

**Official Minutes of
MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

November 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) met in regular session in Commission Chambers at 9:02 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at the Marion County Governmental Complex located in Ocala, Florida.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The meeting opened with invocation by Commissioner Bryant and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

9:00 AM ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call the following members were present: Chairman Michelle Stone, District 5; Vice-Chairman Kathy Bryant, District 2; Commissioner Craig Curry, District 1; Commissioner Matthew McClain, District 3; and Commissioner Carl Zalak, III, District 4. Also present were Clerk Gregory C. Harrell, County Attorney Matthew G. Minter, County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes, Assistant County Administrator (ACA) Angel Roussel, ACA Tracy Straub, ACA Amanda Tart and Executive Director of Internal Services Mike McCain.

ELECT NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIR:

Clerk Harrell announced the results of the Commissioners' ballots for Chairman and Vice-Chair. He advised that Commissioner Bryant received the appropriate votes to serve as Chairman and Commissioner Zalak received the appropriate votes to serve as Vice-Chairman, effective November 21, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Stone addressed upcoming scheduled meetings as listed on the Commission Calendar (Item 13.2.1.).

1. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Upon motion of Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Zalak, the BCC approved and/or ratified the following:

1.1. PRESENTATION – Community Action Stops Abuse Marion Emergency Shelter Opening Celebration - Cheryl Martin, Community Services Director (Presentation Only)

Description/Background: Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA) Marion became the official certified domestic violence center for Marion County in January, 2024. CASA Marion operates a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, and a wide variety of non-residential support services for survivors of domestic violence and their children in Marion County.

The Marion County Commissioners approved the purchase of a new domestic violence emergency shelter for CASA Marion to better serve survivors and their children. Join us to celebrate this impactful milestone.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Recommendation for Presentation Only.

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Chairman Stone advised that the Board does not usually hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in the Commission Chambers; however, due to the Emergency Shelter being a secure location and in order to protect the victims of domestic violence, the ceremony will now take place.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Lariana Forsythe, CASA, advised that CASA Marion began on January 1, 2024 operating out of a temporary facility and what is being celebrated today is the opening of the permanent Shelter. She advised that since January 1, 2024 the shelter answered 633 calls through its 24 hours a day/7days a week (24/7) emergency hotline and served 604 adults and children with 8,406 services. Ms. Forsythe stated Marion County has a tremendous need for these services. She noted the positive environment the shelter offers to those in need.

Ocala Mayor Ben Marciano hosted a brief video of the new facility. He urged citizens who would like to support CASA Marion to google CASA Marion County Women's Domestic Violence Shelter to learn how to help this great organization.

Ms. Forsythe introduced a young lady who was a recipient of the services available through CASA Marion. The young lady advised that through CASA's rapid rehousing program she and her children went from living in a severe domestic violence situation to living in their own home away from the abuser.

Ms. Forsythe advised that through Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding received from the County, CASA Marion is able to help in so many ways. She stated several CASA Marion Board members are present today including Chairman Stone, as well as Gabby Lopez, Senior Director of Program Services, Casa Marion, and several members of the Domestic Violence Task Force.

Ms. Forsythe stated the Domestic Violence Task Force worked for nearly a year to find an agency that was able to take over these services for the County.

CASA Marion Board member Ken Ausley advised that this was a community-wide effort that would not have been possible without the support of the BCC and their staff. He noted it is his pleasure to serve on the CASA Marion Board.

CASA Marion Board member David Tillman expressed his appreciation to the Task Force for teaming with CASA Pinellas to form CASA Marion and bring these services to the community.

1.2. PROCLAMATION – Lung Cancer Awareness Month - Amy Roberts, Chair, Cancer Alliance of Marion County (Approval and Presentation)

The Board presented the Proclamation designating the Month of November 2024 as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" to Cancer Alliance of Marion County Chair Amy Roberts, and several representatives of the medical field.

Cancer Alliance of Marion County Chair Amy Roberts, expressed her appreciation to all of the organizations for coming together to raise awareness of the screenings, noting only 2.4 percent (2%) of eligible people are getting screened. She commented on the importance of early detection. Ms. Roberts advised that the screening for lung cancer is a low dose computed tomography (LDCT) and not a chest x-ray, noting chest x-rays cannot detect the early stages of lung cancer. She stated citizens can receive more information by visiting the Cancer Alliance of Marion County Facebook page.

Lisa McGuire, Director of Oncology for HCA Ocala, advised that the hospital will have representatives' onsite (main lobby) tomorrow from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. that will offer smoking cessation resources and other free nicotine replacements, as well as support services. She stated this Saturday (November 9, 2024) is National Lung Cancer

Screening Day and the hospital's imaging center will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to offer the LDCT to patients who meet the criteria and qualify.

1.3. PROCLAMATION – Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Nathan Simpson (Approval and Presentation)

The Board presented the Proclamation recognizing Nathan Simpson for attaining the status of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America Organization.

Commissioner Zalak noted yesterday was Mr. Simpson's 16th birthday and wished him a very happy birthday.

Mr. Simpson advised that his Eagle project was for the Fort King Presbyterian Church's Pearl Project (foster care project), noting he rebuilt the entire swing set for the church so the children can be safe while playing.

Clerk Gregory C. Harrell commented on the potential permanence of Eagle Scout projects, noting many young scouts have made their mark in the community.

Commissioner Zalak addressed the possibility of creating a map that reflects all of the Boy Scout and Eagle Scout projects throughout the community.

1.4. PROCLAMATION – Veterans Appreciation Month - Jeffrey Askew, Veterans Services Director (Approval and Presentation)

The Board presented the Proclamation designating the Month of November 2024 as "Veterans Appreciation Month" to Veterans Services Director Jeffrey Askew and several members of the veteran's community.

Commissioner Curry commented on the many veterans whose names have been recognized at Marion County's Veterans Park, which is a living testament to their service and sacrifices.

Veterans Services Director Jeffrey Askew expressed his appreciation to Commissioners and County staff for their support. He provided a brief overview of upcoming events, including a car show to be held on Sunday, October 10, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the parking lot across from the Veterans Park, noting after the show a new statute will be unveiled, as well as a performance from Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band followed by fireworks in honor of veterans. He invited everyone to come out to Veterans Park on Veterans Day (Monday November 11, 2024), noting a program will be provided by the Marion County Public School system with over 700 students present to perform drill exercises, etc.

Commissioner Curry introduced Todd Belknap.

Todd Belknap, Veterans Helping Veterans Resource Center, provided a brief overview of the services offered by the center, noting the organization compiles all resources available to veterans and their families. He stated citizens can visit the website at www.vetresourcecenter.com for more information.

It was noted that the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard performs full military honor services at Veterans Park for veteran families at no charge. The Honor Guard also has a "Home Town Heros" banner program to recognize veterans who are giving back to the community.

