

MARION COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
July 14, 2025

The meeting of the Marion County Historical Commission was called to order by President Dr. Richard Cardinali at 6:05 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Minutes:

No June minutes were available.

Financial Report: Dr. Cardinali announced \$10,000 will be the budget for the next fiscal year. Discussion of the expenses expected for historic markers, etc. Expected \$1,500 for video histories. Flags are now approx. \$2,400 per year. Motion by Dr. Cardinali, seconded by Mr. Richards, to accept the financial report as presented, all were in favor.

Old Business:

Items donated to the museum, for consideration. Dr. Cardinali moved, Mrs. Long seconded, and all were in favor of accepting the donations, for loan back to the Marion County Museum of History and Archaeology for research, display, and or storage as deemed necessary by the museum.

Regarding the proposed Newt Perry plaque, Mr. Richards reports Adam Sines is partnered with the nonprofit Heart of the Park, Inc. They held a fundraiser to renovate/improve the old American Legion Hall for the Ocala museum, which Mr. Richards attended. Their organization will pay for the Newt Perry plaque. A proposed Newt Perry Day is being planned for January 20, 2026 (Mr. Perry's birthday). Delee Perry will be loaning her memorabilia to the display, and Mr. Richards donated copies of the digital files to them also. Their museum is anticipated to open in 3+ months. Mr. Richards has given his invoice to Procurement, and copy to Becky ?Jane?.

Mrs. Wilson-Graham reports the Florida Council on History Education is meeting 07/25-26/2026 at the Mary Sue Rich Building.

Regarding the Roosevelt Village/Camp Roosevelt marker, Mrs. Long reports talking to Jennifer Clark, and they're still awaiting approval by Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

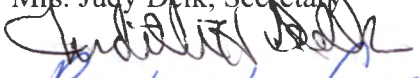
Mrs. Delk reports the July 20, 2025 museum program will be "Medicine in the Civil War" presented by Dr. Joe Knetsch.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is 08/11/25.

Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Judy Delk, Secretary




Dr. Richard Cardinali, President

Items for consideration by the Marion County Historical Commission at its July 14, 2025 meeting

1. Turnley, Gary, Collection – Donated Item

- a. Mortar and pestle owned by Dr. Thomas P. Gary, made of cherrywood, came through the blockade of Charleston during the Civil War.

[Historical note: Dr. Gary served as mayor of Ocala, served as president of the Florida State Medical Society, founded the Ocala Health Department, was a member of the Florida State Board of Health, was president of the Marion County Board of Health]

