



Marion County

Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Agenda

McPherson Governmental Campus
601 SE 25th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34471
Phone: 352-438-2323
Fax: 352-438-2324

District 1 – Craig Curry, Commissioner
District 2 – Kathy Bryant, Commissioner
District 3 – Matt McClain, Vice-Chair
District 4 – Carl Zalak, III, Chairman
District 5 – Michelle Stone, Commissioner

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

9:00 AM

**McPherson Governmental
Campus Auditorium**

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners welcomes you to its regularly scheduled meeting held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted. The zoning portion of the meeting is held on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and the third Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

All commission and zoning meetings are open to the public.

Pre-screening will be conducted upon entering the administrative building, located at 601 SE 25th Ave., Ocala, FL 34471.

As a courtesy to others, silence your cell phones and other electronic devices before entering the auditorium. If you need to take a call, please step outside.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

To encourage participation, ensure equal access to all participants and foster mutual respect, please follow these guidelines.

-Regular BCC Meeting

-There are two (2) public comment portions on the agenda, one reserved for comments related to items specifically listed on the agenda, and one for all other comments.

-To be allotted five (5) minutes, you must sign up the Friday prior to the meeting that you wish to speak at. You can sign up online at <https://marionfl.org/comment> or via phone at 352-438-2300.

-Those who do not submit a request in advance (by 5:00 p.m. the Friday prior) are still welcome to sign up at the desk located in the foyer of the commission auditorium on the day of the meeting, but will only be allotted two (2) minutes.

-BCC Planning and Zoning Meeting

-Public Comments during the Planning and Zoning portion of the meeting will be limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. You must sign in at the desk located in the foyer of the commission auditorium on the day of the meeting.

Marion County staff is available throughout each meeting for your convenience.

Anyone requiring accommodations due to a disability or physical impairment should contact Marion County Administration at 352-438-2300 at least two (2) days before a meeting.

Agenda items are posted on Marion County's website, <https://www.marionfl.org>, before each board meeting. Click the "Agendas & Videos" link on the homepage to download the agenda packet and back-up documentation.

The Marion County Clerk of Court keeps the official minutes and audio recordings of commission meetings, workshops and public hearings. To request a copy of these materials, contact the Clerk's Office at 352-671-5622. Marion County streams video for most board meetings, workshops and public hearings (when applicable) live online through the county's website. These recordings are archived online after meetings, but copies can be requested by Marion County Administration at 352-438-2300.

CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
9:00 AM ROLL CALL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- 1.1. [PROCLAMATION - Drive 4 Life Month - Sonja Christmas, Drive 4 Life Coordinator, North Marion High School \(Approval and Presentation\)](#)
- 1.2. [PROCLAMATION - Citrus Cup 50th Anniversary Week - Alicia Davis, Show Manager and Chair, 50th Annual Citrus Cup Horse Show \(Approval and Presentation\)](#)
- 1.3. [PROCLAMATION - Farmland Preservation Month - Sara Fennessy, Executive Director, Horse Farms Forever \(Approval and Presentation\)](#)
- 1.4. [PROCLAMATION - Water Safety Day - Renee Brandies, President, Harlow's Helping Hands \(Approval and Presentation\)](#)
- 1.5. [PROCLAMATION - Water Conservation Month \(Approval Only\)](#)
- 1.6. [PROCLAMATION - National Fair Housing Month \(Approval Only\)](#)
- 1.7. [PROCLAMATION - National Community Development Week \(Approval Only\)](#)
- 1.8. [PROCLAMATION - National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week \(Approval Only\)](#)
- 1.9. [PROCLAMATION - Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week \(Approval Only\)](#)

2. AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Reserved for comments related to items specifically listed on this agenda. Scheduled requests will be heard first and limited to five (5) minutes. Unscheduled requests will be limited to two (2) minutes. Citizens may contact Marion County Administration by 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the meeting at 352-438-2300 to request to speak or submit the request online at: www.marionfl.org.

3. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

- 3.1. [November 18, 2025](#)
- 3.2. [December 2, 2025 A](#)
- 3.3. [December 2, 2025 B](#)

4. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND GOVERNMENTAL OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

- 4.1. [Billy Woods, Sheriff - Request Approval of Expenditure of \\$2,000 from Law Enforcement Trust Fund](#)

5. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT:**5.1. Budget Amendment**

- 5.1.1. [Budget Transfer from Law Enforcement Trust Fund to MSTU for Law Enforcement - \\$2,000](#)
- 5.1.2. [General Fund - Multiple Departments - \\$44,000](#)
- 5.1.3. [MSTU for Law Enforcement - Sheriff Patrol CID Transfer - \\$6,369](#)
- 5.1.4. [Sheriff Multiple Funds - Multiple Cost Centers - \\$30,089](#)
- 5.1.5. [Tourist Development Tax Fund - Visitors and Convention Bureau - \\$10,165](#)

5.2. Clerk of the Court Items

- 5.2.1. [Present the Acquisition or Disposition of Property Forms Authorizing Changes in Status, as Follows: 044970, 046854, 047096, 047545, 047789, 047790, 47812, Landfill Disposition List, and Property Appraiser List](#)

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Request Proof of Publication) at 10:00 am:

Public participation is encouraged. When prompted, please step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record. Please limit your comments to the specific issue being addressed.

