, to support local homeless service providers.

Total funding awarded to Marion County:

- Challenge Grant: \$800,664.84
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): \$242,339.34
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF): \$31,574.33
- Total: \$1,074,578.51

As of the approved Continuum of Care Plan, nonprofit organizations were invited to apply for funding for projects that meet community priorities. Ocala Housing Authority, a local nonprofit serving Marion County residents who are experiencing financial instability and homelessness, requested \$55,430.00 from the Challenge Grant.

These funds will provide permanent supportive housing and supportive services for five (5) families experiencing housing instability in Marion County. This agreement expires June 30, 2026.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; not to exceed \$55,430.00.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair and the Clerk to execute all necessary documentation associated with this agreement for Challenge Grant with Ocala Housing Authority.

7.3.5. Request Approval of the Marion County Standard Professional Services Agreement Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG-PS) with Marion County Sexual Assault Center, Inc. (Budget Impact - Neutral; not to exceed \$100,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Community Services Director Butler:

Description/Background: On August 6, 2025, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Action Plan for Community Services, which includes the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). This Annual Action Plan aligns with the Fiscal Year 2024-28 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

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The Marion County Sexual Assault Center is requesting \$100,000 of CDBG-PS grant. The funding will support victims who have experienced trauma of sexual assault. Since taking over from the previous provider, the Center has assisted 142 victims and delivered over 900 critical services within the past year. The program's primary goal is to reduce the incidence of sexual assault in Marion County while providing comprehensive support to victims to aid in their recovery.

Budget/Impact: Neutral, not to exceed \$100,000.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair and the Clerk to execute all necessary documentation associated with the Marion County Standard Professional Services Agreement for the CDBG Program with Marion County Sexual Assault Center, Inc.

7.3.6. Request Approval of Third Amendment to the Agreement Between Marion County and Homeowner for State Housing Initiatives Partnership Housing Rehabilitation with Aubrey D. Jacobs (Budget Impact - None)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Community Services Director Butler:

Description/Background: Marion County administers State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funding to benefit low to moderate income households. On January 21, 2025, the Board approved an Agreement with Marion County and Ms. Jacobs in the amount of \$150,000 to replace Ms. Jacobs' home under SHIP.

On April 1, 2025, the Board approved Ms. Jacobs' First Amendment to enable the County to pay off the first mortgage to move the project forward without delay.

On June 17, 2025, the Board approved Ms. Jacobs' Second Amendment to provide the opportunity to order and purchase the manufactured home.

This Third Amendment provides the homeowner flexibility to apply insurance proceeds and charitable donations toward project expenses. The County's remaining SHIP funds, capped at \$26,663.27, will be used to pay for licensed contractors or vendors for the manufactured home setup and related work necessary to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy. Any costs beyond this amount are the sole responsibility of the homeowner.

Expense and Reimbursement Summary:

1/21/2025	\$150,000.00	Contract Award
4/10/2025	(\$71,063.73)	First Mortgage Payoff
4/22/2015	(\$654.00)	Recording and doc stamps
5/5/2025	(\$51,619.00)	Manufactured Home
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	\$26,663.27	Remaining Balance

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute all necessary documentation for this amended agreement between Marion County and Ms. Jacobs.

7.3.7. Request Approval of Regional Opioid Settlement Committee Recommendation for Funding (Budget Impact - Neutral; not to exceed \$202,521)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Community Services Director Butler:

Description/Background: On November 5, 2024, the Board approved the Interlocal Agreement to Monitor and Review the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds

between Marion County and Marion County Hospital District (MCHD), followed by a First Amendment on December 17, 2024. This agreement designates MCHD as the disbursement agent responsible for distribution, vetting, monitoring, and reporting of expenditures for regional opioid funds.

On July 1, 2025, the Board approved the 2025-26 Marion County Regional Opioid Abatement Plan, which set four (4) funding priorities recommended by the Opioid Settlement Committee to include:

- Expansion of Warm Handoff Programs and Recovery Services
- Pregnant and Postpartum Women
- Connections to Care
- Support People in Treatment and Recovery

On September 11, 2025, The Opioid Settlement Committee reviewed and recommends approval for an additional project that is consistent with the approved priorities:

- Dignity House - Wear Gloves: Dignity House is a transitional, low-barrier housing for men with opioid use disorder and co-occurring conditions. The program combines housing with wraparound recovery services, including counseling, peer support, job training, and case management. The recommended award is \$193,800, and in accordance with MCDH's interlocal agreement with the County, a 4.5% administrative allocation is required, bringing the total recommended distribution to \$202,521.

Also, during the September 11th Opioid Settlement Committee meeting the allocations for the Marion County Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) Network were between SMA Healthcare, Ocala Fire Rescue, and Marion County Fire Rescue. This collaboration will expand access to treatment, stabilization, and recovery services across the community. A summary of the recommended allocations are attached.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; not to exceed \$202,521.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the recommendation, authorize the Marion County Hospital District to issue agreements and distribute funds, and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute all necessary documentation.

7.3.8. Request Approval of Third Amendment of Marion County Standard Professional Service Agreement New Construction Project with Habitat for Humanity of Marion County, LLC (Budget Impact - None)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Community Services Director Butler:

Description/Background: On March 5, 2024, the Board approved an agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Marion County, LLC in the amount of \$1,080,000 to construct six (6) single family homes with a focus to serve 80% area median income (AMI) households, not to exceed 120% AMI.

On May 21, 2024, the Board approved the First Amendment to the agreement to accommodate a parcel swap after one of the originally conveyed parcels was determined not to be zoned for residential use.

On July 1, 2025, the Board approved the Second Amendment to the agreement to increase the down payment and closing cost assistance from \$30,000 to \$50,000 per homebuyer.

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This Amendment seeks to modify the original agreement by extending the expiration date by 60 days to December 5, 2025. This extension is necessary due to unforeseen delays regarding the construction of the homes.

All other terms and conditions of the original agreement remain in effect, including Habitat for Humanity of Marion County, LLC to satisfy the requirements agreed upon, maintain affordability guidelines, and meet income eligibility requirements.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute all necessary documentation associated with this agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Marion County, LLC.

7.4. Development Review Committee:

7.4.1. Request Approval of Waiver Request for Land Development Code Section 2.16.1.B(8)(g) - Agricultural Lot Split Establishment of County Municipal Services Benefit Unit for Classic Acres Phase 1, Parcel Number 12654-000-00, Application Number 32697 (for Agricultural Lot Split Application Number 32696) (Budget Impact - None)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Building Safety Director Michael L. Savage, Sr. on behalf of the Development Review Committee (DRC):

Description/Background: Section 2.16.1.B(8)(g) of the Land Development Code states a County Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) shall be established for the maintenance of the improvements created by this division prior to final approval and recordation. A waiver to this provision may only be granted by the Board upon review and recommendation by the Development Review Committee (DRC).

This Agricultural Lot Split is located in the northwest portion of the county containing eight (8) lots on approximately 94.85 acres.

The Applicant requests to allow an easement agreement that stipulates maintenance. DRC action on September 8, 2025, was to recommend approval.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Agricultural Lot Split with the creation of a MSBU.

7.5. Fire Rescue:

7.5.1. Request Approval of the Associate Medical Director Agreement (Budget Impact - Neutral)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Fire Chief James Banta, MCFR:

Description/Background: In FY 2021-22, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners approved a contractual agreement with Dr. Frank Fraunfelder to serve as Medical Director for Marion County Fire Rescue. As a provision of that agreement, the County committed to establishing an Associate Medical Director position in the fourth year of the agreement (FY 2025-26) to support system oversight, quality improvement, and clinical operations. The proposed agreement between Marion County and the selected Associate Medical Director fulfills this contractual obligation and will enhance medical direction capabilities within the EMS system.

Budget/Impact: Neutral.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the Associate Medical Director Agreement.

7.6. Library Services:

7.6.1. State Library Construction Grant Authorization, (Revenue of up to \$500,000 in FY2025-26)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Public Library System Director Julia H. Sieg:

Description/Background: The Marion County Public Library System is eligible to apply for the Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services Public Library Construction grant of up to \$500,000. Funding is dependent on appropriation being allocated through the regular legislative funding process.

One of the required documents when applying for this construction grant is an approved agenda item, which provides:

1. Authorization for submission of the application. (This requires a motion to authorize the Library Director to apply.)
2. Name or position title of person authorized to sign the application and provide required certifications. (Because it is an electronic process, it is necessary for the Library Director to submit, sign, and provide certifications.)
3. Assurance that the required match of a dollar-for-dollar of the grant request will be available and unencumbered at the time of grant award. (Because the construction project will be completed at the time of grant award, this assurance is perfunctory.)
4. Assurance that funding is sufficient and will be available in order that the project will result in a completed library building. (This too is perfunctory.)
5. Assurance that upon completion of the project, sufficient funds will be available to operate the facility. (A simple statement to this effect will be sufficient.)
6. Assurance that the building will be used exclusively for the public library purposes for which it was constructed or altered, and submission of proposed changes in use to the Division for approval if within 20 years of the completion of the construction project. (A simple statement will be sufficient.)

Assurance that Marion County has legal title to the property and building, and unconditional use of the site and the building. (Grant guidelines state that a deed is sufficient documentation.)

Budget/Impact: Revenue of up to \$500,000 in FY2025-26.

Recommended Action: Motion to authorize the Library Director, Julia H. Sieg, to apply for and certify the Public Library Construction grant in the Department of State grants portal. Furthermore, the motion provides ASSURANCE that:

- Marion County has provided well beyond a dollar-for-dollar match towards the design and construction of the Freedom Public Library expansion.
- Funding is sufficient to complete the expansion project.
- Funding is sufficient to operate the Freedom Public Library.
- The Freedom Public Library building project will result in a building used exclusively as a public library facility for the next 20 years.
- Marion County has legal title to the property and building and unconditional use of the same.

7.7. Procurement Services:

7.7.1. Request Approval of Bid Award: 25B-146 SW 128th Avenue/SW 129th Terrace Road Resurface Project - C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. Ocala, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$879,311)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Susan Olsen:

On behalf of the Office of the County Engineer, Procurement advertised a bid to hire a qualified contractor to make resurfacing improvements along SW 128th Avenue and SW 129th Terrace Road from SW Highway 484 to SW 100th Lane. The work includes overlaying the existing pavement, constructing side streets and driveway aprons, sodding the shoulders, and applying new pavement striping and markings. Five (5) submittals were received, and the tabulation is below:

Firm - Location	Bid Total
C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. - Ocala, FL	\$879,311.45
Pave-Rite, Inc. - Lecanto, FL	\$913,423.06
Anderson Columbia Co, Inc. - Ocala, FL	\$915,776.85
Art Walker Construction, Inc. - Ocala, FL	\$921,092.69
Superior Asphalt, Inc. - Brooksville, FL	\$1,068,001.00

Steven Cohoon, P.E., County Engineer, recommends that C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. receive the award as the lowest, most responsive, and most responsible bidder.