1.5. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – Marion County Fire Rescue and Public Safety Communications Deployments Due to Hurricane Helene and Milton - James Banta, Fire Chief (Approval and Presentation)

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Description/Background: Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR) and Public Safety Communications (PSC) played a vital role in supporting relief and rescue efforts during two significant hurricanes.

Hurricane Helene

In response to Hurricane Helene, Task Force 8 (TF8) was deployed to the Big Bend area of Florida. Their mission focused on conducting search and water rescue operations in areas severely affected by flooding. TF8 worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of residents in these vulnerable regions, navigating floodwaters and coordinating with local agencies to provide timely rescues.

Simultaneously, the PSC Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (TERT) team was deployed to Asheville, North Carolina. Their primary task was to provide essential 911 call answering and dispatch services in support of the local emergency units overwhelmed by the hurricane's impact. This deployment ensured continuous emergency response capabilities in a critical time of need.

Hurricane Milton

In response to Hurricane Milton, several MCFR personnel were deployed to assist in various capacities. Deputy Chief Graff and Public Safety Information Manager James Lucas both joined the Florida Incident Support team, where Deputy Chief Graff served as the Operations Chief and James Lucas served as the Public Information Officer. Their efforts were central to coordinating large-scale relief operations and ensuring accurate, timely communication to the public and other agencies.

Chaplain Joseph LaCognata was deployed to St. Lucie County as a member of the mental wellness team. His role was to provide crucial mental health support to first responders and residents affected by the disaster, helping them cope with the emotional and psychological toll of the storm.

Fire Marshal Ken McCann was among 25 inspectors deployed to the affected areas. His task was to assess structural damage and ensure public safety, which was essential to the recovery efforts and rebuilding process in those communities.

In addition, TF8 was once again called into action. This time they deployed to Manatee, Pasco, and Hernando Counties. Their mission included water rescues, search operations, and road clearing to reopen vital routes. During this deployment, TF8 successfully rescued 249 residents and 47 pets while aiding 164 additional residents with various needs.

The response to both hurricanes demonstrated the extraordinary dedication and bravery of all MCFR and PSC personnel involved. Their actions not only saved lives but also reinforced the importance of their ability to mobilize quickly and provide critical support during emergencies. The skills and leadership displayed during these deployments underscore the vital role that MCFR and PSC play in ensuring the safety and recovery of communities affected by natural disasters.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and present recognition.

Chief James Banta, MCFR, provided a brief overview of the rescue services performed by MCFR and PSC personnel during the recent storm events.

Chief Banta presented Certificates of Recognition to those who were part of those rescue efforts: Anthony Lucin; Brady Merritt; Heather Silvernail; Joe Fontaine; Michael Pye; Cynthia Leedy; Jack Spell; Ken Smithgall; Lisa Cahill; Reba Collins; Seth Gage; Andres Arcila; Andrew Bragoli; Hunter Crews; James Lucas; Joe Rinaudo; Ryan Holt; Brandon Tedeschi; Christopher Whitler; Daniel Laxton; Dustin Lindsey; Dustin Madrid; Dustin

Zitnick; Emily Merritt; Frank York; James Cussins; Jerrod Walwrath; Joe LaCognata; Jonathan Ingram; Ken McCann; Kyle Coburn; Nathan Wallace; Robert Graff; Ryan Martin; Steve Debigare; and Timothy Ecker.

Chairman Stone expressed her appreciation to everyone who answered the call, not just for the citizens of Marion County, but for answering the call from other communities across the nation in need of help. She noted it was a sacrifice for their families as well.

Commissioner Bryant stated her daughter was impacted by Hurricane Helene and expressed her appreciation to staff for all they do to help those in need.

Chairman Stone expressed her gratitude for staff that stayed behind to help Marion County citizens.

Commissioner Bryant out at 9:53 a.m.

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.

Chairman Stone opened the floor for public comment.

Commissioner Bryant returned at 9:54 a.m.

Mike Netherclift, SW 53rd Circle, addressed the Board regarding Agenda Item 9.1. (naming of the pickleball courts at Coehadjoe Park as "John R. Hunt Pickleball Courts"). He advised that he is a retired physical education (PE) teacher and coach for the Marion County School system and a current member of the Kyle Pickleball Board of Directors. Mr. Netherclift stated his dear friend John Hunt passed away on September 13, 2024 and would be sadly missed. He provided a brief overview of the life Mr. Hunt lived over the past 80 years including his accomplishments as a long term banker in Marion County, founder of the First National Community Bank, Chairman of the Board for Marion Continuum of Care (CoC), Chairman of the Board for the Public Policy Institute (PPI), Chairman of the Board for the Marion Cultural Alliance, as well as the Chairman of the Board for the Ocala Pickleball Club, LLC. Mr. Netherclift stated Mr. Hunt was an advocate for Pickleball in the Marion County area and through Mr. Hunt's leadership and direction, the Club was able to sponsor 5 large scale community Pickleball tournaments known as the "Big Sun Pickleball Tournament". He requested the BCC change the name from Coehadjoe Pickleball Courts to the John R. Hunt Pickleball Courts.

Chairman Stone expressed her condolences to Mrs. Patty Hunt.

Chairman Stone requested the Board address Agenda Item 9.1. at this time. It was the general consensus of the Board to concur.

Chairman Stone clarified the Board will go back to public comment once Agenda Item 9.1 was addressed.

9.1. Request for Consideration and Approval of the Naming of Pickleball Courts at Coehadjoe Park as "John R. Hunt Pickleball Courts"

The Board considered the following recommendation as presented by County Administrator Bouyounes:

Description/Background: The Parks & Recreation Department, the interested department as defined in Policy 24-06, is recommending the naming of the pickleball courts at Coehadjoe Park as "John R. Hunt Pickleball Courts." The Ocala

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Pickleball Club has submitted an email supporting this action in honor of the late John R. Hunt.

Mr. Hunt was an instrumental force encouraging Marion County to build dedicated pickleball courts for the public's enjoyment at Coehadjoe Park. His dedication to the sport helped grow the pickleball community at Coehadjoe Park exponentially, across all ages and fitness levels. The members of the Ocala Pickleball Club, which has grown to over 700 members, as well as the Parks & Recreation Department, believe this dedication would be a fitting memorial to the many contributions Mr. Hunt made to both Marion County and the overall community.

The County Administrator recommends naming these courts the "John R. Hunt Pickleball Courts." This recommendation is based on the request from the interested department, Parks & Recreation, and the support of the pickleball community per the revised policy 24-06.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the naming of the pickleball courts at Coehadjoe Park as the "John R. Hunt Pickleball Courts."

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Zalak, to approve the naming of the pickleball courts at Coehadjoe Park as the "John R. Hunt Pickleball Courts".

Commissioner Zalak commented on all the accomplishments made by Mr. Hunt and expressed his appreciation to him and his wife for all they have done for the community over the years.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Chairman Stone noted it is the ten o'clock hour. She advised that the Board would continue with the Item 2. (public comment) after the public hearing is concluded.