- 6.1. [PUBLIC HEARING to Consider Transmittal of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report Large-Scale Text Amendment to Amend the Marion County Comprehensive Plan \(25-L05\) After the Evaluation and Appraisal Report](#)

7. CONSENT:

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda is a motion to approve all recommended actions. All matters on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion unless desired by a Commissioner.

7.1. Administration:

- 7.1.1. [Request Approval to Donate Vehicle to Quality of Life Rehab & Foster, Inc. \(Budget Impact - None\)](#)

7.2. Attorney:

- 7.2.1. [Request Approval of Auto Liability Settlement in the Civil Action, Anthony Gonzalez v. Marion County Board of County Commissioners, Case No. 2025-CA-289 \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$175,000\)](#)

7.3. Community Services:

7.3.1. [Request Approval of the Marion County Standard Public Services Agreement Community Development Block Grant Program \(CDBG-PS\) with Wear Gloves, Inc. \(Budget Impact - Neutral; not to exceed \\$50,000\)](#)

7.4. Municipal Services:

7.4.1. [Request Acceptance of East Lake - Woodmar Improvement Area into Warranty Period and Authorization for Chairman to Execute Letter to Contractor \(Budget Impact - None\)](#)

7.5. Procurement Services:

7.5.1. [Request Approval of Bid Award: 26B-041 DRA Mowing Areas II and IV - Southern Shield Land & Disaster Services, LLC, Trenton, FL \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$79,975\)](#)

7.5.2. [Request Approval of Bid Award: 26B-051 Silver Springs Shores 2026 Road Resurfacing Project - Superior Asphalt Inc., Bradenton, FL \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$615,001\)](#)

7.5.3. [Request Approval of Bid Exemption: 26BE-070 E-One Typhoon Pumper Engine Refurbish - On Scene Repairs & Maintenance, LLC, Ocala, FL \(Budget Impact - Neutral; estimated expenditure of \\$280,897.21\)](#)

7.5.4. [Request Approval of Change Order to Purchase Order 2401732: 24Q-226 Cross Florida Greenway Baseline Road to Santos Paved Trail - Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Ocala, FL \(Budget Impact - Neutral; additional expenditure of \\$57,685\)](#)

7.5.5. [Request Approval of Contract Amendment 18P-021-CA-04, Visitors and Convention Bureau Website Development - Tempest Interactive Media, LLC, Philadelphia, PA \(Budget Impact - Neutral; additional expenditure of \\$5,600\)](#)

7.5.6. [Request Approval of Contract Amendment: 24Q-279-CA-01 Fire Training Facility - A&E Services - Monarch Design Group, LLC, Ocala, FL \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$716,804.89\)](#)

7.5.7. [Request Approval of Contract Amendment \(Renewal\): 20P-151-CA-04, Disposition of Unclaimed Bodies - Gratitude & Compassion, LLC dba Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremation, Ocala, FL \(Budget Impact - Neutral; estimated expenditure of \\$90,000\)](#)

7.5.8. [Request Approval of Piggyback of Contract: 26PB-061 Cleaning and Inspection of Manholes, Wastewater Lines, and Lift Stations - EnviroWaste Services Group, Inc., Palmetto Bay, FL \(Budget Impact - Neutral; estimated annual expenditure of \\$200,000\)](#)

- 7.5.9. [Request Approval of Selection Committee Recommendation: 26Q-047 Tourism Development Feasibility Analysis - C.H. Johnson Consulting, Inc., Chicago, IL \(Budget Impact - None\)](#)
- 7.5.10. [Request Approval of Sole Source Declaration: 26SS-068 MicroC 2000 - Hawkins Water Treatment Group, Inc. d/b/a Hawkins, Inc. Apopka, FL \(Budget Impact - Neutral; estimated expenditure of \\$100,000\)](#)
- 7.5.11. [Request Approval of Purchases \\$50,000 and Over](#)

7.6. Tourist Development:

- 7.6.1. [Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Request for Event Bid Fees \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$26,000\)](#)

7.7. Transportation - County Engineer:

- 7.7.1. [Request Approval of a Purchase Agreement Associated with the NW 80th/70th Avenue Segment 3 Road Improvement Project for a Portion of Parcel 23299-003-01 \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$203,065\)](#)
- 7.7.2. [Request Approval of a Purchase Agreement Associated with the NW 80th/70th Avenue Segment 3 Road Improvement Project for Portions of Parcel 2109-001-000 \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$467,000\)](#)
- 7.7.3. [Request Approval of a Purchase Agreement and Addendum Associated with the SW 49th Avenue North Phase Road Improvement Project for Parcel 3578-015-004 \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$363,520\)](#)
- 7.7.4. [Request Approval of Amendment to Developer's Agreement Ocala Crossings North PUD and to Developer's Agreement Ocala Crossings South PUD \(Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \\$150,000, in future Transportation Improvement Program\)](#)