Attached for review is a draft of the contract. Upon approval at today's meeting, it will be sent to C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. for signature, and upon return, will be forwarded to Legal, the Clerk, and Chairman for signatures.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$879,311.45. 10% contingency will be added to the purchase order in accordance with the Procurement Manual. Funding is from BO762541-563220 (2nd Local Option Fuel Tax) (\$439,655.73), and BM761541-563221 (80% Gas Tax Construction Fund) (\$439,655.72).

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the recommendation and allow staff to issue a contract, and upon approval by Legal, authorize the Clerk and Chairman to execute contract with C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. under 25B-146.

7.7.2. Request Approval of Bid Award: 25B-154 2025 Marion Oaks Resurfacing Project - C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc., Ocala, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$2,920,514)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On behalf of Marion County Municipal Services, Procurement advertised a bid to solicit qualified and experienced contractors for a resurfacing project. The scope of work includes resurfacing approximately 21.39 miles of subdivision roads in Marion Oaks Units nine (9) and eleven (11). The project involves roadway preparation, leveling, removal of high shoulders, temporary striping, permanent thermoplastic striping and stabilization of all areas disturbed during construction. See bid tabulation below:

Vendor - Location	Bid
C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. - Ocala, FL	\$2,920,514.00
Superior Asphalt Inc. - Bradenton, FL	\$3,094,001.00

Pave-Rite, Inc. - Lecanto, FL	\$3,272,441.65
Anderson Columbia Co., Inc - Ocala, FL	\$3,812,729.52

Municipal Services Director, Chad Wicker, recommends that C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. receive the award as the lowest, most responsive bidder. Attached for review is a contract draft. Pending approval at today’s meeting, it will be sent to C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. for signatures. Upon return, it will be forwarded to Legal, the Clerk and Chairman for execution.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$2,920,514.00. Up to 10% contingency may be added to the purchase order in accordance with the Procurement Manual. Funding is from HI514541-563220 (Rm Marion Oaks Road Imprv).

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the recommendation, allow staff to issue a contract and upon approval by Legal, authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the contract with C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. under 25B-154.

7.7.3. Request for Approval of Blanket Authorization for Staff to Expedite Vehicle Purchases and Blanket Bid Exemption for Off-the-Lot Purchases Meeting or Exceeding \$50,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-26

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: In an effort to streamline and expedite the County's vehicle acquisition process and reduce operational delays due to ongoing manufacturer production and delivery issues, staff is requesting blanket authorization from the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to proceed with all vehicle purchases on the attached list, whether by factory order or off-the-lot, without the need for individual Board approval for FY 2025-26.

This authority would apply to all vehicle purchases, provided they remain within the budgeted amounts approved for each department. When vehicles are available for immediate purchase off the lot, staff would be permitted to proceed without delay, ensuring that departmental operations are not disrupted due to long manufacturer lead times.

For purchases that meet or exceed the \$50,000 threshold, staff are also requesting a blanket bid exemption to facilitate off-the-lot vehicle acquisitions without formal solicitation, when necessary to meet urgent operational needs and avoid extended delays.

To ensure continued transparency and oversight, staff will provide a quarterly report to the BCC under Notation for Record listing all vehicle purchases made, regardless of amount or procurement method, under this blanket authorization.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Approve blanket authorization for FY 2025-26 for staff to proceed with all vehicle purchases on the attached list, whether off the lot or by factory order, without further Board action, provided the purchases remain within approved budgeted amounts; approve a blanket bid exemption for off-the-lot purchases of \$50,000 or more; and require quarterly reporting to the BCC under Notation for Record listing all such purchases.

(Ed. Note: This revised Item was addressed earlier in the meeting.)

7.7.4. Request Approval of Contract Amendment (Renewal): 20P-162-CA-03, Background Screenings for Employees and Volunteers/Interns - Accurate Background

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Check, Inc., Ocala, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; estimated annual expenditure of \$53,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On September 30, 2020, the County Administrator approved a three (3) year contract with Accurate Background Check, Inc. to provide background screening services for County employees, volunteers, and interns. These screenings ensure compliance with County policies and support a safe and reliable workforce. Accurate Background Check, Inc. has complied with all terms and conditions of the original agreement, and the Human Resources Director, Sara Caron, recommends renewing the contract for the final available term, which will remain in effect through September 30, 2026.

Attached for review is a draft of the contract amendment. Pending approval at today's meeting, it will be sent to the vendor for signature, and upon return, will be forwarded to the County Attorney, Clerk and Chairman for signatures.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; estimated annual expenditure of \$53,000. Funding is from line AA170513-531109, Human Resources General Fund.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and allow staff to issue and upon approval by Legal, authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the contract amendment with Accurate Background Check, Inc., under 20P-162.

7.7.5. Request Approval of Contract Amendment (Renewal): 20P-165-CA-03 Tire Service and Repairs - Advanced Tire Service, LLC, Ocala, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; estimated annual expenditure of \$625,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On October 20, 2020, the Board approved contract 20P-165 Tire Service and Repairs with two (2) firms to provide tire services for the County's fleet, including recapping, 24-hour emergency roadside services, and mounting and balancing for cars, trucks, and trailers.

Of the two contracted firms, only Advanced Tire Service, LLC (ATS), has expressed interest in renewing the contract for an additional year. ATS has consistently received favorable evaluations under this contract, and Marion County Fleet Management recommends exercising the final renewal option with this vendor.

Attached for review is the draft amendment. Pending approval at today's meeting, the amendment will be sent to Advanced Tire Service, LLC, for execution. Once returned, it will be routed for final approval by the County Attorney, Clerk, and Chairman.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; estimated annual expenditure of \$625,000. Funds will be available in AA178519-546305 (General Fund).

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Contract Renewal and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute under 20P-165-CA-03.

7.7.6. Request Approval of Contract Amendments (Renewals): 20Q-170-CA-02, Architectural Services - Architecture Studio, Inc., Ocala, FL, Partin Architecture Co., Ocala, FL, Rispoli and Associates Architecture, Inc., Ocala, FL, Walker Architects, Inc.,

Gainesville, FL, and 20Q-170-CA-03, Monarch Design Group, LLC, Gainesville, FL, (Budget Impact - None)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On October 20, 2020, the Board approved the Selection Committee's recommendation to award contracts for Architectural Services under 20Q-170 to Architecture Studio, Inc., Partin Architecture Co., Rispoli and Associates Architecture, Inc., Walker Architects, Inc., and Monarch Design Group, LLC (formerly Skinner Vignola McLean, Inc.). All firms have performed in accordance with their contract and Marion County Facilities Management is requesting renewal of these contracts under the first of two (2) available five (5) year renewal options.

Attached for review are drafts of the amendments that will be sent to each firm. Upon Board approval, the contracts will be sent to the firms for execution and subsequently forwarded to legal, then the Clerk and Chairman for signature.

Budget/Impact: None; task orders will be negotiated individually, as assigned. Task orders that exceed the County Administrator's approval threshold will be brought back before the Board as a separate task order with a detailed scope and fee schedule for review and final approval.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve recommendation and allow staff to issue contracts, and upon approval by Legal, authorize the Chairman to execute contracts with Architecture Studio, Inc., Partin Architecture Co., Rispoli and Associates Architecture, Inc., LLC, Walker Architects, Inc., and Monarch Design Group, LLC, under 20Q-170.

7.7.7. Request Approval of Contract Amendments (Renewals): 21C-007, Kronos Timekeeping System - Kronos, Inc., Lowell, MA (Budget Impact - Neutral; total expenditure of \$185,828)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On September 17, 2020, the Board approved a contract with Kronos, Inc. (Kronos) for the implementation of a countywide timekeeping system integrated with the Tyler ERP system. We are now presenting the renewals of Contract Amendments Four and Five, which were previously approved by the Board on June 18, 2024, as outlined below:

21C-007-CA-04:

Annual Telestaff Cloud Maintenance for Fire Rescue and Public Safety Communications. This cloud-based platform combines time, overtime, and vacation assignments in one system, allowing employees to track time, submit time-off requests, and maintain compliance with labor laws.

21C-007-CA-05:

UKG Pro Workforce Management. This cloud-based suite integrates HR, payroll, and talent management, using AI and other smart technologies to provide workforce insights and improve employee management.

This agenda item further requests that the annual renewals associated with these services - including any renewals or amendments for services covered under the master agreement and associated with this contract - not be required to come before the Board for approval each year, provided expenditures do not exceed the

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approved annual budgeted amounts, and further authorizes the County Administrator, Mounir Bouyounes, to execute such renewals and amendments on behalf of the County.

Attached are the renewal documents for review. Upon approval, they will be processed, purchase orders issued to Kronos, and the records incorporated into the project file.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; combined expenditure of \$185,827.20, per the department breakdown attached.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the renewal of Contract Amendments Four and Five with Kronos, Inc., and authorize the County Administrator to execute any subsequent renewals or amendments for services under the master agreement provided expenditures remain within the approved annual budgeted amounts.

7.7.8. Request Approval of Contract Amendment (Renewal): 22C-027-CA-04 CEP Funding Agreement - Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce dba Ocala Metro Chamber and Economic Partnership for Economic Development and Small Business Incubator Services (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$300,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: The Ocala Metro Chamber and Economic Partnership (CEP) provides a series of economic development and small business incubator services to promote opportunities leading to the creation of new Marion County employment, new or emerging business formation, and new capital investment opportunities. This agreement describes the scope of services CEP will continue to provide to Marion County, establishing the criteria that will be used in evaluating overall performance, making payments, and continuation of services beyond the current term of the agreement.

Attached for review is a draft of the agreement. Upon approval, it will be forwarded to CEP for signature and once returned will be routed to Legal, the Clerk, and Chairman for signatures.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; annual expenditure of \$300,000, in 12-month installments of \$25,000.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Contract Renewal between Marion County, Florida and the Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce dba Ocala Metro Chamber and Economic Partnership for Economic Development and Small Business Incubator Services for the period beginning October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026.

