

MARION COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes

May 11, 2026

The meeting of the Marion County Historical Commission was called to order by President Dr. Richard Cardinali at 6:00 p.m. in the 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, Mrs. Becky Long, Mrs. Cynthia Wilson-Graham, Mr. William Nicoll and Mrs. Judy Delk were in attendance. Mrs. Bertha Flynn and Courtland Richards were absent. A quorum was present.

Guests: None.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: Minutes of the April 13, 2026 meeting were presented. Dr. Cardinali moved, Mrs. Long seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. All were in favor.

Financial Report: No line itemization of expenditures available yet. Motion by Dr. Cardinali, seconded by Mr. Nicoll, to approve the report as presented. All were in favor.

Old Business: Mrs. Delk has ordered replacement memorial flags for the Law Enforcement Officer memorial. Also, the Five Flags over Florida are due for replacement this month.

Also reports the May museum program will be Celeste Godwin Viale discussing the 175+ year history of Ocklawaha Bridge Baptist Church and the prior Spanish Mission in Moss Bluff, 5/17/26.

FortKingOcala.com has details on the June weekly programs at the fort.

Gator Joe's, on Lake Weir, is celebrating their 100th anniversary on 08/22/2026.

Mrs. Wilson-Graham reports she's still waiting on the Emerson School marker. Also, she is still researching the Santos community.

Becky Long has no update from Jennifer re: Roosevelt marker. (10)

New Business: None.

Donated Item for Consideration: Mrs. Wilson-Graham moved, Mr. Nicoll seconded to accept the donation, and loan back to the Marion County Museum of History & Archaeology to be researched, accessioned, and displayed, stored or disposed of as deemed necessary by the museum.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting is 06/08/26.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Judy Delk, Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judy Delk".

Signed,

Dr. Richard Cardinali, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Cardinali".

Items for consideration by the Marion County Historical Commission at their May
11, 2026 meeting.

1. Souvenir ash tray from Carriage Cavalcade attraction.

(This attraction was located across the street from the Silver Springs attraction.)

2. Replica Confederate 1st Lt. artillery uniform: single-breasted wool frock coat; wool pants; cotton suspenders with leather tabs; red and white checked cotton shirt; red silk sash; light artillery saber with scabbard; belt with Sam Brown strap and straps for scabbard; replica red forage cap with black leather visor and chin strap with crossed cannons emblem on crown.

3. Framed 1863 map of the eastern United States with counties differentiated by color.