

PROPOSED MARION COUNTY BCC PRIORITIES FOR THE 2027 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Section I. Appropriations Requests

Funding for roadway
construction on the Marion
Oaks Manor Extension
Project

Request: \$2,000,000 for planning, design, and right-of-way acquisition costs associated with the project

Funding the Lowell
Municipal Drinking Water
Project

Request: \$2,500,000 for construction costs

Section I. Appropriations Requests



Funding for the Florida
Department of Health –
Marion's Belleview Clinic

Request: \$1,000,000 for the construction of a new
FDOH-Marion clinic in Belleview

Funding for improvements to
the Bradford-Ma Barker

Request: \$500,000 for infrastructure improvements to
the Ma Barker House

Section I. Appropriations Requests



Funding for Marion
County Utilities' SE
Regional Water
Treatment Plant

Request: \$30,000,000 for Planning, Design, and
Construction of the SE Regional Water Treatment
Plant

Funding for the
Southwest Regional
Water Reclamation
Facility Expansion

Request: \$30,000,000 for Planning, Design, and
Construction of the SW Regional Water Reclamation
Facility Expansion

Section II. Priorities –Language Change Requests



Marion County requests legislation raising the CCNA continuing contract study cap for professional services

Marion County requests legislation allowing voluntary special assessments on agriculturally zoned land

Marion County requests legislation removing revenue offset requirements for the fire rescue surtax

Section II. Priorities –Language Change Requests



Marion County requests legislation offering a clearer statutory definition of the term rural

Marion County requests legislation allowing state-designated Community Transportation Coordinators sovereign immunity when operating public transit

Marion County requests legislation updating the length of continuous residence for RV parks related to Tourist Development Tax assessment

Department of Revenue – Proposed Rule Changes



Requirements for Value Adjustment Board in Administrative Reviews; Uniform Rules of Procedure for Hearings Before Value Adjustment Boards

12D-9.019 Scheduling and Notice of a Hearing.

(b) 19....You may also request to appear by video conference if such technology is available and practicable."

12D-9.026 Procedures for Requesting and Conducting a Hearing by Electronic Media

- (2) A petitioner may request to appear at a hearing using electronic or other communication equipment by submitting a written request at least 10 calendar days before the date of the hearing.
- (8)(b) To be open to the public using electronic or other communication equipment, proper notice must be given and **interactive access** by members of the public provided to the extent practicable.

194.032 F.S. Hearing purposes; timetable.—



- (b) 1. The value adjustment board must allow the petitioner to appear at a hearing using electronic or other communication equipment if a petitioner submits a written request to appear in such manner at least 10 calendar days before the date of the hearing. The clerk must ensure that all parties are notified of such written request.
2. The board must ensure that the equipment is adequate and functional for allowing clear communication among the participants and for creating the hearing records required by law. **The hearing must be open to the public either by providing the ability for interested members of the public to join the hearing electronically or to monitor the hearing at the location of the board.** The board must establish a uniform method for swearing witnesses; receiving evidence submitted by a petitioner and presenting evidence, before, during, or after the hearing; and placing testimony on the record.
3. The petitioner must submit and transmit evidence to the board in a format that can be processed, viewed, printed, and archived.
4. Counties having a population of less than 75,000 may opt out of providing a hearing using electronic or other communication equipment under this paragraph. In any county in which the board has opted out under this subparagraph, the clerk shall promptly notify any petitioner requesting a hearing using electronic or other communication equipment of such opt out.

Department of Revenue - Considerations



Statutes 194.013, 93.155, & 96.011 are not in agreement related to fees.

Statutes 196.194 & 50.011 are not in agreement related to publication of notifications in a newspaper.

Section III. Marion County – Supported Local Priorities



Continued support for funding Septic to Sewer programs

Action: Marion County will continue to implement the developed septic-to-sewer plans with the ultimate goal of reducing the nutrient levels within the Silver Springs and Rainbow Springs BMAP

Allow swimming once again at Silver Springs

Action: Coordinate with state agencies and delegation members to offer any assistance needed during the construction process

Section IV. Marion County – Supported Local Organizations



Marion County will offer the following organizations any correspondence and other support as needed

Ft. King
Heritage
Foundation

Marion Senior
Services

Marion County
Honor Guard
and other
veterans'
organization

Institute for
Human and
Machine
Cognition

Questions, discussion, or direction?