7.7.9. Request Approval of Contract Amendment: 24Q-071-CA-01, Marion County Sheriff Office Operations Office Remodel, Construction Manager at Risk - D.E. Scorpio Corporation d/b/a Scorpio, Gainesville, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure not to exceed \$3,963,899)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On behalf of Facilities Management, Procurement advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Operations Office Renovation, Construction Manager at Risk

(CMR) project. The CMR will offer comprehensive construction management services that includes hiring professional local subcontractors for all aspects of the construction project to remodel portions of the existing building totaling 20,198 square feet. The scope includes new partition layouts, finishes, specialties and a commercial kitchen. At its meeting on April 16, 2024, the Board approved a contract with D.E. Scorpio Corporation d/b/a Scorpio (Scorpio) to serve as the county's Construction Manager for this project. Following this approval, Scorpio engaged with the County's negotiations team to finalize a timeline and establish a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP). The project scope includes the following key documents: Executive Summary, Package-Level Schedule of Values, and a detailed breakdown of the GMP proposal.

Attached for review is a draft contract amendment. Pending approval at today's meeting, it will be forwarded to Scorpio for execution as written, and upon return, will be processed for signatures from Legal, the Clerk, and Chair.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure not to exceed \$3,963,899. Up to ten percent (10%) contingency may be added to the Purchase Order in accordance with the Procurement Manual. Funding from:

VJ736521-562102 - SOC000011 - \$2,178,680 (Surtax)

AA705571-562102 - SOC000011 - \$1,785,219.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and allow staff to issue, and upon return by Legal, authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the First Contract Amendment with D.E. Scorpio Corporation d/b/a Scorpio under 24Q-056.

7.7.10. Request Approval of Task Order: 22Q-228-TO-11 Geotechnical Services for SW 145th Place Road and SW 49th Avenue Segment F Construction Project - Central Testing Laboratory, Inc. Leesburg, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$222,754)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On October 17, 2023, the Board approved contracts with five (5) geotechnical firms to provide various services for the County. These services include, but are not limited to, material testing, laboratory testing, monitoring, analyzing, reporting data, and more. The Office of the County Engineer has assigned geotechnical engineering services for SW 145th Place Road and SW 49th Ave Segment F construction project to Central Testing Laboratory, Inc. This work will consist of field and laboratory testing services to ensure road construction material and workmanship comply with project specifications, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and other applicable standards. The Office of the County Engineer will receive a report presenting findings, evaluations, and recommendations.

Attached for review is a draft of the contract; pending approval at today's meeting, it will be sent to Central Testing Laboratory, Inc. for signature and upon return, it will be forwarded for the County Attorney's, Clerk's, and Chairman's signatures.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; project shall not exceed 2% of the total cost of construction. Funding is from VJ738541-563220 (\$157,727.40) (Infrast Surtax Cap Proj Fund), and BL760541-563220 (\$65,026.69) (Cnty Trans Maint Fund).

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Recommended Action: Motion to approve the recommendation and allow staff to issue contract, and upon approval by Legal, authorize the Chairman to execute contract with Central Testing Laboratory, Inc.

7.7.11. Request Approval of Task Order: 23Q-087-TO-46 Post Design Services for SR 40 and SW 80th Avenue Intersection Improvement Construction Project - Guerra Development Corp. Ocala, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$109,745)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On June 6, 2023, the Board approved contracts with multiple firms to provide various civil site-related engineering services for the County. Firms were selected based on the area of specialty and equitable distribution of work among all firms in accordance with §287.055 Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act.

Guerra Development Corp (Guerra) has been chosen to provide post-design services for the construction of the NW/SW 80th Avenue and SR 40 intersection. The work will include bid support, attending the pre-construction meeting, reviewing shop drawings, reviewing material specifications and submittals, limited construction oversight, completion certificates, reviewing as-built drawings, and coordination of environmental permits.

Attached for review is a draft of the contract; pending approval at today's meeting, it will be sent to Guerra for signature and upon return, it will be forwarded to the County Attorney, Clerk, and Chairman for signatures.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; project shall not exceed \$109,745. Funding is from VJ738541-563220 (Infrast Surtax Cap Proj Fund).

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the recommendation and allow staff to issue contract, and upon approval by Legal, authorize the Chairman to execute contract with Guerra Development Corp.

7.7.12. Request Approval of Purchases \$50,000 and Over

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: The item(s) below have been received by Procurement Services and are approved for conformance with the Procurement Code/Manual, pending approval at today's meeting.

Pending Requisition/Tyler Technologies, Inc. - Marion County Information Technology (MCIT) requests approval to purchase additional Tyler ERP Civic Services Community Development Suite Module and Enterprise Permitting & Licensing Mobile, to include one year maintenance, as staffing levels have increased requiring more licenses. Total expenditure of \$133,620; see breakdown of funding attached. This purchase meets the competitive bidding requirements under Master Service Agreement 17P-058.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve requested purchases.

7.8. Tourist Development:

7.8.1. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Request for Room Night Generating Event - Florida Swims High School Swim Meet Hosted by Swimming Pool

Education and Safety Foundation Inc. (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of up to \$2,500)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Loretta Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Room Night Generating Event Funding Program is intended to position Marion County as a must-experience destination in Florida through bringing quality events and initiatives to Marion County. This funding contract is for Florida Swims High School Swim Meet hosted by Swimming Pool Education and Safety Foundation Inc., to be held October 3-4, 2025, at Florida Aquatics Swimming and Training. This event was recommended for funding in the amount of \$2,500 by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of up to \$2,500. Funding from CP155552-548101.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.2. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Request for Room Night Generating Event - Ocala International Horse Show Hosted by Ocala International Horse Show, Inc. (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of up to \$14,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Room Night Generating Event Funding Program is intended to position Marion County as a must-experience destination in Florida by bringing quality events and initiatives to Marion County. This funding contract is for Ocala International Horse Show hosted by Ocala International Horse Show, Inc., to be held October 21-25, 2025, at World Equestrian Center. This event was recommended for funding in the amount of \$14,000 by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of up to \$14,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.3. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Request for Room Night Generating Event - Witches Brew Spell-A-Thon Softball Tournament Hosted by Southeastern Fastpitch (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of up to \$15,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

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Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Room Night Generating Event Funding Program is intended to position Marion County as a must-experience destination in Florida by bringing quality events and initiatives to Marion County. This funding contract is for Witches Brew Spell-A-Thon Softball Tournament hosted by Southeastern Fastpitch, to be held October 24-26, 2025, at Ocala Regional Sportsplex & Shocker Park. This event was recommended for funding in the amount of \$15,000 by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of up to \$15,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.4. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Request for Room Night Generating Event - AYF Football & Cheer Southeast Regional Championship Hosted by Central Florida Youth Tackle Football, Inc. (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of up to \$6,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Room Night Generating Event Funding Program is intended to position Marion County as a must-experience destination in Florida by bringing quality events and initiatives to Marion County. This funding contract is for AYF Football & Cheer Southeast Regional Championship hosted by Central Florida Youth Tackle Football, Inc., to be held November 14-16, 2025, at Ocala Regional Sportsplex. This event was recommended for funding in the amount of \$6,000 by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of up to \$6,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.5. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Request for Room Night Generating Event - Fiddler's Turkey Run Hosted by Fiddler's Turkey Run, Inc. (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of up to \$6,130)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion

County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Room Night Generating Event Funding Program is intended to position Marion County as a must-experience destination in Florida by bringing quality events and initiatives to Marion County. This funding contract is for Fiddler's Turkey Run hosted by Fiddler's Turkey Run, Inc., to be held November 25-29, 2025, at World Equestrian Center. This event was recommended for funding in the amount of \$6,130 by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of up to \$6,130. Funding from CP155552-548101.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.6. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Eaton's Beach Aquatic Sports, LLC (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Eaton's Beach Aquatic Sports, LLC. This program was recommended for funding in the amount of \$5,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.7. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Marion Cultural Alliance, Inc. (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$4,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Marion Cultural Alliance, Inc. This program was recommended for funding of \$4,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

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Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$4,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.8. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Ocala Symphony Orchestra, Inc., for Benefit of, Reilly Arts Center (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$4,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Ocala Symphony Orchestra, Inc. For Benefit of Reilly Arts Center. This program was recommended for funding of \$4,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$4,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.9. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Reilly Arts Center, LLC., for Benefit of, The Marion Theatre (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$2,500)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Reilly Arts Center, LLC., for benefit of, The Marion Theatre. This program was recommended for funding of \$2,500, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$2,500. Funding from CP155552-548101.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.10. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Roma Restaurant Investment, LLC DBA Roma Italian Restaurant (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Roma Restaurant Investment, LLC DBA Roma Italian Restaurant. This program was recommended for funding of \$5,000 by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.11. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Rainbow Springs Art, Inc. (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$4,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Rainbow Springs Art, Inc. This program was recommended for funding of \$4,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$4,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.12. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Wing Guys, LLC DBA Say Taco (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion

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County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Wing Guys, LLC DBA Say Taco This program was recommended for funding of \$5,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.13. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Anchor Guys, LLC DBA The Anchor (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Anchor Guys, LLC DBA The Anchor. This program was recommended for funding of \$5,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.14. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Jeff's Construction Services, LLC DBA County Line Smokehouse, LLC (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Jeff's Construction Services, LLC DBA County Line Smokehouse, LLC. This program was recommended for funding of \$5,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.15. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Elevation 89, LLC (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Elevation 89, LLC. This program was recommended for funding of \$5,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.16. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for CSF Aquatics, LLC (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for CSF Aquatics, LLC. This program was recommended for funding of \$5,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.17. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Percieca, LLC DBA La Cuisine (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

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The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Percieca, LLC DBA La Cuisine. This program was recommended for funding of \$5,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.18. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Workspace Collective, LLC at 1st Ave (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Workspace Collective, LLC at 1st Avenue. This program was recommended for funding of \$5,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.19. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Workspace Collective, LLC at Fort King (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$2,500)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion

County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Workspace Collective, LLC, at Fort King. This program was recommended for funding of \$2,500, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$2,500. Funding from CP155552-548101. Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.20. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Farm to You Revue, LLC DBA Beautiful Creatures Animal Ranch (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Farm to You Revue, LLC DBA Beautiful Creatures Animal Ranch. This program was recommended for funding of \$5,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000. Funding from CP155552-548101. Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.21. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Gathering Room Café & Bakery, LLC DBA The Gathering Café (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Gathering Room Café & Bakery, LLC DBA The Gathering Café. This program was recommended for funding of \$5,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000. Funding from CP155552-548101. Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

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7.8.22. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Marion County Parks and Recreation Department F/B/O Southeastern Livestock Pavilion (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Marion County Parks and Recreation Department (MCPR) F/B/O Southeastern Livestock Pavilion. This program was recommended for funding of \$5,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the County Administrator to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding.