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: Second of Two Public Hearings to Consider Developer's Agreement (24-03DA) Between Marion County, Florida and 140 MHC, LLC., Related to Rezoning Case 240505ZC (Hidden Little Lake Weir, LLC)

The Board considered the following recommendation as presented by Senior Planner Chris Rison, Growth Services:

Description/Background: James W. Gooding, III, Esq., submitted a proposed Developer's Agreement (Agreement), on behalf of 140 MHC, LLC., related to Rezoning Case 240505ZC (Hidden Little Lake Weir, LLC.) for Parcel Identification Number (PID) 45509-000-00, totaling ±10 acres; no address is currently assigned to the parcel, and the legal description is contained within proposed Agreement.

On May 21, 2024, the Board approved Rezoning Application 240505ZC, Hidden Little Lake Weir, LLC., granting a Manufactured Housing Park (P-MH) zoning for Parcel Identification 45509-000-00, that is a ±10-acre property surrounded by the Del Webb Spruce Creek Country Club and Little Lake Weir Subdivision projects. With the proposed rezoning request, the applicant proposed, and the Board concurred with, providing a Developer's Agreement to establish development and design standards for the anticipated manufactured housing park project. Staff has also attached the applicant's initial letter of intent regarding the project and the

concept plan illustration provided at the May 21, 2024, hearing; however, the concept plan is not identified as an exhibit to the Agreement.

The Agreement addresses the items raised with consideration of the zoning request consistent with the Board's discussion. The Agreement provides for an age-restriction for persons 55 and older per State and Federal requirements, the community's ownership and rental operation, buffers, access maintenance, type/size of units, amenities, and providing for project review, with a 30-year Agreement duration consistent with the then discussion.

The maximum number of units was a staff and community concern due to the site's limited access (a single dead-end roadway stub-out) and Land Development Code (LDC) requirements for a second access for residential developments of 50 units or more. Section 2.2. of the Agreement states "there shall be no more than 49 manufactured home residential units". Section 2.4. of the Agreement also includes language regarding the developer's maintenance of the dead-end roadway stub-out. The Agreement as proposed is acceptable to staff including the County Engineer and is recommended for approval.

This Public Hearing represents the second of two (2) Public Hearings regarding the Agreement.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Receive public comment, provide direction to staff, if any, and motion to approve the Developer's Agreement with 140 MHC, LLC.

Deputy Clerk Windberg presented Proof of Publication of a display ad entitled, "Notice of Public Hearing to consider a Developer's Agreement between 140 MHC, LLC., and Marion County related to rezoning application 240505ZC" published in the Star Banner newspaper on October 29, 2024. The Notice states the Board will consider a proposed Developer's Agreement pursuant to Section 163.3220 through 163.3243, inclusive, Florida Statutes (FS) between 140 MHC, LLC., (owner) and Marion County, Florida (County) Case No. 24-03DA as related to Rezoning Application 240505ZC.

Senior Planner Chris Rison, Growth Services Department, advised that the request is for a Developer's Agreement that is a follow up to a rezoning case heard by the BCC in May 2024, noting at that time there was a question regarding a property which was rezoned to a P-MH zoning classification. He stated the site is surrounded by the Spruce Creek Golf and Country Club development to the north, east and west, and to the south by the Little Lake Weir subdivision. Mr. Rison noted the Board discussion at that hearing was to enter into a Developer's Agreement to establish some Conditions. He stated the property's future land use designation is High Density Residential and the zoning is P-MH at this time. Mr. Rison stated a number of concerns have been addressed in the Developer's Agreement (i.e., age restricted to 55+; maximum of 49 dwelling units (du's), and the developer will be responsible for maintaining the stub-out roadway to the Little Lake Weir subdivision). He noted the developer is requesting some authorization to work through the County's site planning process to possibly perform some upgrades to that roadway. Mr. Rison stated staff have no objections to the request and is therefore recommending approval of the agreement as presented.

Commissioner Zalak out at 10:06 a.m.

Mr. Rison advised that this is the second of two public hearings to consider this Developer's Agreement.

Jimmy Gooding, SE 36th Avenue, attorney on behalf of the applicant, advised that Ohad Peri is also present on behalf of the developer. He clarified that the Agreement is identical

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to the draft as presented at the first hearing, except for the changes as mentioned by Mr. Rison. Mr. Gooding commented on the details of the maintenance of the stub-out road (also known as Jersey Street), noting the applicant worked on those details with County Engineer Steven Cohoon, Office of the County Engineer. He stated language was included relating to the site plan process in order to make improvements to that road.

Commissioner Zalak returned at 10:07 a.m.

Ohad Peri, S Longport Circle, Delray Beach, stated the applicant is committed to building a brand new manufactured housing community and is looking to move forward with the project.

Chairman Stone opened the floor to public comment.

There being none, Chairman Stone advised that public comment is now closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Curry, seconded by Commissioner McClain, to approve the Developer's Agreement with 140 MHC, LLC. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

2. AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENTS (continued):

Chairman Stone opened the floor for public comment.

There being none, Chairman Stone advised that public comment is now closed.

3. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: (2 sets)

3.1. June 18, 2024

3.2. June 20, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Curry, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, to adopt the meeting minutes of June 18 and 20, 2024. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

4. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND GOVERNMENTAL OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

4.1. 2023-27 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program - \$65,805

The Board considered the following recommendation as presented by Grants Coordinator Caitlin Rath, MCSO:

Description/Background: The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and units of local government. The US Department of Justice has made \$65,805 available to Marion County that may be used for law enforcement programs, prosecution and court programs, technology improvements, and more. In years past, the Board has delegated application authority to the Sheriff's Office to prepare and submit the JAG grant application. The funds for the 2023-2027 grant period are requested to support the following programs:

Marion County Sheriff's Office - Investigations - \$55,805

The Marion County Sheriff's Office will utilize grant funds for equipment in the Detective Bureau. Detectives from Major Crimes, Property Crimes, Drug Unit and the Intelligence Unit will utilize surveillance equipment for operations to combat violent crimes and conduct surveillance to mitigate crime.

Marion County 5th Judicial Court - Drug Court Program - \$10,000

The Marion County Drug Court Program will utilize grant funds for drug screens, which are required of participants enrolled in the program.

Budget/Impact: Grant revenue of \$65,805 (No local match required).

