

**MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

MINUTES

October 15, 2025

A public hearing of the Marion County Local Mitigation Strategy Committee was held on October 15, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the Marion County Growth Services Training Room, 2710 E. Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m. Members present creating a quorum were: MCSO Emergency Management – Erin Miller, Marion County BCC (Fire) – Nathan Wallace, City of Belleview - Bob Titterington, City of Ocala – Pat Feagle, Advent Hospital – Wanda Bowlin, Marion County School Board – Dennis McFatten, Ocala Metro Chamber & Economic Partnership (CEP) – Jess Shultz, City of Macintosh – Jessica Gonzalez, and Ocala Marion County Association of Realtors (OMCAR) – Darlene Younce.

Staff members present were: Growth Services Transportation Planner Kenneth Odom, Planner Sarah Wells, Planner Antony Alva, and Staff Assistant Rebecca Brinkley.

Erin Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was noted by Rebecca Brinkley that the meeting met the Sunshine Law requirements, and the Posting of Notice can be found on the Marion County Website.

1. ACTION ITEMS:

1.1 Five-Year Report Update

To continue to be an effective representation of the jurisdiction’s overall strategy for reducing risk to natural hazards, the updated local mitigation plan must reflect current conditions and progress in mitigation efforts. The 5-year plan update is an opportunity to assess our previous goals and actions, evaluate progress in implementing the action plan, and adjust its actions to address current and potential situations. Staff have completed updating and compiling the DRAFT Five-Year Plan and will be discussing those items with the LMS Committee prior to transmittal to FDEM in Tallahassee.

Kenneth Odom opened the discussion regarding this item, and Sarah Wells provided an overview of the changes made in each chapter of the Five-Year Report.

LMS Committee Members voiced their recommendations and comments regarding the current language. Committee Members were asked to closely review and provide feedback on Chapters 6 and 7. Committee Member Jess Shultz discussed the challenges the City of Macintosh faces regarding flooding. Mr. Odom asked her to provide the details of the incidents to facilitate a repetitive loss report to FDEM. Mr. Odom reminded Committee Members that a draft of the Five-Year Plan is due to the state in approximately two weeks.

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3. COMMENTS:

3.1 Steering Committee/Work Group Comments

3.2 Public Comments: There was no one in the audience to bring forward any public comments, and the chair closed the public portion of the hearing.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

Next scheduled quarterly meeting: Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 10:00 AM in the Growth Service Building – Training Room

5. MINUTES:

LMS Committee Member Pat Feagle made a motion to adopt the minutes from the November 1, 2023, February 21, 2024, July 12, 2024, October 16, 2024, and June 25, 2025, meetings. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Bob Titterington. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM.

Attest:

Erin Miller, Chair

Date

Rebecca Brinkley, Staff Assistant