7.8.23. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Marion County Parks and Recreation Department (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$2,500)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Marion County Parks and Recreation Department (MCPR). This program was recommended for funding of \$2,500, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$2,500. Funding from CP155552-548101.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the County Administrator to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding.

7.8.24. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Anchor of Ocala, LLC DBA Holiday Inn Express & Suites Ocala (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Anchor of Ocala, LLC DBA Holiday Inn Express & Suites Ocala which Mr. Danny Gaekwad, an advisory board member, owns and operates. This program was recommended for funding of \$5,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.25. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Downtown Ocala, LLC DBA Hilton Garden Inn Ocala (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Downtown Ocala, LLC DBA Hilton Garden Inn Ocala which Mr. Danny Gaekwad, an advisory board member, owns and operates. This program was recommended for funding of \$5,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000. Funding from CP155552-548101.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.26. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for MGM Hotels, LLC DBA Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Center (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Schaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Marketing Assistance Program is designed to enable tourism-related businesses in Marion County to enhance their marketing opportunities leveraged with the Ocala/Marion

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County destination brand. This funding contract is for the Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for MGM Hotels, LLC DBA Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Center which Mr. Danny Gaekwad, an advisory board member, owns and operates. This program was recommended for funding of \$5,000, by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2025.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000. Funding from CP155552-548101. Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.9. Transportation - County Engineer:

7.9.1. Request Approval of Marion County Subdivision Improvement Agreements with Surety Bonds for Sabana Owner, LLC for Sabana Reserve Phases 1-3, Application Number 32367 (Budget Impact - None)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by County Engineer Steven Cohoon, Office of the County Engineer (OCE):

Description/Background: The Sabana Reserve Final Plat was approved by the Development Review Committee on August 4, 2025. The Final Plat will be forwarded to County Administration for signature once the Subdivision Improvement Agreements with Bonds are approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Land Development Code Section 2.18.4.D states that a security, limited to an irrevocable letter of credit, bond, or other form approved by the County Attorney, shall be provided in the amount of 120% of the estimated cost of remaining improvements.

Sabana Reserve has been divided into three phases with a Subdivision Improvement Agreement and Surety Bond provided for each phase. Phasing was instituted by the applicant to allow completion and releases of bonds by phases.

The timing of amenities has also been included in the Subdivision Improvement Agreements but are not part of the Surety Bonds. Instead, the applicant has identified that construction of the Amenities will commence prior to issuance of the fiftieth (50) certificate of occupancy (CO); and all Amenities shall be completed by the earlier of the date of issuance of the one hundredth (100) CO or the date that is five (5) years from the first CO.

This subdivision is located in the central portion of the County containing 202 lots, 5 tracts, and 1.17 miles of road on approximately 47.28 acres.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the attached Marion County Subdivision Improvement Agreements, with Surety Bonds, including timing of the amenities, and to authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the same.

(Ed. Note: This revised Item was addressed earlier in the meeting.)

7.10. Utilities:

7.10.1. Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Standard Grant Agreement No. L0070 Between Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Marion County (Budget Impact - Neutral; \$1,000,000 in additional funding)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Utilities Director Tony Cunningham:

Description/Background: The area surrounding the Florida State Fire College has been identified as having soil contamination above the provisional cleanup target levels. The area does not have municipal water service, but instead residents and institutions rely on wells to provide drinking water. Marion County developed a concept plan to extend a centralized potable water system into the Lowell area, aiming to provide clean drinking water within the proposed service area including the State Fire College, other state-run facilities, and surrounding users.

The Standard Grant Agreement L0070 between Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Marion County was originally approved at the Board meeting on March 18, 2025, for the Lowell Area Municipal Drinking Water Project in the amount of \$3,500,000. The original funding only covers a portion of the water main expansion and this additional grant allows for further expansion. The County will continue to seek funding in order to complete the project.

Amendment no. 1 to the Standard Grant Agreement no. L0070 increases the project's revenue and expenditure budget by \$1,000,000 and extends the completion deadline from October 31, 2028, to April 20, 2029.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; \$1,000,000 in additional funding.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Standard Grant Agreement No. L0070.

7.10.2. Request Approval of Amended Water Main Extension Connection Agreement WME-107-S Between Booming Homes LLC and Marion County Utilities (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$37,610)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Utilities Director Cunningham:

Description/Background: In accordance with Land Development Code section 6.14.2, developers (property owners) are required to connect to public utilities if the property being developed is within connection distance. For a single-family residence, the connection distance is 400 feet from the parcel's closest corner to the public water main. In this case, the property owner has applied for a building permit on a parcel within the 400' connection distance of public water main provided by Marion County Utilities (MCU), and is required to install the water main across the parcel's frontage, ending at the farthest corner.

After Agreement WME-107-S was presented to the Board and approved on August 5, 2025, the supporting Exhibit 1 (map) was found to be graphically incorrect, as it incorrectly identified a Benefiting Lot that already had water service and would not be improved by the proposed work. To correct the error, that parcel (benefitting lot) has been removed from the Agreement and Exhibit 1, and the project's total cost was reallocated among the remaining five (5) parcels to be served. This Amendment is necessary to formally remove the non-Benefiting parcel from the payback share obligation as recorded in the Official Records.

Total Project Cost	\$37,610	\$36,910 construction + \$700 design
Per Parcel Cost	\$ 7,522	Five (5) total parcels

Budget/Impact: Neutral; project cost is \$37,610 and construction purchase order includes 10% contingency in accordance with the Procurement Manual. Funding is from ZF448536-563102 with project code UTC000094.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to: repeal the originally approved WME-107 -S; execute the Amended Water Main

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Extension Connection Agreement WME-107-S; and authorize staff to issue the purchase order for T&C Underground under 22P-146.

7.10.3. Request Approval of Amended Water Main Extension Connection Agreement WME-040-O Between Logainvestment, LLC and Marion County Utilities (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$700)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Utilities Director Cunningham:

Description/Background: When Agreement WME-040-O was presented to the Board for approval on February 18, 2025, project costs were based on an 8-inch water main design. It was later determined that the Marion Oaks master plan specifies a 6-inch main, and the project costs were adjusted accordingly. In addition, the developer revised its contractor selection, opting to proceed with Burton Utilities rather than the lowest bid submitted by MCU.

As a result of these changes, the Agreement is being amended to reflect the revised scope and cost allocations, which reduce the share obligation for each parcel from \$7,259.08 to \$4,668.72. The developer's financial obligation to MCU is limited to a \$700 design fee, which has already been paid.

Total Project Cost	\$28,012.31	\$27,312.31 construction + \$700 design
Per Parcel Cost	\$ 4,668.72	Six (6) total parcels

Budget/Impact: Neutral; project cost is \$700 for design services only. Funding is from ZF448536-563102 with project code UTC000094.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to repeal the originally approved agreement and execute the Amended Water Main Extension Connection Agreement WME-040-O.

8. COUNTY ATTORNEY:

8.1. Request for Board Direction Concerning Future Medical Examiner Issues

County Attorney Mathew G. Minter, Legal, presented the following recommendation:

Description/Background: In an agreement dated September 25, 2018, Seminole County (ME District 24) entered an Interlocal Agreement ("ILA") with the ME District 5 Medical Examiner District Counties [Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter] for the Cost Share of Medical Examiner Services and joint use of the Medical Examiner Facility located at 809 Pine Street, Leesburg, Florida. Under that ILA, Marion County would operate as the Administrative Coordinator for the combined Medical Examiner Districts.

The 4th WHEREAS clause on Page 2 of the ILA provided: "WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the DISTRICT 5 COUNTIES and SEMINOLE will jointly use the existing medical examiner facility for the DISTRICT 5 COUNTIES, located at 809 Pine Street, Leesburg, Florida 32748 and owned by LAKE, as both the District 5 and District 24 Medical Examiner Facility (the "Medical Examiner Facility");

In subsection 6. (c) of the ILA, on Page 7, provided that "LAKE shall supply the facility to be used as the capacity of the District Medical Examiner's Office . . ." and "LAKE shall transfer title to any assets of the counties to the Administrative Coordinator . . . as may be required to carry out the purposes of this Agreement.

At the April 13, 2021, Lake County Commission meeting, the County Attorney requested approval on the CONSENT AGENDA Tab 5, for a RESOLUTION approving Lake's transfer of the Medical Examiner Facility to Marion County as

Administrative Coordinator. The title to the Resolution recited that the conveyance "WILL BENEFIT THE CITIZENS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA." Section 3 of the Resolution noted that "the Medical Examiner Facility is hereby conveyed to Marion County pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement [among the 6 counties], provided that in the event this property ceases to be used for the Medical Examiner Facility, then title shall revert to Lake County." Section 3 also recited that the conveyance to Marion was for the price of "\$0." The COUNTY DEED that was approved to convey the MEDICAL EXAMINER FACILITY to Marion County also contained a reverter clause that tracked the language in the Resolution.

At the beginning of this year, Marion County learned that Seminole County had decided it did not want to continue in the current ILA (approved in October 2024) beyond the 2029 end of that agreement. Further, the Lake County Commission has voted that it desires to leave the District 5 ME counties and join with Seminole in District 24. Such an action is ultimately subject to approval of the State Medical Examiner Commission and the Governor.

This leaves open the question - if Lake is permitted to join District 24, what will happen to the Medical Examiner Facility in Leesburg? Lake has taken the position that under the terms of the Reverter Clause, the building will revert to Lake County - automatically.

Lake has a plausible claim to that position in light of the foregoing excerpts from the 2018 ILA, the Resolution, and the County Deed. There are arguments that can be made to the contrary. Unless the parties can reach an agreement, then litigation will be necessary to resolve this matter. In the meantime, all of the parties need to be planning on what facilities they will be using at the end of the current ILA in 2029.

Seminole previously outlined two alternatives: 1) Seminole and Lake stay in the current facility, and the remaining four counties, Citrus, Hernando, Marion and Sumter move out, presumably to a new facility on the site that Marion purchased in Oxford. 2) Seminole and Lake move out to a new facility in Lake County and the remaining District 5 counties continue to use the existing facility -however, in that case, the Lake County Attorney has indicated that if Lake is to give up its reverter rights, then the parties will have to agree on a price to purchase the building from Lake County. Note that this scenario would result in the somewhat unusual situation that the remaining 4 District 5 counties would be using a facility in a county that was no longer in District 5 - because Lake had become a part of District 24.