Recommended Action: Motion to delegate application authority for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program as described to the Sheriff's Office and to authorize the County Administrator to sign the Certifications and Assurances form for electronic submission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to delegate application authority for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program as described to the Sheriff's Office and to authorize the County Administrator to sign the Certifications and Assurances form for electronic submission. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

4.2. Billy Woods, Sheriff - Request Approval of the Annual Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification

The Board considered the following recommendation as presented by Sheriff William "Billy" Woods, MCSO:

Description/Background: This report is required to be completed and submitted to the Department of Justice and the Department of Treasury within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. The total amount received under the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement during fiscal year 2023-24 was \$233,334.84. Earned interest in the amount of \$9,493.57 was accumulated during the year.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Annual Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Annual Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

4.3. Request Approval of Traffic Enforcement Agreement Between William "Billy" Woods, Sheriff of Marion County, Marion County Board of County Commissioners, and Calesa Township Master Association, Inc.

The Board considered the following recommendation as presented by General Counsel Marissa Duquette, MCSO:

Description/Background: The Sheriff has agreed to provide traffic enforcement in the private gated community of Calesa Township. The attached agreement describes the service area, duties and responsibilities of the parties. The term is for a period of 11/05/2024 - 11/05/2025 and shall automatically renew for successive one (1) year terms, unless terminated by either party with thirty (30) day written notice.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the Traffic Enforcement Agreement between William "Billy" Woods, Sheriff of Marion County, Marion County Board of County Commissioners, and Calesa Township Master Association, Inc.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to approve and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the Traffic Enforcement Agreement between William "Billy" Woods, Sheriff of Marion County, Marion County Board of County Commissioners, and Calesa Township Master Association, Inc. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

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4.4. Request Approval of Traffic Enforcement Agreement Between William “Billy” Woods, Sheriff of Marion County, Marion County Board of County Commissioners, and Roan Hills Homeowners Association, Inc.

The Board considered the following recommendation as presented by General Counsel Duquette, MCSO:

Description/Background: The Sheriff has agreed to provide traffic enforcement over private roads within the gated community of Roan Hills. The attached agreement describes the service area, duties and responsibilities of the parties. The term is for a period of 11/05/2024 - 11/05/2025 and shall automatically renew for successive one (1) year terms, unless terminated by either party with thirty (30) day written notice.

Budget/Impact: None

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the Traffic Enforcement Agreement between William “Billy” Woods, Sheriff of Marion County, Marion County Board of County Commissioners, and Roan Hills Homeowners Association, Inc.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, approve and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the Traffic Enforcement Agreement between William “Billy” Woods, Sheriff of Marion County, Marion County Board of County Commissioners, and Roan Hills Homeowners Association, Inc. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

5. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT:

5.1. Budget Amendment

Upon motion of Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner McClain, the Board adopted the following Budget Amendment Resolutions transferring funds as presented by Clerk Harrell:

5.1.1.a. 24-R-485 - Fire, Rescue and EMS Fund - Fire Rescue Services - \$100,000

5.1.1.b. 24-R- 486 - Insurance Fund - Insurance - \$100,000

5.1.2. 24-R-487 - County Transportation Maintenance Fund - Transportation - \$10,508

5.1.3. 24-R-488 - General Fund - County Administrator - \$6,850

5.1.4. 24-R-489 - General Fund - Emergency Medical Services - \$264,733

5.1.5. 24-R-490 - General Fund - Procurement Services - \$10,000

(Ed Note: EMS is the acronym for Emergency Medical Services.)

5.2.1. Request Approval to Proceed with the Annual Contract with MAXIMUS to Perform Cost Allocation Study for the FY 2025-26 Budget

The Board considered the following recommendation as presented by Budget Director Audrey Fowler:

Description/Background: Our cost allocation consultant firm, MAXIMUS, is prepared to perform the Cost Allocation – Marion County, Animal Services and Public Safety Communications studies that will be utilized for the FY 2025-26 budget. The Clerk’s Office is to enter into a contract with MAXIMUS for the study. Prior to finalizing the contract, we ask that the Board of County Commissioners confirm their intent for the continued utilization of the cost allocation information in preparation of the budget.

Budget/Impact: None, funding appropriation is included in the Clerk of Court and Comptroller budget.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve to proceed with the annual contract for preparation of the cost allocation program.

A motion was made by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to approve the annual contract with MAXIMUS for preparation of the cost allocation program for the fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 budget. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

5.2.2. Present the Acquisition or Disposition of Property Form Authorizing Change in Status for Present the Acquisition or Disposition of Property Form Authorizing Change in Status for Asset 050223

A motion was made by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to approve the Acquisition or Disposition of Property Form authorizing change in status for Asset 050223. The motion was unanimously approved (5-0).

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.

County Administrator advised that in regard to Agenda Item 7.7.11., two purchases have been removed from the request (sub-item 9 (Requisition/Garber Chevrolet Buick GMC) and sub-item 11 (Requisition/Cumberland International Trucks)), noting those items will be brought back for BCC consideration at a later date. He presented a 3 page handout and commented on revisions to Agenda Item 7.7.8., noting the revisions are highlighted in Section 4.01.

Upon motion of Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, the Board acted on the Consent Agenda, including the revisions to Consent Agenda Items 7.7.11. and 7.7.8., as follows:

7.1. Administration:

7.1.1. Request to Approve a Lease Agreement Between District Board of Trustees of the College of Central Florida and Marion County:

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes:

Description/Background: This is a request to approve a Lease Agreement between District Board of Trustees of the College of Central Florida and Marion County for the use of the Pioneer Garden Club and adjacent parking lot. The leased property is located on parcel number 27021-002-00. The term of this Lease is twenty years beginning on the effective date and ending at 5:00 pm on the tenth anniversary of the effective date.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Lease Agreement and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

7.2. Attorney:

7.2.1. Request Approval of the Second Amendment to the Agreement between the Marion County School Board and Marion County Sheriff William "Billy" Woods and the Marion County Board of County Commissioners for the School Resource Officer Program (Budget Impact - Neutral)

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The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by County Attorney Matthew G. Minter:

Description/Background: This is the second amendment being made to the School Resource Officer Program Agreement (the Agreement) dated June 28, 2022, between the Marion County School Board (the School Board), the Sheriff of Marion County (the Sheriff) and the Marion County Board of County Commissioners (the County). Section 1006.13(4), Florida Statutes, requires that agreements exist governing how the School Board and Sheriff respond to acts that pose a threat to school safety.

The School Board, Sheriff, and County desire to amend the Agreement, as follows: "Dunnellon High School" is being removed from Section B. 2) and added to Subsection C. 6). School Resource Officers (SRO) will increase from 40 to 41 for the remainder of the agreement, which terminates on June 30, 2025. $\$75,000.00/\text{SRO} \times 41 \text{ SROs} = \$3,075,000.00$ per year paid by the Marion County School Board to the County for reimbursement to the Sheriff, at a rate of $\$256,250.00$ per month.

Budget/Impact: Neutral.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the Agreement between the Marion County School Board and Marion County Sheriff William "Billy" Woods and the Marion County Board of County Commissioners for the School Resource Officer Program.

