

MARION COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
June 09, 2025

The meeting of the Marion County Historical Commission was called to order by President Dr. Richard Cardinali at 5:59 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025 at the Marion County Growth Services Building, 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL 34471.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Cardinali.

Roll Call: Dr. Richard Cardinali, Judy Delk, Courtland Richards, Becky Long and Cynthia Wilson-Graham. Tom Schmitz was absent. A quorum was established.

GUESTS: Bill Nicoll and Aysia King.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Minutes:

The March 10, 2025 minutes were presented. Motion to approve by Dr. Cardinali, seconded by Mr. Richards, and all were in favor.

The April 14, 2025 minutes were presented. Motion to approve by Dr. Cardinali, seconded by Mrs. Long, and all were in favor.

The May 12, 2025 minutes were presented. Motion to approve by Dr. Cardinali, seconded by Mr. Richards, and all were in favor.

Financial Report: Motion by Mrs. Delk, seconded by Dr. Cardinali, to accept the financial report as presented, all were in favor.

Old Business:

In honor of the two museum trustees/volunteers we recently lost, signs have been placed at the museum's libraries doors designating the genealogical research library in honor of Hoyalene P. Thomas; and the historical research library in honor of Pia T. Brown.

Regarding the proposed Newt Perry plaque, Mr. Richards reports Adam Sines is partnered with him. The old VFW Hall is being renovated into a museum of Ocala history. A proposed Newt Perry Day is being planned for January 06, 2026 (Mr. Perry's birthday). Mr. Richards planned to meet with Delee Perry in August, to further interview her.

Mrs. Wilson-Graham is researching the Santos community, has no further update on the marker.

Regarding the Roosevelt Village marker, Mrs. Long reports the marker must be approved by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection – and no answer back about "The Island."

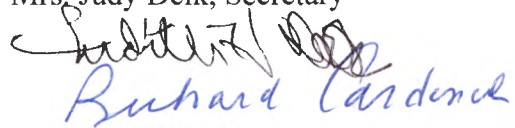
Mrs. Long reports the veterans park is hosting a PTSD walk June 27, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Delk reports the July 20, 2025 museum program will be "Medicine in the Civil War" presented by Dr. Joe Knetsch.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Long, seconded y Mrs. Wilson-Graham, and all were in favor. Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is 07/14/25.

Adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. Judy Delk, Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Cardinali", is written over the typed name.

Dr. Richard Cardinali, President

Items for consideration by the Marion County Historical Commission at its
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1. Matheson Museum of History – Donated Items
 - a. Letter, with envelope, written by Goodwin Graham from France, where he had been serving in World War 1, to his parents in Anthony, Fla, dated Dec. 12, 1918
 - b. Lions Club 1939 convention medal owned by Mrs. P. Spencer of Ocala
2. Spering, Kent, Collection – Donated Item
 - a. 1961 Ocala High School yearbook
3. Hays, J. V., Collection – Donated Item
 - a. Account book from Shady Hill Fuel Co., 1938-1939, owned by V. O. Hays, showing customers (some with addresses), business expenses and income, and salaries paid to workers; the fuel the business delivered was firewood