Seminole and Lake would like to have an agreement with the remaining District 5 counties that would result in, at a minimum, those counties advising the State Medical Examiner Commission that they do not object to Lake leaving District 5, and joining Seminole in District 24 - which conceivably could be under either of the above referenced scenarios.

We have received word that Seminole has requested proposals for the design of a new building in Seminole - wanting to be proactive in planning for their future, as they have indicated they will not continue in the current ILA after 2029.

However, it remains to be seen what the State Medical Examiner Commission will do if the remaining District 5 counties object to Lake County leaving District 5. If such an objection would result in Lake remaining in District 5, then it would appear that fact would somewhat "moot" the issue of the reverter clause in the deed.

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Conclusion: At this point, all of the parties need to be planning for “where they are going to be” in 2029. We have two county commissions that have affirmatively voted that they no longer wish to be in District 5. I am requesting guidance whether to prepare an agreement that would be in the vein of “alternative 2,” which presumably would result in a negotiated acquisition of Lake’s interest in the current facility that the remaining District 5 counties would continue to use - or whether the Board wants to continue to oppose Lake County’s attempt to leave District 5 - with the understanding that if the State approves Lake joining Seminole in District 24, that would either activate the reverter clause, or require the remaining counties to litigate the legal effect of the reverter clause.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Provide Direction Concerning Future Medical Examiner Issues.

County Attorney Minter provided a brief history relating to the District 5 Medical Examiner’s office in Leesburg (Lake County), noting the inclusion of Seminole County (District 24) via an ILA in 2018. He advised that it is important to recognize one provision on Page 3 of the 2018 ILA, which is a clause stating: “Whereas it is the intent of the parties to implement this agreement without increasing the Medical Examiner cost of the District 5 Counties, or reducing the level of Medical Examiner services to the District 5 Counties”. Mr. Minter stated the ILA also recognized it is the expectation of the District 5 Counties that this agreement with Seminole County would cause the projected timeline for an upcoming expansion of the Leesburg facility to be accelerated. He advised that approximately a year ago in October of 2024 all 6 Parties (District 5 Counties and Seminole County) entered into a brand new ILA that contemplated there would be efforts to develop a brand-new Medical Examiner facility. Mr. Minter stated there was an expectation the parties would be acquiring a new site, noting Marion County staff did a lot of work due to being the administrator for the District 5 Counties. He advised that with input from the other participants in the ILA, Marion County acquired a site in Oxford with the intent that all parties would work together to develop a new facility in lieu of the Leesburg facility, which would eventually be outgrown. The 2024 ILA contemplated there would be a further Agreement that clarifies details on the shared expense of the new facility. Mr. Minter stated the parties have never entered into such a new Agreement, but Marion County learned in January 2025 that Seminole County wished to no longer participate in the 2024 ILA. He clarified that the 2024 Agreement has a term that goes to 2029, noting this is the Agreement the parties are currently under with all 6 Counties. Mr. Minter advised that Seminole County provided notice they do not want to continue on, citing objections to the formula being used to apportion the operating expenses amongst all the parties. The formula is based on the population of each of the Counties. He advised that if the number of autopsies were apportioned based on the case load, rather than the population, Seminole County can make the case that they were in effect subsidizing the other Counties, which they have deemed inappropriate. Mr. Minter stated Seminole County had objections to the location of the new facility arguing it would be too difficult to transport cases. He advised that Marion County later discovered Lake County’s request to join Seminole County in District 24; therefore, leaving District 5. This resulted in an application from those 2 Counties to come before the State Medical Examiner Commission requesting Lake County be allowed to join Seminole County in District 24; however, the State Medical Examiner Commission found the application was not well supported and denied it without prejudice for a reapplication at some point in the future.

Mr. Minter stated since the denial a number of meetings have taken place with the other parties at the Medical Examiner District meeting, noting there has been some contentious discussion relating to what is to happen. He advised that the other District 5 Counties urged Lake County to remain in District 5 on a number of occasions. Mr. Minter stated Marion County even offered entertaining a different type of apportionment of the Medical Examiner costs away from the population to a caseload basis. Lake County's BCC voted their position is still to leave District 5.

Commissioner Stone clarified that Lake County Commissioner Sean Parks voted against the motion to leave District 5.

Mr. Minter advised that Marion County continues to request they reconsider, but Lake County seems adamant in their decision. He stated this leaves an unusual situation where the Medical Examiner facility that has been used for all of these years is in Leesburg (Lake County); therefore, the question is if Lake County leaves District 5 to join District 24 what parties will remain in the current Leesburg facility. He commented on Seminole County's previous options presented to the Board, noting their request for the 4 other parties of the ILA to endorse the breakup of District 5. It did not appear the other counties wanted to support the change. Mr. Minter advised that Seminole County's fallback position was requesting the other parties not officially oppose it before the State Medical Examiners Commission. He stated following this, staff questioned if there could be an Agreement in place articulating what facility they will be using. Mr. Minter advised that Seminole County proposed 2 options. The first option being Seminole County and Lake County moving to a new facility in the former and leave the other 4 Counties (Marion County, Citrus County, Hernando County, and Sumter County) at the current facility in Leesburg. He clarified that at the time of the proposal from Lake and Seminole County during the District meeting there was no reference in that letter relating to the buyout of the facility. Mr. Minter advised that following this there were discussions with Lake County Attorney Melanie Marsh, who is indicating their Board would expect some kind of buyout. He stated staff is not sure what those numbers would be at the moment, noting no appraisal has been obtained. Mr. Minter commented on remaining issues that would follow an appraisal, such as the apportionment of expended funds for fixtures in the building the Medical Examiner uses. The Second option would be Lake County and Seminole County remaining in the Leesburg facility while the other 4 Counties leave and pursue building a smaller facility on the property acquired in Oxford. He stated he volunteered to draft an agreement, noting with the various parties consisting of multiple Board members is not an easy task. Mr. Minter advised that Lake County Commissioners want to leave and questioned whether it is the Board's desire to support that if a satisfactory Agreement to Marion County and the other parties was made. He noted the other County Attorney's in District 5 are looking to Marion County since it would be the largest remaining County. Mr. Minter stated it is his impression that if the Board hears the remaining 4 Counties do not support or want Lake County to leave there is a chance the State Medical Examiner Commission would not approve of their leave; therefore, Lake County would remain in District 5 and they would stay in the Leesburg building. He advised of Seminole County's intent to leave whether Lake County joins them or not, which would leave Marion County in the position of where it was before Seminole County joined. Mr. Minter reiterated that the idea of Seminole County joining back in 2018 was that it would not result in any additional expense to the District 5 Counties. He questioned if Seminole County had never joined whether Marion County would be in this situation.

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Commissioner Curry questioned if converting the cost appropriation to caseload rather than population would convince Lake County to stay in District 5. Mr. Minter reiterated that has already been offered and they indicated they still desire to leave. He stated it is not clear to staff or the Board exactly why they voted to leave.

In response to Commissioner Curry, County Administrator Bouyounes advised that the property is in Marion County's name but no request has been made for reimbursement until it is clear what will happen.

Commissioner Stone clarified that this relates to the soft-cost reimbursements.

Mr. Bouyounes stated the soft costs, the work that has been done, and costs incurred for planning and design have been reimbursed except from Seminole County. He advised that in his discussion with the County Administrator in Seminole County they will probably reimburse for the soft costs.

In response to Commissioner Curry, Mr. Bouyounes stated a lot of work has been done without a firm agreement relating to reimbursement; however, it was the direction from the Medical Examiner Committee that as the administrator of District 5 Marion County do the work. He noted Marion County has incurred some costs.

Commissioner Curry expressed concern in voting to allow Lake County to pull out of District 5 with no clear reason as to why. He opined that he would not be in favor of allowing them to leave.

Commissioner Stone stated this is a quandary for all, noting Lake County will not give any reason other than their desire to join Seminole County. She advised that the Medical Examiner Advisory Board is all in agreement with Commissioner Curry's position of not supporting them leaving. Commissioner Stone opined that Lake County's decision on departure creates a hardship for all other parties; however, this issue began with the accepting of Seminole County into the ILA when it was clear it would only escalate Marion County to build the new facility quicker.

Commissioner Curry questioned if they allowed Lake County to leave could Marion County sell the property in Oxford and return to the facility in Leesburg. Mr. Bouyounes stated it is one option that could work; however, there are so many different details that have not been worked out.

Mr. Bouyounes advised of a discussion with Mr. Minter related to considering Option 2 submitted by Seminole County and Lake County, which is the option where Seminole County and Lake County leave with the rest of District 5 remaining in the existing building. He opined that the Board should be open to accepting that; however, Option 2 also provides they support their departure. Mr. Bouyounes advised that he does not think Marion County should be supporting that. He stated the Board could consider Option 2, but continue to object to Lake County leaving until all of the details are worked out and the Leesburg facility is outgrown years down the road. Mr. Bouyounes advised that the Board must decide if they want to support or object to Lake County leaving until all details have been addressed.

Mr. Minter stated staff needs some direction, noting the current Agreement ends in 2029. Commissioner Bryant commented on previous Board discussion, noting it was her understanding that the Board would not take any action until Lake County has to go before the State Medical Examiner Commission.

Commissioner Stone advised that the State Medical Examiner Commission is looking for Marion County's support to allow Lake County to leave. She stated the Board is not going to give a letter of support for Lake County to leave, unless a clear detailed agreement has been agreed upon.

Commissioner Stone opined that it may be best to hold the course until the end of the contract come 2029 where Seminole County would leave; however, the BCC would take no position of support in order for more discussions of reconciliation with Lake County. She stated things can change over the years, noting possible elected official changes; therefore, it would be her recommendation for the BCC to let District 24 exit in 2029 and hope in that time Lake County changes their decision. Commissioner Stone commented on Marion County's deed on the current property.

Mr. Minter stated there is a right-of-reverter clause in the deed providing the property would return to Lake County if it ceases to be used as the District 5 Medical Examiner facility, noting the definition of District 5 in the 2018 ILA includes utilization by all 6 Counties. He advised that the only way to get out of that would be litigation in court.

Commissioner Stone reiterated Lake County would need to get approval by the State Medical Examiner Commission and the Governor. She opined that they should go through that process if that is truly Lake County's desire. Commissioner Stone stated she does not think the State Medical Examiner Commission or the Governor would approve in a world of efficiency. She advised that the more Counties that can work together means the cost of doing business of the Medical Examiner is going to stay spread out.