7.3. Community Services:

7.3.1. Request Approval of the First Amendment to Marion County Standard Professional Services Agreement Challenge Grant Between Marion County and Ocala Housing Authority (Budget Impact - Neutral; not to exceed \$39,293)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Community Services Director Cheryl Martin:

Description/Background: Marion County administers grant funding on behalf of the Ocala/Marion Joint Office on Homelessness for the Continuum of Care (CoC) FL-514. Funding is awarded and received through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), which includes but is not limited to, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Challenge Grant, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Grant. DCF has an approved Unified Contract with the Board of County Commissioners to distribute the allocation of each funding source to homeless service organizations.

This amendment to the original agreement is for the County to provide increased funding for the period starting July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, between the CoC and the Ocala Housing Authority (OHA). The original agreement allocation was for the amount of \$56,844.00, their initial request. With Marion County receiving additional funds from the DCF, the total funding has been increased by \$39,292.80 to accommodate the increased funding needs of OHA. The amendment will raise the total awarded amount to \$96,136.80 to provide Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) services to families with minor children and one disabled family member within Marion County. The CoC's Board of Governors approved OHA's increased funding request.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; not to exceed \$39,292.80

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement between Marion County and Ocala Housing Authority to include all necessary documents associated with this agreement.

7.3.2. Request Approval of the Interlocal Agreement to Monitor and Review the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds Between Marion County and Marion County Hospital District (Budget Impact - Neutral; not to exceed \$213,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Community Services Director Martin:

Description/Background: The State of Florida filed an action in reference to the National Prescription Opiate Litigation, No. 2804 in which Marion County and the City of Ocala are litigating participants. Under the Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Florida, in order to be considered a "Qualified County" and be entitled to receive its share of the regional funds, the County adopted an abatement plan and entered into an interlocal agreement with the City of Ocala relating to the expenditure of opioid funds. It is estimated that the regional opioid settlement fund will receive approximately \$19,321,468 over the next 18 years.

An Opioid Settlement Committee was also created per the interlocal agreement with the City of Ocala to establish priorities for the expenditures of the regional opioid settlement fund; and this year, the Committee voted to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Marion County Hospital District to provide grant oversight and monitoring.

The attached Interlocal Agreement, as recommended by the Opioid Settlement Committee, establishes the framework between Marion County and Marion County Hospital District for vetting, monitoring and reporting of expenditures from the Regional Opioid Settlement fund.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; not to exceed \$213,000.

Recommended Action: Motion to Approve the Interlocal Agreement to Monitor and Review the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds.

7.4. Human Resources:

7.4.1. Request Approval of the Reclassification of Five Technology Support Specialist Positions, Pay Grade 106-109 Non-Exempt, to Five Technology Support Specialist Positions, Pay Grade 107-110 Non-Exempt, Within the Budget of Information Technology AA174516 (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$2,870)

The Board accepted the following recommendation to adopt Resolution 24-R-491 as presented by Human Resources (HR) Director Sara Caron:

Description/Background: Requesting a reclass of the Technology Support Specialist matrix from a 106-109 paygrade to a 107-110 pay grade to increase incentives for additional training and development that will facilitate future succession planning for the position.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$2,870

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Reclassification of Five (5) Technology Support Specialist Positions, Pay Grade 106-109 Non-Exempt, to Five (5) Technology Support Specialist Positions, Pay Grade 107-110 Non-Exempt, within the Budget of Information Technology AA174516 and for the Chair to execute the Resolution.

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Resolution 24-R-491 is entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE RECLASSIFICATION OF FIVE (5) TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SPECIALIST POSITIONS, PAY GRADE 106-109 NON-EXEMPT, TO FIVE (5) TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SPECIALIST POSITIONS, PAY GRADE 107-110 NON-EXEMPT, WITHIN THE BUDGET OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AA174516, ALONG WITH THE CORRESPONDING JOB DESCRIPTION AND PAY GRADE AND INCORPORATING THE FOREGOING ACTIONS INTO THE MARION COUNTY CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

7.5. Municipal Services:

7.5.1. Request Approval of License Agreement with Southwest Florida Water Management District for Data Collection Sites at Lakes in Rainbow Lakes Estates (Budget Impact - None)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Municipal Services Director Chad Wicker (formally known as Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) Department):

Description/Background: The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) has a data collection site for conducting hydrologic measurements and monitoring water levels at Little Bonable Lake, Bonable Lake and Tiger Lake (parcel numbers 1812-108-017, 1813-002-140 and 1813-002-225) in Rainbow Lakes Estates (RLE), Dunnellon. Historically, these stations have been accessed via private property. However, the property owner has notified SWFWMD that they no longer wish to grant access.

To address this change, a new agreement will permit SWFWMD to access the monitoring stations through RLE property. This agreement licenses SWFWMD to install, maintain, and repair or replace an elevation survey benchmark and hydrologic monitoring equipment. It also allows SWFWMD to perform hydrologic measurements and monitor water levels.

The license period continues until either party requests to terminate the arrangement. SWFWMD will make all data collected at the site available to Marion County and the public via their website: <https://edp.swfwmd.state.fl.us/applications/login.html?publicuser=Guest#waterdataexternal/stationoverview> <<https://edp.swfwmd.state.fl.us/applications/login.html?publicuser=Guest>>.

Staff supports this arrangement, as the data gathered contributes to SWFWMD's long-term data collection and analysis efforts across the district.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the License Agreement with the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

7.6. Parks & Recreation

7.6.1. Request Approval of Athletic Facility Agreement with Belleview Youth Baseball, Inc. for Use of Belleview Sports Complex (Budget Impact - Revenue Generating; estimated \$5,600 per season)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Parks and Recreation Director Jim Couillard:

Description/Background: The Parks & Recreation department previously utilized Non-Exclusive Fee Agreements to manage private recreational leagues that use County sports facilities. Department staff have significantly revamped this agreement, which is now referred to as the Athletic Facility Agreement. Improvements made during the process include clarifying league and County obligations, establishing park rules, refining field usage requirements and updating various fees associated with the Agreement.

The attached Athletic Facility Agreement, for use of Belleview Sports Complex, has been reviewed and approved by board members of Belleview Youth Baseball, Inc.

Budget/Impact: Revenue generating; estimated \$5,600 per season.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the Athletic Facility Agreement with Belleview Youth Baseball, Inc.

7.6.2. Request Approval of Athletic Facility Agreement with Belleview Soccer Club, Inc., for Use of Belleview Sports Complex (Budget Impact - Revenue Generating; estimated \$5,800 per season)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Parks and Recreation Director Couillard:

Description/Background: The Parks & Recreation department previously utilized Non-Exclusive Fee Agreements to manage private recreational leagues that use County sports facilities. Department staff have significantly revamped this agreement, which is now titled Athletic Facility Agreement. Improvements made during the process include clarifying league and County obligations, establishing park rules, refining field usage requirements and updating various fees associated with the Agreement.

