

MARION COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
October 13, 2025

The meeting of the Marion County Historical Commission was called to order by President Dr. Richard Cardinali at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, October 13, 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 and Cynthia Wilson-Graham. Tom Schmitz has tendered his email of resignation. A quorum was established.

GUESTS: Bill Nicoll and Aisia King.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Minutes:

The outstanding minutes from June, July and August meetings were presented for approval. Motion by Dr. Cardinali, seconded by Mr. Richards and all were in favor of approval.

Financial Report: None available.

Mr. Richards announced in August, he presented two invoices for his video services, which were paid the end of September. Mrs. Clark had called him about his check.

Old Business:

Mr. Richards is next interviewing Dr. Scott Mitchell, to be invoiced as of October 01, 2025, the new fiscal year. All paperwork is in place.

Mr. Richards announced the Delee Perry interview is completed and he has digitalized many more of Ms. Perry's files, photographs, etc. He also discussed plans are progressing for the Newton Perry Day January 06, 2026. \$2,500 in donations needed to fund the event.

New Business:

Plans are to video Annabelle Leitner regarding history of northwest Marion County. Also Guy Marwick, Silver River Museum; and Roosevelt Faison, glass-bottom boat captain.

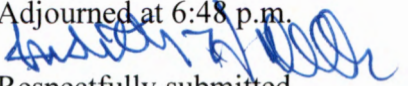
~~Discussion of interview with Robert Thomas, lifeguard at Paradise Park, trained by Newt Perry.~~ 40
Due to State's ownership of Silver Springs attraction now, the permission to interview the current boat captain Cosby must be obtained through Mr. Wilcox.

The donated items from August and October were presented for consideration. Dr. Cardinali moved, Mr. Richards seconded, and all were in favor of accepting these items. They will go to the Marion County Museum of History and Archaeology for research, display, and or storage as deemed necessary by the museum.

Mrs. Delk reports the Silver River Ocali Days event is November 08-09, 2025.

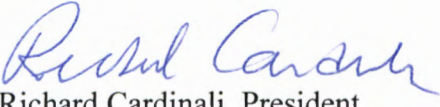
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is 11/10/25.

Adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Judy Delk, Secretary



Dr. Richard Cardinali, President

Items for consideration by the Marion County Historical Commission at its August 11, 2025 meeting

1. Smith, Robert, Collection – Donated Item:
 - a. 1968 Central Florida Junior College 'Rebel' yearbook
2. Flynn, Bertha, Collection – Donated Items:
 - a. Booklet: 1985 Belleview Founders Review
 - b. 1 complete set, with original folder, of 4 lithographs of Marion County scenes printed by Jim Jernigan, given away by Dick Chazal Insurance Co.
 - c. 4 paper items of publicity for Tropical Acres subdivision, SW of Silver Springs
 - d. "See Silver Springs" brochure, circa 1920s
 - e. 6 b&w photographs of golf club house and golf course that was once next to what is now SE 11th Ave.
 - f. 1 b&w photograph of a two-story house with Craftsman-style columns holding up roof of one-story porch, printed by Gleasons Studio, Ocala, Fla., March 30, 1937

MCMC List for their October 13, 2025 meeting

1. Carrier Collection, donation:

a. Stage coach to Ocala



b. 1903 Court house (labeled Granite Courthouse)



c. Turpentine still



d. Site of Barker Gang shootout with FBI



e. Ferry crossing Ocklawaha River



f. West side of Downtown Square on Magnolia St



g. Baptist Witness Building ;1st Hospital 2nd FL; Corner of
Osceola & Ft. King,



h. Hospital (Munroe) Ocala



i. Country Club Ocala, near SE 11th Ave. & SE 12th St.



j. 1st Baptist Church Ocala (Where Marion Hotel is located)



k. Ocala High School, 1890 building



l. Ocala City Hall



m. Rosemere Farms (Horse)



n. Ocklawaha Avenue



o. Knight and Lang Livery Stable (NW corner SR 40 & NE 1st Ave.)



p. Broadway looking West



q. Okeehumkee – Hart's Line (At Silver Springs)



r. Hiawatha on Ocklawaha



s. Ocala High School 1924



t. Weather's Residence (On Pine where Firestone is located)



u. City Auditorium



v. Trolley on Square (On Broadway)



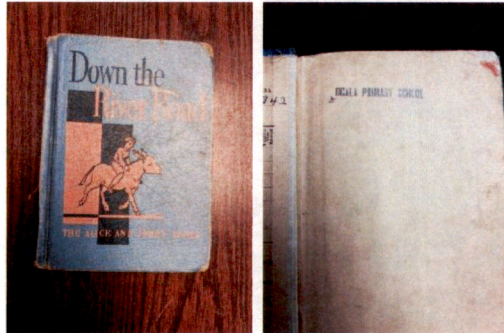
2. Sperring Collection, donation:

a. Sterling silver Ocala souvenir jam/grapefruit/orange spoon

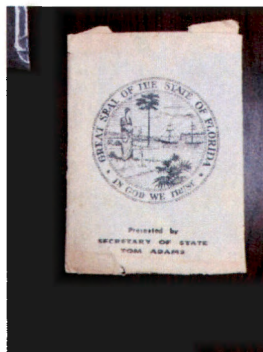


3. Landrum Collection, donation:

- a. Book Down the River Road, 1942, stamped with Ocala Primary School



- b. Forest High School football game program, Forest vs North Marion, Nov. 5, 1971
- c. Forest High School football game program, Forest vs Daytona Beach Seabreeze, Sep. 24, 1971
- d. Envelope of items given to 9th grade Civics freshmen at Osceola Junior High students visiting Tallahassee, 1967-1968 school year:
- i. Envelope



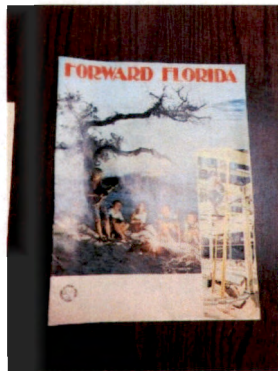
- ii. Pamphlet: What Do Florida's Forests Mean To Florida



- iii. Souvenir impression of the Great Seal of the State of Florida



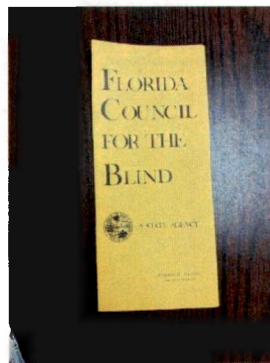
- iv. Booklet: Forward Florida



- v. Sheet music and lyrics to state song 'Old Folks at Home'
- vi. Fact sheet of Florida flag, seal, etc.



- vii. Foldable cardboard model of Florida capitol building
- viii. Pamphlet: Florida Council For The Blind



- ix. Pamphlet: Tour Florida Via US 27



- x. Wallet insert: County Designating Numbers For License Plates (Numerically)
- xi. Map: Florida's Turnpike and Interstate System



- xii. Pamphlet-sized booklet of Florida Seafood Recipes
- xiii. Pamphlet from the Office of Consumer Services,
Florida Department of Agriculture
- xiv. Pamphlet distributed by the Florida Highway Patrol:
Florida Driver Information
- xv. Photograph: The Florida State Capitol