8. COUNTY ATTORNEY:

- 8.1. [Request Approval of a Resolution, at the Direction of the School Board, that the Board of County Commissioners Request the Supervisor of Elections of Marion County, Florida to Place a Measure on the Ballot for the November 3, 2026, General Election for the Electors within the School District to Vote on the Approval to Continue a One Mill Ad Valorem Tax for Four Years Pursuant to Section 1011.73\(2\), Florida Statutes](#)
- 8.2. [Request Board Authorization for County Attorney and County Engineer to Proceed with the Acquisition of Certain Property Interests from Bal Bay Realty, LTD., or its Successor in Interest, for the SW 40th and SW 49th Avenue Road Construction Project, Within the Purchase Price and Other Parameters Described Herein](#)

- 8.3. [Request Consideration of Reduction and/or Release of Civil Restitution Liens for Briley Carr](#)
- 8.4. [Request Consideration of Engagement in Services of the Ballard Partners to Represent Marion County to Advocate for the County's Interests Before the State of Florida, Particularly Including the Florida Department of Environmental Protection](#)
- 8.5. [Present Update and Request Direction Related to the County's Lawsuit Filed as a Result of the Railroad Tie Fire on CSX Property in the City of Dunnellon](#)

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

- 9.1. [Request for Release of Lien on Code Enforcement Case Number 521656-JB Associated with Parcel 4018-012-040](#)
- 9.2. [Request for Release of Lien on Code Enforcement Case Numbers 549422-AL and 549422-JB; Parcel 4551-016-067](#)
- 9.3. [Present Update on Marion County Day 2026 and America250](#)

10. COMMITTEE ITEMS:

- 10.1. [Housing Finance Authority - Request to Declare Seat Vacant and Authorize the Advertisement of One \(1\) Full Member Position for an Unexpired Term Ending September 2026](#)

11. NOTATION FOR ACTION: NONE

12. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Scheduled requests will be heard first and limited to five (5) minutes. Unscheduled speakers will be limited to two (2) minutes. Citizens may contact Marion County Administration by 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the meeting at 352-438-2300 to request to speak or sign up online at: www.marionfl.org.

13. COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

13.1. Commission Comments

13.2. Commission Calendar

- 13.2.1. [Present Commission Calendar](#)

14. NOTATION FOR RECORD:

14.1. County Administrator Informational Items:

- 14.1.1. [Solid Waste Monthly Operations Report for January and February 2026](#)
- 14.1.2. [Present Chamber and Economic Partnership Quarterly Financial Reports for 2025 and Quarter One of 2026](#)

-
- 14.1.3. [Present Letter Dated March 5, 2026, from Florida Governmental Utility Authority Regarding Two Public Hearings for Proposed Fee Increase](#)
 - 14.1.4. [Present Canterwood Acres Community Development District Board of Supervisors Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2026](#)
 - 14.2. **Present Walk-On Items From Previous BCC Meeting: NONE**
 - 14.3. **Clerk of the Court:**
 - 14.3.1. [Present Administrative Budget Transfer Report for FY 2025-26](#)
 - 14.3.2. [Present Memorandum from Gregory C. Harrell, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Regarding the Filing of Ordinances 26-05 and 26-06 with the Secretary of State's Office](#)
 - 14.3.3. [Present Infrastructure Surtax Capital Improvement Program Project Close-Out](#)
 - 14.3.4. [Present Regular Report of Utilization for Reserve for Contingencies](#)
 - 14.4. **Present for information and record, minutes and notices received from the following committees and agencies:**
 - 14.4.1. [Code Enforcement Board \(CEB\) - February 11, 2026](#)
 - 14.4.2. [Development Review Committee \(DRC\) - March 2 and 9, 2026](#)
 - 14.4.3. [Housing Finance Authority - January 21, 2026](#)
 - 14.4.4. [Land Development Regulation Committee \(LDRC\) - March 4, 2026](#)
 - 14.4.5. [License Review Board \(LRB\) - February 10, 2026](#)
 - 14.5. **General Informational Items:**
 - 14.5.1. Marion County Health Department – For the Latest health news and information, Visit the Website at <http://marion.floridahealth.gov/>
 - 14.5.2. Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) - For Minutes and Agendas, Visit the Website at <http://www.WaterMatters.org>
 - 14.5.3. St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) - For Minutes and Agendas, Visit the Website at <https://www.sjrwmd.com>
 - 14.5.4. Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) - For Minutes and Agendas, Visit the Website at <https://ocalamariontpo.org>
 - 14.5.5. Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) - For Minutes and Agendas, Visit the Website at <http://www.wrwsa.org>
-