The attached Athletic Facility Agreement, for use of Belleview Sports Complex, has been reviewed and approved by board members of Belleview Soccer Club, Inc.

Budget/Impact: Revenue generating; estimated \$5,800 per season.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the Athletic Facility Agreement with Belleview Soccer Club, Inc.

7.6.3. Request Approval of Athletic Facility Agreement with Wrigley Fields Baseball Association, Inc. for Use of Wrigley Fields (Budget Impact - Revenue Generating; estimated \$2,680 per season)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Parks and Recreation Director Couillard:

Description/Background: The Parks & Recreation department previously utilized Non-Exclusive Fee Agreements to manage private recreational leagues that use County sports facilities. Department staff have significantly revamped this agreement, which is now titled Athletic Facility Agreement. Improvements made during the process include clarifying league and County obligations, establishing park rules, refining field usage requirements and updating various fees associated with the Agreement.

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The attached Athletic Facility Agreement, for use of Wrigley Fields, has been reviewed and approved by board members of Wrigley Fields Baseball Association, Inc.

Budget/Impact: Revenue generating; estimated \$2,680 per season.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the Athletic Facility Agreement with Wrigley Fields Baseball Association, Inc.

7.7. Procurement Services

7.7.1. Request Approval of Agency Contracts and Amendments for FY 2024-25 Disbursements and Present for Record (Budget Impact - None)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Susan Olsen:

Description/Background: Following the final budget hearing each year, the Finance Director provides Procurement Services with a list of agencies approved for County funding. Contracts resulting from this approval are either drafted by Procurement or submitted by the agency directly, or through other County departments. Contracts valued under \$50,000 require only the County Administrator's signature. All contracts are thoroughly reviewed, and once fully executed, they are coordinated through Procurement and recorded in the Contract Library.

AGENCY/CONTRACT	STATUS	EXPENDITURE
Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership 22C-027-CA-03	BCC: October 1, 2024 (Item 7.6.5.)	\$300,000
Marion Senior Services Transit 10C-031-CA-17	Pending	\$1,534,759
Early Learning Coalition 10C-023-CA-16	Pending	\$200,000
Small Business Development Council 1 10C-022-CA-15	Pending	\$116,000
Marion County Health Department 25C-013	BCC: October 15, 2024 (Item 7.7.7.)	\$3,150,000
Marion County Children's Advocacy Center (Kimberly Cottage) 10C-050-CA-17	Pending	\$60,000
Child Protection / Florida Clinical Practice 12C-00 1-CA-13	Information Only <i>County Administrator</i>	\$10,000
Public Defender (Technology) Public Defender (Early Intervention Plan)	Information Only <i>Renews with budget approval, no renewal agreement required</i>	\$322,794 \$202,590
State Attorney (Technology) State Attorney (Early Intervention Plan) 25C-036	Pending	\$395,000 \$63,000
Marion County Children's Alliance 22C-028-CA-03	Information Only <i>County Administrator</i>	\$15,000

The agencies' FY 2024-25 contracts are detailed in the above table, corresponding to the listings in the Finance Director's memo, attached for reference. Two contracts have already been presented at the previously referenced meeting, and others fall within the County Administrator's approval threshold. All contracts are

included for informational purposes. Pending approval at today's meeting, those marked as "Pending" will be forwarded to the respective agencies for signature. Upon review and approval by Legal, they will be presented for signature by the Clerk and the Chair.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair to execute contracts and amendments and authorize Procurement to process and release payments to all agencies listed herein in accordance with the annual funding memo provided to the Clerk of Court.

7.7.2. Request Approval of Change Order 2 to Purchase Order 2301057: 23Q-041G Growth Services Transportation Fee Update – Alfred Benesch & Company, Tampa, FL (Budget Impact; additional expenditure of \$46,758)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On March 21, 2023, the Board awarded a contract to Alfred Benesch & Company through RFQ 23Q-041G for the Transportation Impact Fee Update project. This project involves refining the existing methodology for calculating transportation impact fees and developing a new fee schedule for county implementation. Purchase Order 2301057 was issued for \$89,996. Change Order 1 updates account codes as directed by the finance department. Change Order 2 requests an additional \$46,758 to support the preparation and completion of a technical study. This study encompasses demand, cost, and credit analysis, economic growth strategies, ordinance assistance, updates to the administrative manual, and associated meetings and presentations.

A copy of the change order and the proposal are attached for review. Pending approval at today's meeting, it will be presented for County signatures.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; additional expenditure not to exceed \$46,758. Funding comes from GA771541-563511 (Impact Fee - East District) and GB772541-531109 (Impact Fee - West District).

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Change Order, allow staff to process, and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute Change Order 2 to PO 2301057.

7.7.3. Request Approval of Change Order 4 to Purchase Order 2300760: 19Q-270, SE Regional Water Treatment Plant Design - Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Ocala, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; additional expenditure of \$20,310)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On August 18, 2020, the Board approved a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (KHA) to develop a Southeast Region Water Supply Master Plan which includes evaluating water production and consolidating the Southeast Water System's Infrastructure. The contract allowed for this project to be completed in phases. On June 20, 2023, the Board approved Change Order 2 to add additional funds of \$6,600 for geotechnical engineering services, to better understand the subsurface conditions in the aquifer performance test discharge. Additionally Change Orders 1 and 3 both added time to the project and did not require Board approval.

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Due to recent heavy rains, a surface depression has formed adjacent to the drill site for the test well. Continued drilling is unsafe and cannot be successfully completed. The Change Order being presented today is to request additional funds in the amount of \$20,310 for expedited geotechnical evaluation of the proposed relocation area and recommendations for remediation of the surface depression. The well drilling contractor is unable to continue, until direction is received from KHA.

Pending approval today, the Change Order will be presented to the Clerk and Chair for signatures.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; additional expenditure of \$20,310, bringing the total purchase order amount to \$163,843. Funding is from line ZF448536-563102 (Marion County Utility Fund) with Project Code UTC000136.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute Change Order 4 to Purchase Order 2300760 for Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. under 19Q-270.

7.7.4. Request Approval of Contract Renewal: 21C-156-CA-04, Employee Medical Center Services - Heart of Florida Health Center, Inc., Ocala, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; estimated annual expenditure of \$46,800)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On August 18, 2020, the Board approved an agreement with Heart of Florida Health Center, Inc. (HOF) to provide an Employee Medical Center. HOF services include medical, x-rays/labs and tier 1/generic prescription services. Currently, the Health Center bills the county \$12.50 per member, per month, for employee medical center services. Due to the upcoming opening of the County's Employee Clinic, there is a need to temporarily modify this billing structure. In lieu of billing the county \$12.50 per member, per month, the Health Center will bill the county only for the co-pay amount of each county employee who utilizes the Health Center. This change will remain in effect until the County's Employee Clinic is fully operational. Additionally, the Health Center will bill Florida Blue for claims related to services provided to county employees. At this time, Human Resources is requesting approval to renew the agreement for one (1) year valid through September 30, 2025.