Commissioner Curry questioned whether Seminole County has to go the State Medical Examiner Commission to withdrawal from District 5. Mr. Bouyounes advised that Seminole County is not part of District 5.

Mr. Minter clarified that Seminole County did not become part of District 5, noting they are just involved in an interlocal agreement with District 5. Commissioner McClain referred to the 2018 Agreement and questioned whether Seminole County leaving activates the reverter clause.

Mr. Minter stated Seminole County was a part of the 2018 ILA, but the deed with the reverter clause was made in 2021 that has the reverter clause.

In response to Commissioner McClain, Mr. Minter advised that a party could make the claim that Seminole County's departure would trigger the reverter clause. He opined that Seminole County would probably not care since it was not their property to begin with.

Commissioner McClain questioned if Lake County would be able to make the claim that because Seminole County left the reverter clause is already initiated. Mr. Minter advised that a party could make that claim.

Chairman Zalak stated it is more prudent if Lake County leaves because they are actually a part of the District as well as the building being in their County.

Commissioner McClain advised that the 2018 Agreement says 6 Counties so either way there could be a problem with the reverter clause.

Chairman Bryant stated one of the reasons Seminole County is desiring to leave is a new facility in Oxford would be too far for them to transport the deceased. She questioned who transports bodies to the Medical Examiner's Office. Mr. Minter advised that in the 2018 ILA Seminole County hired investigators who may be involved in either transporting the deceased or contracting someone to provide transportation.

Chairman Bryant stated it is her belief when the deceased are transported to the morgue in Marion County the transportation is done by the Medical Examiner.

Chairman Bryant passed the gavel to Commissioner Zalak who assumed the Chair.

Commissioner Bryant out at 11:35 a.m.

Chairman Zalak advised that he does not understand how Seminole County building their own facility with or without Lake County is more cost effective than constructing a new one with Marion County, which would split the costs 6 ways. He opined that if Lake County

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wants to operate out of the Leesburg facility and Seminole County wants to join them, then all of the District's State Representatives and Senators need to come together for funding the new building in Oxford. Commissioner Zalak noted this would be the only way he would support their departure.

Commissioner Stone advised that the Board could send an Agreement in response to Lake County and Seminole County encouraging them to lobby with their representatives on behalf of Marion County for the funding of a new Medical Examiner facility in Oxford, the Board could support their departure into District 24.

General discussion ensued.

Commissioner Bryant returned at 11:36 a.m.

Chairman Zalak returned the gavel to Commissioner Bryant who resumed the Chair.

Mr. Bouyounes stated an Agreement could be created to allow the continued use of the current facility by Marion County until funding from the State is received to build a new facility in Oxford.

Commissioner Stone expressed concern with the legislative priorities already set for this year, noting this may need to be pursued next year.

Commissioner Zalak opined that it makes more logistical sense for Marion County to have the facility in Oxford. He stated if Lake County wants to leave then they can get the Legislature to fund the new facility. Chairman Bryant commented on the likelihood of approval for funding due to growth in the regional area.

Mr. Minter advised of a good-faith proposal letter the Legal Department could draft outlining the new request, noting it would need a signature from Chairman Bryant or County Administrator Bouyounes.

It was the general consensus of the Board to concur.

In response to Mr. Bouyounes, Chairman Bryant stated the decision between a draft agreement or a proposal letter can be at the discretion of Mr. Minter.

General discussion resumed.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

9.1. Marion Celebrates America250 Discussion

ACA Amanda Tart presented the following recommendation:

Description/Background: The America250 celebration is a tribute to the founding ideals that shaped our nation: life, liberty, equality, and self-government. It also honors the people who continue to defend and uphold those principles today.

To commemorate this milestone, we proposing a series of events, ceremonies, and initiatives will take place throughout the year leading up to July 4, 2026, creating meaningful opportunities for education, engagement, and reflection across our community. These activities will highlight the celebration's core themes and serve as a reminder of the enduring importance of our freedoms and democratic values.

We are requesting approval of a steering committee made up of county leaders, representatives from all local municipalities, nonprofits, businesses, and the Marion County Public School System to be formed to guide and support these efforts, demonstrating community unity and collaboration.

Through educational programs, public ceremonies, festivals, and artistic expression, the celebration pays tribute to our foundational documents, the sacrifices made in their defense, and the enduring power of a community united by purpose. At its heart, this is not just about looking back. It is about carrying

forward the promise of America by empowering every voice, every story, and every citizen in Marion County.

Budget/Impact: To be determined.

Recommended Action: Recommendation for approval of Marion County's proposed America250 events, with Board direction on associated expenditures.

ACA Amanda Tart referred to a PowerPoint presentation entitled "America 250" as seen on the overhead screens. She advised that the White House is inviting America to join in on celebrating the Country's 250th birthday on July 4, 2026, commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Ms. Tart stated this milestone is a perfect time to pause, look back at the nation's history, celebrate the contributions of all Americans, and think about the kind of future America wants for its next generation. She advised that the County's plan is to engage residents, visitors, students, veterans, nonprofits, businesses, and local civic leaders. Ms. Tart stated it will be about celebrating America's founding values, honoring veterans and first responders, bringing the community together, and inspiring future generations to take part and protect democracy. She advised that Marion County recognizes the importance of the local community coming together and making the most out of this celebration. Ms. Tart stated the America250 campaign will include a target audience of roughly 500,000 residents and visitors; 40,000 students; spotlighted local businesses, vendors, artists and performers; and will strengthen County civic pride, awareness and engagement. She noted the formation of a Steering Committee that will be comprised of County leaders, local municipalities, Marion County Public School (MCPS) System, nonprofits, civic organizations and the business community. Ms. Tart addressed an active survey, which is gathering input from residents on the type of events, activities and ideas they would like to see. She advised that the Public Library currently working on capturing the stories of local veterans for the production of a living archive. Ms. Tart stated additionally there will be weekly prayer meetings with the faith community beginning in January 2026 hosted at the Ocala Marion Veterans Memorial Park and various other faith-based prayer initiatives across the County. She commented on the \$15,000.00 grant the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) organization received, noting staff is working on a proposal for a commemorative plaque staff to honor the County's namesake, Sir Francis Marion, at the Ocala Marion Veterans Memorial Park. Ms. Tart provided a brief overview of the Marion County Day 2026 event, Saturday, March 28, 2026, which will be the catalyst for the upcoming America250 celebrations. She stated other goals for the America250 campaign include additional civic education programs, freedom-focused celebrations for Independence Day and Bill of Rights Day. Ms. Tart noted a partnership with the Supervisor of Elections to hold a Voter Registration Drive as well as an America250 Ball through private sector collaborations. She encouraged the community to take part in the 4 for the Fourth Initiative, which is a volunteer program designed to challenge individuals to give back to the community for positive impacts across the County. Ms. Tart addressed the grand finale of the campaign, noting a synchronized fireworks show in multiple locations across the County. She commented on the varying uses of specially designed logos as seen on the overhead screens. Ms. Tart advised of a dedicated webpage and social media page that will launch ensuring community engagement, which will be a hub for local municipalities, organizations, residents and visitors. She provided a brief overview of different funding options for associated costs.

Chairman Bryant questioned how many locations there would be for the fireworks show. Ms. Tart advised that staff has looked at 4.

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In response to Chairman Bryant, Ms. Tart stated the locations have not been locked in yet, but the goal is to have it at the 4 ends of the County. She advised that staff has a meeting with the cities of Dunnellon and Belleview next week, noting conversations have already been had with the City of Ocala.

Chairman Bryant questioned if the City of Ocala has committed to any of the funding. Ms. Tart stated they have not; however, they have released a survey to their community for input. Ms. Tart advised that the City of Ocala looks forward to partnering.

In response to Chairman Bryant, Ms. Tart clarified that the cost of the fireworks would need a 50% deposit of the total \$120,000.00 and future sponsorships would replenish the cost.

Commissioner Zalak addressed the benefits of having activities across the County as opposed to one central location. He advised that locations have not been confirmed because he wanted to hear from the Board today.

General discussion ensued relating to cost.

Chairman Bryant questioned how many funds the campaign would qualify for from the TDC. Commissioner Zalak stated staff does not know yet.

Ms. Tart clarified that the TDC team is working on reviewing the different initiatives and how the funding available to them is coming, noting staff is working with the County Attorney's office to ensure proposals to the Board are in compliance.

Commissioner Zalak expressed concern in regard to the time left to secure fireworks and requested consensus to move forward.

General discussion resumed.

Ms. Tart stated staff is requesting consensus on three items: setting up project strings in Public Relations (PR) and TDC through the budget process; moving forward with the bid exemption and \$75,000.00 funding for locking down the fireworks; and finalizing the memorial for Sir Francis Marion.

Chairman Bryant expressed concern with the amount of work PR would absorb outside of their regular duties.

Ms. Tart advised of meetings with the Ocala Metro Chamber of Economic Partnership (CEP), MCPS, City of Ocala, noting several more are planned. This will form a committee that includes PR representatives from all of the different agencies.

General discussion ensued.

In response to Chairman Bryant, Ms. Tart stated staff is not getting multiple quotes on the fireworks because they are not available elsewhere. She advised that procurement is aware of the situation and Ms. Olsen advised that the County could move forward with a bid exception.

Commissioner Zalak stated the problem is there are only a handful of vendors who would be able to do 4 shows at a time.

Procurement Services Director Susan Olsen stated when something like the fireworks are this scarce it is due to them being booked out a year in advance. She advised that with America250 coming closer this would be a justified use of the bid exemption.

County Administrator Bouyounes stated the \$75,000.00 would be coming from the General Fund Reserve.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the Marion County America250 events and associated expenditures as presented today.

10. COMMITTEE ITEMS: NONE

11. NOTATION FOR ACTION:

11.1. Request Approval to Schedule and Advertise Two Public Hearings to Consider an Ordinance to Amend the Marion County Land Development Code on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., or as Soon Thereafter, and Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., with Each Hearing to be Held in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium
Growth Services Director Chuck Varadin presented the following recommendation:

Description/Background: Staff has submitted Land Development Code (LDC) Amendment Applications to review and update:

- LDC Article 1, Division 2, Definitions
- LDC Article 4, Zoning, Division 4, Advertising Signs, Section 4.4.4 On-Site Signs
- LDC Article 4, Zoning, Division 3, Special Requirements, Section 4.3.12, Roadside Vendors
- LDC Article 4, Division 2, Zoning Classification, Section 4.2.2, General Requirements for All Agricultural Classifications

The proposed revisions are to be considered by the Land Development Regulation Commission (LDRC) in a public hearing to be held on October 1, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., consistent with LDC Section 2.4.3.

