

Marion County Historical Commission

Minutes

June 08, 2026

The meeting of the Marion County Historical Commission was called to order by President Dr. Richard Cardinali at 6:00 p.m. in the 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, Mrs. Bertha Flynn, Mrs. Becky Long, Mrs. Cynthia Wilson-Graham, Mr. Courtland Richards, Mr. William Nicoll and Mrs. Judy Delk were in attendance. A quorum was present.

Guests: None.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 11, 2026 meeting were presented. Dr. Cardinali moved, Mr. Richards seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. All were in favor.

Financial Report: Motion by Mrs. Delk, seconded by Mrs. Long to approve the report as presented. Mrs. Delk reported that the historical flags and memorial law enforcement flags came to approximately \$850.00.

Old Business: Mrs. Long stated the letter regarding the Roosevelt Village marker has not been mailed.

Mr. Richards reports having spoken with Alan Youngblood, formerly Ocala Star-Banner videographer, regarding efforts to preserve the archived papers. Estimated \$100,000 to \$500,000 cost to do this.

New Business:

Donated Items for Consideration: Dr. Cardinali moved, Mr. Richards seconded to accept the donations, and loan them back to the Marion County Museum of History & Archaeology to be researched, accessioned, and displayed, stored or disposed of as deemed necessary by the museum.

Historic Outreach: Mrs. Delk reported. Dr. Knetsch will present the July program, "Medicine during the Korean Conflict." Other events were announced.

Mrs. Flynn reported the success of the Anthony anniversary celebration. Next event will be in November.

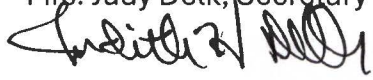
Mr. Richards announced the "Heart of the Park" grand opening features a Royal Guardsmen display and many of the members will be in attendance. The musical group gained worldwide fame with their music.

Mrs. Long reports the DAR marker unveiling, commemorating Francis Marion, June 23 at 10 a.m. Public is invited to this program at the Veterans Park.

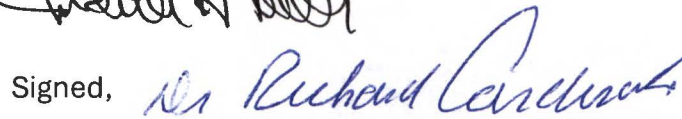
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Next meeting is 07/13/26.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Judy Delk, Secretary

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Signed,

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

Dr. Richard Cardinali, President