Attached for review is a draft copy of the Fourth Contract Amendment. Upon approval at today's meeting, it will be forwarded to Heart of Florida Center, Inc. as written and upon return, will be routed for the Clerk and Chair's signatures.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; estimated annual expenditure of \$46,800. Funds will be available in ZK160519-523213 (Insurance Fund).

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the Fourth Contract Amendment with Heart of Florida Center, Inc. under 21C-156.

7.7.5. Request Approval of Contract Renewal: 23B-209 Roll Off Boxes - Baler & Compactor Hydraulic Service, LLC, Jacksonville, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; annual expenditure of \$172,800)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On December 5, 2023, the Board approved a one (1) year contract with Baler & Compactor Hydraulic Service, LLC, to provide roll off boxes to be used to haul waste from the Marion County Recycle Center to the Transfer Station, which included two (2) annual renewal options. Baler & Compactor Hydraulic Service, LLC, has continued to perform well, and Solid Waste has provided positive vendor evaluation. At this time, Solid Waste Director, Mark Johnson, would like to renew the contract for the first of two (2) annual renewal options. Baler & Compactor Hydraulic Service, LLC, has agreed to hold their pricing for the renewal period.

Attached for review is a draft of the contract renewal. Pending approval at today's meeting, it will be forwarded to the vendor for signature, and upon return, will be forwarded to Legal, the Clerk and Chair for signatures.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; estimated annual expenditure of \$172,800. Funding is from line ZA427534-564101 (Solid Waste Disposal Fund).

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the contract renewal and allow staff to issue, and upon approval by Legal, authorize the Clerk and Chair to execute the first of two contract amendments, under 23B-209.

7.7.6. Request Approval of First Contract Amendment: 24Q-056-CA-01, Freedom Library Remodel and Addition, Construction Manager at Risk - Charles Perry Partners, Inc., Gainesville, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure not to exceed \$8,304,324)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On behalf of Facilities Management, Procurement advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Freedom Library & Addition, Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) project. The CMR will offer comprehensive construction management services that includes hiring local professional subcontractors for all aspects of the construction project to provide a 24,000 square foot addition to the existing Freedom Public Library and remodel portions of the existing 8,100 square foot facility. At its meeting on April 16, 2024, the Board approved a contract with Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI) to serve as the county's Construction Manager for this project. Following this approval, CPPI engaged with the County's negotiations team to finalize a timeline and establish a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP). The project scope includes the following key documents: Executive Summary, Package-Level Schedule of Values, and a detailed breakdown of the GMP proposal. Phase 1 "Expansion" completion is expected by November 20, 2025 with Phase 2 "Renovation" completion expected by March 10, 2026.

Attached for review is a draft contract amendment. Pending approval at today's meeting, it will be forwarded to CPPI for execution as written, and upon return, will be processed for signatures from Legal, the Clerk, and Chair.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure not to exceed \$8,304,324. Up to ten percent (10%) contingency may be added to the Purchase Order in accordance with the Procurement Manual. Funding from:

AA720571-562102 - LBC375013 - \$8,304,324

AA720571-562102 - LBC375013 - \$666,441.50

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Recommended Action: Motion to approve and allow staff to issue, and upon return by Legal, authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the First Contract Amendment with Charles Perry Partners, Inc. under 24Q-056.

7.7.7. Request Approval to Reject all Submittals: 24P-284 Ocala/Marion County Visitors and Convention Bureau Shuttle Services (Budget Impact - None)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On behalf of the Marion County Visitors and Convention Bureau, the Procurement Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking an agency to provide shuttle services to and from the Orlando, Tampa, Ocala, and occasionally Gainesville airports. The scope of services also included local transportation within Marion County to support tourism growth. After receiving only one submission, the Selection Committee convened and reached a consensus to reject the bid, revise the scope of work, and reissue the solicitation at a later date.

Budget/Impact: None; rejecting bids carries no budget impact.

Recommended Action: Motion to reject submittal under 24P-284 and allow staff to re-advertise a new bid at a later date.

7.7.8. Request Approval of Selection Committee Recommendation and Award: 24P-223, Worksite Employee Clinic Healthcare Services - Medical Risk Solutions, LLC dba My Health Onsite - Ocoee, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; estimated annual expenditure of \$3,283,524)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On behalf of Human Resources, a request for proposals (RFP) was advertised to provide Employee Health Clinic Services for both personal health and occupational services, including workers compensation. The personal healthcare side will serve the Marion County Board of County Commissioners and the Constitutional Officers' employees, dependents, and retirees covered under the group health plan. These services include preventative care, primary care, specialist referrals, prescription services, mental healthcare, and tele-healthcare services. The occupational medical services will cover the Marion County Board of County Commissioners and Constitutional Officers' employees, with the exception of the Marion County Sheriff's Office. These services include preemployment screenings, workplace injury treatment, drug and alcohol testing, fitness-for-duty exams, and immunizations. By providing both personal and occupational healthcare services, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners aims to ensure that its workforce remains healthy, safe, and productive, with support extending to employees' families and retirees through the group health plan.

Six (6) firms responded, and their proposals were evaluated and ranked by Selection Committee members: Amanda Tart, Thomas Futch, Mike McCain, Robin Robarge, and Robert Kruger. The top four (4) firms were shortlisted for presentations and Medical Risk Solutions, LLC dba My Health Onsite (MHO) was ranked the highest per the tabulation below:

Firm - Location	Rank
Medical Risk Solutions, LLC dba My Health Onsite - <i>Ocoee, FL</i>	1
Concentra Health Services, line. - <i>Addison, TX</i>	2
CareATC, Inc. - <i>Tulsa, OK</i>	3
Marathon Health LLC- <i>Indianapolis IN</i>	4

Human Resources Director, Sara Caron, supports the Selection Committee's recommendation to award the contract to MHO. The initial contract term is five (5) years with additional renewals being on a two-year basis.

Attached for review is a vendor-signed contract and an approved LRM from Legal; pending approval at today's meeting, it will be presented to the Clerk and Chair for signatures.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; estimated first-year expenditure of \$3,283,524.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve recommendation and authorize the Clerk and Chair to execute contract with Medical Risk Solutions, LLC dba My Health Onsite under 24P-223.

(Ed. Note: This Item was revised to amend the language in Section 4.01 by removing the language "After the initial term, the PEPM will increase 3% for subsequent renewal periods" and added the language "unless the breakpoint of 5,000 employees/retirees is reached, at which point the PEPM would be renegotiated. After the initial term, the PEPM will be re-assessed for subsequent renewal periods, at which point the PEPM may be renegotiated".)

(Ed. Note: PEPM is the acronym for per employee per month.)