LDC Section 2.5.5.A(1) requires the Board to consider the adoption of the proposed amendments in two advertised public hearings for each revision to the LDC. At least one hearing is to be held after 5:00 p.m. on a weekday, unless the Board, by a majority plus one vote, elects to conduct that hearing at another time of day. Further, the second public hearing shall be held at least ten days after the first hearing. The following dates and times are being requested to conduct each of the required public hearings and accommodate the required advertising to consider the proposed Amendments:

- Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter, in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium; and
- Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to schedule and advertise two public hearings with the Board of County Commissioners to consider revisions to LDC Article 1, Division 2, Definitions; Article 4, Zoning, Division 4, Advertising Signs, Section 4.4.4 On-Site Signs; Article 4, Zoning, Division 3, Special Requirements, Section 4.3.12 Roadside Vendors; and Article 4, Division 2, Zoning Classification, Section 4.2.2, General Requirements for All Agricultural Classifications on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter, and Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium.

Chairman Bryant advised of her possible absence at the proposed meetings due to a prior commitment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zalak, seconded by Commissioner Stone, to schedule and advertise two public hearings with the BCC to consider revisions to LDC Article 1, Division 2, Definitions; Article 4, Zoning, Division 4, Advertising Signs, Section 4.4.4 On-Site Signs; Article 4, Zoning, Division 3, Special Requirements, Section 4.3.12 Roadside Vendors; and Article 4, Division 2, Zoning Classification, Section 4.2.2, General Requirements for All Agricultural Classifications on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 10:00

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a.m., or as soon thereafter, and Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

11.2. Request Approval to Schedule and Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider Resolutions Adopting the Intent to Authorize Use of the Uniform Method of Collecting for Non-Ad Valorem Assessments on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium

Municipal Services (MS) Director Chad Wicker presented the following recommendation:

Description/Background: The Public Hearing is required to consider adoption of resolutions authorizing use of the Uniform Method of Collecting Non-Ad Valorem Assessments to be placed on the tax bills of property owners owning property within the affected areas. Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, requires that the local government publish a notice of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting such assessment weekly in a newspaper of general circulation within each county contained in the boundaries of the local government for four (4) consecutive weeks preceding the hearing. The following are proposed improvement areas and proposed and existing municipal service benefit units in which the Board proposes to levy special assessments to be collected utilizing the uniform method for the levy, collection, and enforcement of non-ad valorem assessments as described in Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, pending approval from the Board at a final Public Hearing.

- BAHIA OAKS UNIT NO. THREE AKA WEST WIND TRAILS
- BAHIA VILLA MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- BASELINE VILLAS MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- BEAR LAKE ACRES REPLAT MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- BECKET PLANTATION - 29TH AVE
- BEL LAGO WEST HAMLET MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- BELLEVIEW HEIGHTS ESTATES UNIT 4
- BELLEVIEW HEIGHTS ESTATES UNIT NO. 5
- BELLEVIEW HEIGHTS ESTATES UNIT 8 - SE 44TH AVE
- BELLEVIEW HILLS
- BELMAR ESTATES
- BRADFORD FARMS MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- BROOKHAVEN PHASE 1 MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- BROOKHAVEN PHASE 2 MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- CEDAR VILLAS MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- CHERRYWOOD PRESERVE PHASE 1 MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- CLEARLAKE RANCHES HAMLET SUBDIVISION MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- COUNTY GAITE
- COUNTRY GARDENS
- DALTON WOODS-DALTON WOODS 1ST ADDITION
- DEER PATH NORTH MSBU FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE
- DEER PATH NORTH PHASE 2 MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- DERBY FARMS MSBU
- DOUBLEGATE MSBU FOR STREET LIGHTING
- DUNNELLON OAKS
- EAST LAKE - WOODMAR - SE 143RD STREET AND PORTION OF SE 145TH AVE.
- EDGEWATER ESTATES REPLAT
- EDWARD REEVES - 126TH PL.
- EL DORADO DRAINAGE MSBU
- FLORIDA HIGHLANDS
- FORE ACRES 1ST ADDITION
- FORESTS' EDGE
- FOUNTAIN VILLAS MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- FREEDOM CROSSINGS PRESERVE PHASE 1 & PHASE 2 MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- GREY OAKS MSBU FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE
- GREYSTONE HILLS PHASE ONE & PHASE 2 MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- HEATHER ISLAND MARKET CENTER MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- HEATHER ISLAND MARKET CENTER PARTIAL REPLAT
- HENDERSON YELLOW BLUFF
- HUNTINGTON / HUNTINGTON FIRST ADDITION / HUNTINGTON REVISED PORTION
- INDIAN MEADOWS MSBU FOR STREET LIGHTING
- INDUSTRIAL 35
- JB RANCH SUBDIVISION PHASE 2A MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- JOG ACRES
- JOG ACRES 1ST ADDITION
- KINGSLAND COUNTRY ESTATES FOREST GLENN - SW 64TH COURT
- LAND FAIR UNIT 1
- LAUREL COMMONS MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- LEONARDO ESTATES - 2ND LOOP, 47TH - 50TH CT.
- LIBERTY VILLAGE PHASE 1 MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- LIBERTY VILLAGE PHASE 2 MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

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- LONG LAKE HEIGHTS EXTENSION MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- MARICAMP MARKET CENTRE MUNICIPLE SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- MARICAMP MARKET CENTRE REPLAT PHASE 1 & PHASE 2 MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- MARION COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT FOR FIRE RESCUE SERVICES
- MARION COUNTY MUNICIPLE SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE SERVICES
- MARION OAKS MSTU FOR GENERAL SERVICES
- MARION RANCH PHASE 1 & PHASE 2 MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- MILLWOOD ESTATES MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- NICHOLAS ESTATES
- OAK HAMMOCK PRESERVE MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- OAKS AT OCALA CROSSINGS SOUTH PHASE ONE AND PHASE TWO MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- OCALA CROSSINGS SOUTH PHASE ONE MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- OCALA HIGHLANDS ESTATES/OCALA HIGHLANDS ESTATES 1ST ADDITION STREET LIGHTS MUNICIPLE SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT
- UNIT ONE OF OCALA OAKS
- OCALA OAKS UNIT 2
- OCALA RANCHETTES
- OCALA RIDGE (BILTMORE PARK) UNIT NO. 7 NO. 10 NO. 11 - NW 52ND AVENUE
- PEPPER TREE VILLAGE
- PINE RIDGE ESTATES
- PINE RUN ESTATES
- PIONEER RANCH PHASE 1 MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- PONDEROSA ADDITION TWO
- PONDEROSA TALL PINES
- QUAIL CREEK
- RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES MSTU FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
- RIVER ACRES - SE 27TH ST. - SE 28TH ST.
- ROLLING HILLS UNIT 2 - SW 73RD STREET
- ROLLING HILLS UNIT ONE 1-A, UNIT TWO, REPLAT OF A PORTION OF ROLLING HILLS UNIT 2-A, UNIT THREE, UNIT FOUR, UNIT FIVE
- ROOSEVELT VILLAGE UNIT 1
- SHERWOOD HILLS ESTATES DRAINAGE MSBU
- SILVER CREEK
- SILVER SPRING ACRES
- SILVER SPRINGS SHORES - UNITS 31, 35, 36, 37, 38, 42, 44 MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- SLEEPY HOLLOW
- STONE HILL
- STORMWATER SERVICES AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
- SUGAR HILL ESTATES
- SUGAR PLUMB ESTATES
- SUN COUNTRY ESTATES
- SUN RAY ESTATES
- SUN TREE
- SUNSET HILLS PHASE 1 MSBU FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- THOROUGHbred ACRES MSBU
- TOMPKINS & GEORGES ADDITION TO DUNNELLON MSTU
- TRADEWINDS VILLAGE
- WEST MARION FARMS

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to schedule and advertise a Public Hearing to consider resolutions adopting the intent to authorize use of the Uniform Method of Collecting for Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for four (4) consecutive weeks as required by Florida Statute on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zalak, seconded by Commissioner Stone, to schedule and advertise a Public Hearing to consider Resolutions adopting the intent to authorize use of the uniform method of collecting for non-ad valorem assessments for four (4) consecutive weeks as required by Florida Statute (FS) on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

12. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Scheduled requests will be heard first and limited to five (5) minutes. Unscheduled speakers 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 sign up online at: www.marionfl.org.

Ardian Mezini, Cherry Road, did not appear when called upon to speak.

Kevin Terneus, SE 11th Street, Manager, N&N Design Studio, LLC, stated he has a client that is seeking to build 4 houses in Rolling Hills, Dunnellon and Ocala. He advised that Building Safety Director Michael Savage informed him the plans do not qualify because of an Ordinance pertaining to roofs. Mr. Terneus stated a previous project in 2022, which was constructed and also had flat roofs. That permit was overturned after initially being rejected. He stated Mr. Savage informed him the Ordinance was not in effect in 2022.

James Terneus, SE 150th Street, Summerfield, stated he is trying to modernize residential communities, noting houses throughout the County have the same shape and style.

Mr. K. Terneus resumed his overview on the proposed project.

In response to Chairman Bryant, Mr. K. Terneus advised that they would be block homes. Chairman Bryant stated she knows what the Ordinance says, but she is looking at a house online that was built in 2023 inside of a Country Club with a flat roof similar to what Mr. K. Terneus is requesting.

Building Safety Director Michael Savage, clarified that the question does not pertain to the type of roof, but the zone the type of house is in. He commented on Section 5.5-40 of the Marion County Code and the 5 restrictions that come with R-1 (Single Family

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Dwelling) Zoning. Mr. Savage stated he cannot waive Marion County Code requirements; therefore, their avenue for appeal is to go through the License Review Board (LRB) process. He advised that Mr. K Terneus met with staff who advised him this was included in the Code. Mr. Savage stated he texted Mr. J. Terneus last week and was told Mr. K. Terneus had a solution; however, they have not met to discuss it yet.

General discussion ensued relating to roof standards.

In response to Commissioner Zalak, County Attorney Minter advised that he has not been approached about the issue.

Chairman Bryant stated she would like the County Attorney's office to review the matter and come back with more information.

Mr. Minter advised that he is not in favor of Ordinances being waived at the Board's will. Commissioner McClain questioned why the requirements on roof pitch are in the Ordinance to begin with. Mr. Savage stated it appears to be there for meeting aesthetic standards; however, this was set before his employment.

General discussion resumed.

Chairman Bryant stated the BCC cannot change anything at this time and would need to reconsider the Ordinance, which will take some time.

Mr. Savage reiterated the LRB is the current avenue for this issue. He clarified that the LRB will only overturn decisions when they feel the Building Safety Director has misinterpreted something.

Mr. K. Terneus questioned why the Building Safety Department has overturned it before. Mr. Savage advised that at one point staff performed a review of the Ordinance and Mr. K. Terneus was able to get a permit; however, this does not mean the Department grants every mistake.

Mr. J. Terneus advised of his intention to go before the LRB.

Samuel Hunt, NE 63rd Street, commented on property taxes and homestead exemption issues.

Chairman Bryant questioned why Mr. Hunt does not have the homestead exemption and encouraged his family to speak with the Property Appraiser's Office (PAO). She stated the BCC does not assess properties or collect taxes.

Mr. Hunt expressed concern about home affordability.

Joseph Walker, SE 54th Place, Ocklawaha, commented on the Medical Examiner issues addressed during Agenda Item 8.1.

John Scott, SW 80th Avenue, addressed a culmination of overgrowth on 80th Avenue. He presented a set of 15 pictures relating to loose-fill insulation on top of overgrowth and wood chunks.

Commissioner Stone expressed appreciation for Mr. Scott bringing the issue to her attention, noting she will have OCE come to take some corrective action.

Chairman Bryant advised that public comment is now closed.

13. COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

13.1. Commission Comments

13.1.1. Road Dedication Sign - Charlie Kirk

Commissioner Zalak presented the following recommendation:

Description/Background: The Marion County Board of County Commissioners has established Policy 06-01 regarding the dedication of a roadway within the county. Section six (6) of the policy allows a commissioner to bring to the board for consideration a road, or portion thereof to be dedicated. Commissioner Zalak is

requesting a portion of a county roadway be dedicated to Charlie Kirk for his leadership, faith, and service.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; estimated to be less than \$500 from the Office of the County Engineer Budget.

Recommended Action: Provide direction to staff.

Commissioner Zalak addressed the Board regarding the idea of a road dedication for Charlie Kirk. He stated he also has attached Policy 06-01 relating to road dedications to the Agenda. Commissioner Zalak advised that as it stands now it does not meet the requirements according to the current Policy; however, 3 votes by the Board could change this. He opined that Mr. Kirk represents a pathway to courage, conviction, is a reminder to stand for truth and freedom. Commissioner Zalak stated a road connects people and leads them towards their destination. He commented on a 1 Page handout entitled "Charlie Kirk Road Dedication Discussion" created by staff containing a map with several different placement options for the dedication sign.

Chairman Bryant advised that she has also been approached about ideas for honoring Mr. Kirk.

General discussion ensued relating to identifying the best location.

Commissioner Stone stated she would be willing to move forward with the road dedication, noting Martin Luther King's speaking on peace lead to nationwide road naming in his honor. She opined that Mr. Kirk spoke truth, which is not easy to hear sometimes. Commissioner Stone referred to a 1 page handout entitled "Charlie Kirk Road Dedication Discussion" outlining placement options and expressed support for having the dedication sign closer to CF on State Road (SR) 200.

Commissioner McClain advised that he would support the placement on SR 200; however, the Board would have to approach the State as it is not within the County's control. He expressed support for the placement to be on County Road (CR) 329, noting this could be easier to accomplish while still being by schools.

Clerk Harrell stated from a fiscal standpoint it is not that the stated costs aligned with the project are great, but there is a Board Policy in place. He advised that in regard to his role as Comptroller in the preaudit function of expense of County funds it would be preferable the Policy be amended if the Board is to move forward. Clerk Harrell stated this would contemplate the process happening in a way that is different than the existing Policy, noting the current Policy considers a different methodology. He advised that the Policy would need to be changed for the expense in order to be in compliance.

In response to Commissioner Zalak, Clerk Harrell stated the current Policy states as it can only be named after a Marion County citizen, be accompanied by 3 letters of support from members of the community, and the Commissioner for the District where it emanates from will then present it at a regular BCC meeting.

Mr. Minter advised that similar to the waiver issue discussed earlier if the BCC does not want to be subject to the current Policy then it needs to be changed.

Chairman Bryant requested recommendations be brought back at the next Board meeting. She stated the Board seems to have consensus of their will to do it, but would prefer a recommended Policy. Chairman Bryant advised that the BCC could identify what the options are at that point in time.

Mr. Bouyounes questioned whether the Board would like staff to bring it back as an Agenda Item with recommended action in addition to an Agenda Item regarding the revised Policy.

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Clerk Harrel stated this has been a Policy since 2006, noting it needs to be considered that it can be continued legally and fiscally in the future.

Chairman Bryant advised that the Policy will be set to be mindful of any unintended consequences.

Commissioner Zalak stated at the end of the day the Policy is not an Ordinance. He advised that this is an internal Policy and if 3 Board members vote to go against the current Policy then it is not an issue.

In response to Chairman Bryant, Commissioner McClain stated a line could be added to the current Policy reading "With three-fifths vote of the Board the BCC can waive any portion of the Policy."

Mr. Minter advised the Board could do that.

A motion was made by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Stone, to amend Policy 06-01 and add a line that a majority vote of the Board may waive any portion of the Policy.

Commissioner Curry opined that things like this project are very important to everybody for different reasons. He advised that he supports the Proclamation and Charlie Kirk, but this Policy was thought out to be designated for local citizens who have contributed to Marion County. Commissioner Curry commented on his history in the County, noting he personally knew many of the local names on current roads including their work for the community. He stated he thinks it is a mistake to change the Policy to recognize Charlie Kirk. Commissioner Curry advised that it should be preserved for local citizens and the Board is opening itself up to future issues. Commissioner Curry clarified that he is a Republican, Conservative, Christian and a former church deacon; however, he will not vote for the Policy Change. He stated the people who spoke earlier during Public Comment have a voice, noting he ran for the election to represent more than just the Republicans in Marion County. Commissioner Curry encouraged the Board to reconsider. Commissioner Stone stated the Policy was written sometime ago, noting Martin Luther King Jr. did not live in the community.

Commissioner Zalak opined that he would have a different point of view if this did not inspire the young people he knows. He stated the outcry in the nation is bigger than the Board.

Chairman Bryant advised that Mr. Kirk's death has spurred more open conversation on both political sides. She commented on open debate.

In response to Commissioner Curry, Commissioner McClain clarified that he is only adding to the Policy and not changing its current language.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

General discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zalak, seconded by Commissioner McClain to approve agenda item 13.1.1. and choosing the location as CR 475 from CR 312 to SW 42nd Street.

General discussion resumed.

Commissioner Curry clarified that he is opposed to changing the local Policy, but not recognizing Charlie Kirk.

General discussion ensued.

The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Curry dissenting.

(Ed. Note: The Deputy Clerk was in receipt of a 1 Page handout entitled "Charlie Kirk Road Dedication Discussion".)

Commissioner Zalak advised that he has nothing further to add.

Commissioner McClain advised that he has nothing further to add.

Commissioner Curry advised that he has nothing further to add.

Commissioner Stone stated the BCC is participating in Schedule Your Mammogram on October 23, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled at www.3dmobilemammography.com or by calling (844) 546-5871.

Chairman Bryant commented on the TDC Marketing Assistance Funding Program, noting missed opportunities for events in parks that need funding.

Commissioner Zalak stated he will request Tourism Development Director Schaffer look into funding opportunities available for improvements to parks in order to host events.

Chairman Bryant advised that she does not want to wait to bring tournaments to Shocker Park, but she wants to start looking at what Policy can be created to help the park for more tournaments.

Commissioner Zalak requested Assistant County Attorney Dana Olesky work with the TDC to draft a Policy that could make parks eligible for the funding.

General discussion ensued.

Mr. Minter provided a brief overview of TDC funding eligibility.

Commissioner Stone stated under the Tourism Development Consent Items there is a lot of marketing dollars to different organizations for business marketing. She advised that today the Board authorized more than \$137,000.00 for these organizations. Commissioner Stone stated the BCC has the authority to give these sort of TDC funds for local business marketing and questioned what the Board could also use from TDC funding to improve parks that brings visitors to Marion County.

General discussion ensued.

Commissioner Stone commented on the possibility of a Capital Improvement Penny.

Mr. Bouyounes advised that one of the Pennies left requires a certain revenue level of approximately \$10,000,000.00 or more to qualify. He stated in every one of the Pennies the key item is promotion; however, staff will look into them and bring back some ideas.

Commissioner Zalak clarified that the Penny, if used, would really need to be building something and then have to be bonded with the Penny being used to pay it back. He stated it would have to be a project that could be put on a referendum.

13.2. Commission Calendar

13.2.1. Present Commission Calendar

The Chairman acknowledged receipt of the Commission calendar covering the period of October 7 to November 4, 2025.

14. NOTATION FOR RECORD:

14.1. County Administrator Informational Items:

14.1.1. Marion County Historical Commission - Present Resignation from Thomas Schmitz

14.1.2. Marion Oaks MSTU for General Services Advisory Council – Present Resignation from Elady Fonseca

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14.1.3. Present Letter from Candler Hills East Community Development District Dated September 4, 2025 Regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 Meeting Schedule

14.1.4. Present Letter from Indigo East Community Development District Dated September 10, 2024 Regarding the Fiscal Year 2025 Meeting Schedule

14.1.5. Present Monthly Building Safety Productivity Report for the Month of August 2025

14.1.6. Present Chamber and Economic Partnership August 2025 Activity

14.1.7. Present Letter from the City of Belleview Dated September 22, 2025 Regarding the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Budget for the Downtown Belleview Community Redevelopment Agency

14.1.8. Present Letters from Marion County Facilities Management and Marion County Sheriff's Office for the Donation of a Vehicle (Budget Impact - None)

14.2. Present Walk-On Items From Previous BCC Meeting: NONE

14.3. Clerk of the Court:

14.3.1. Present Memorandum from Gregory C. Harrell, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Regarding the Filing of Ordinances 25-38, 25-39 and 25-40 with the Secretary of State's Office

14.3.2. Present Administrative Budget Transfer Report for FY 2024-25

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. Board of Adjustment - August 4, 2025

14.4.2. Code Enforcement Board - August 13, 2025

14.4.3. Development Review Committee (DRC) - August 25, and September 8, 2025

14.4.4. License Review Board - August 12, 2025

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

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting thereupon adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Kathy Bryant, Chairman

Attest:

Gregory C. Harrell, Clerk

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