7.7.9. Request Approval of Task Order for Civil/Site Engineers for Miscellaneous Projects: 23Q-087-TO-26 Engineering Design Services for Chatmire Subdivision Roads - Guerra Development Corporation, Ocala, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$220,671) The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On June 6th, 2023, the Board approved a contract with 10 engineering firms to provide various civil/site-related engineering services for the County. Firms are selected based on area of specialty and equitable distribution of work among all firms in accordance with §287.055.

Guerra Development Corporation was selected to provide engineering design services for the road improvement in the Chatmire Subdivision area. This project is for the survey, and plan design for road construction on a mix of limerock and asphalt roads in the subdivision. This includes a survey of the site, geotechnical bores, and design.

Attached for review is a draft Task Order Agreement which includes a copy of the firm's complete scope of work. Upon approval at today's meeting, it will be sent to the firm for signatures, as written, and upon return and approval by Legal, will be presented for the Clerk's and Chairman's signatures.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure not to exceed \$220,671. Funding is from AA702541-563220 (General Fund).

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the recommendation and authorize staff to issue Task Order/Purchase Order to Guerra Development Corporation under 23Q-087-TO-26.

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7.7.10. Request Approval of Task Order for Civil/Site Engineers for Miscellaneous Projects: 23Q-087-TO-27, Construction Plans and Permitting to Decommission Golden Holiday Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants - Ardurra Group, Inc., Ocala, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$71,909)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On June 6, 2023, the Board approved contracts with 10 engineering firms to provide various civil/site related engineering services for the County. Firms were selected based on area of specialty and equitable distribution of work among all firms in accordance with §287.055 Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA).

Ardurra Group, Inc. (AG) has been selected to develop comprehensive construction plans and secure necessary permits for the decommission of the Golden Holiday Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and two (2) water treatment plants. The project will include the design of a new lift station and force main to redirect wastewater from the Golden Holiday mobile home park to the City of Ocala for treatment. AG's responsibilities encompass detailed planning for decommissioning, well grouting, and overseeing construction activities and construction phase support services.

A copy of AG's proposal, including the scope of work, is attached for review and will become part of the project file and backup to the purchase order.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$71,909.25. Funding is from line ZF448536-563102 (Utilities Capital Construction) with Project Codes UTC000137 and UTC000139.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Ardurra Group, Inc. under Task Order 23Q-087-TO-27.

7.7.11. Request Approval of Purchases \$50,000 and Over

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background:

1. Pending Requisition/Alan Jay Fleet Sales - Marion County Parks & Recreation requests approval to purchase one (1) 2025 Chevy Silverado 2500HD Regular Cab Pickup 2WD WT 8' Bed (\$46,662), and two (2) 2025 Chevy Silverado 1500 Regular Cab Pickup 2WD WT 6.5' Bed (\$38,901/each), as per specifications detailed on the attached quote. Total expenditure of \$124,464.00. Funds are available in line CR362572-564101 (Parks & Rec Fees Fund). *This purchase meets competitive bidding requirements under Sourcwell Contract #2025 091521-NAF & 032824-NAF.*

2. Pending Requisition/Alan Jay Fleet Sales - Marion County Animal Services requests approval to purchase two (2) 2025 Chevy Silverado 2500HD Double Cab Pickup 4WD WT 8' Bed (\$74,018/each), as per specifications detailed on the attached quote. Total expenditure of \$148,036.00. Funds available in line AA315562-564101 (General Fund). *This purchase meets competitive bidding requirements under Sourcwell Contract #2025 091521-NAF & 032824-NAF.*

3. Pending Requisition/Alan Jay Fleet Sales - Marion County Animal Services requests approval to purchase one (1) 2025D Ford Transit T-250 Cargo Van Medium Roof RWD 148" WB 9070 GVWR (\$57,672), as per specifications detailed

on the attached quote. Total expenditure of \$57,672.00. Funds available in line AA315562-564101(General Fund). *This purchase meets competitive bidding requirements under Sourcwell Contract #2025 091521-NAF & 032824-NAF.*

4. Pending Requisition/Alan Jay Fleet Sales - Marion County Fire Rescue requests approval to purchase one (1) 2025 Ford F-150 Super Crew Cab Pickup 4WD 145" WB XL 5.5' Bed (\$66,836), one (1) 2025 Ford F-150 Super Crew Cab Pickup 4WD 145" WB XLT 5.5' Bed (\$65,247), and one (1) 2025D Ford F-350 Super Crew Cab Pickup 4WD 160" WB XL 6.5' Bed (\$63,449), as per specifications detailed on the attached quote. Total expenditure of \$195,532.00. Funds available in lines VJ732522-564101-STC0732VE (Infrastructure Surtax Capital Project Fund) & EF300522-564101 (Fire, Rescue, and EMS Fund) *This purchase meets competitive bidding requirements under Sourcwell Contract #2025 091521-NAF & 032824-NAF.*

5. Pending Requisition/Marion County School Board dba Marion Technical College - Marion County Fire Rescue requests approval to issue a purchase order to cover the cost for 45 Technical College, and includes both Fire and EMS classes. The trainees and current students will be hired and/or trained by Marion County Fire Rescue to fill open vacancies needed in the department. Total expenditure of \$100,000. Funds available in lines EF300522-555501 (\$50,000) (Fire, Rescue and EMS Fund) & AA305526-555501 (\$50,000) (General Fund)

6. Pending Requisition/Channel Innovations Corp. - Marion County Fire Rescue requests approval to purchase two (2) air-cooled compressors (\$38,000/each), two (2) SCBA/SCUBA containment fill stations (\$14,000/each), one (1) shipping charge (\$3,000), two (2) Cascade Systems (\$6,657/each), and two (2) 5-year warranties (\$535/each), as per attached quote. Total Expenditure of \$121,384.00. Funds are available in line EF300522-564101 (Fire, Rescue and EMS Fund). *This equipment is an approved standardization under 10ST-266.*

7. Pending Requisition/Alan Jay Fleet Sales - Marion County Parks & Recreation requests approval to purchase one (1) 2025D Ford Transit T-350HD Extended Length Wagon High Roof RWD DRW 148" WB XL 15-Pass Base (\$63,066), as per specifications detailed in attached quote. Total Expenditure of \$63,066.00. Funds are available in line CR362572-564101 (Parks & Rec Fees Fund). *This purchase meets competitive bidding requirements under Sourcwell Contract #2025 091521-NAF & 032824-NAF*

8. Pending Requisition/Duval Ford, LLC - Fleet Management requests approval to purchase one (1) 2025 Ford Transit T-250 Cargo Van (\$57,600.86) for Utilities Water and seven (7) 2025 Ford F-250 Regular cab 4x4s (\$61,184.24/each) for Utilities Wastewater and Water Maintenance, as per specifications detailed in the attached quote. Total expenditure of \$485,890.54. Funds are available in lines ZF442533-564101 and ZF445535-564101. *This purchase is exempt from the competitive bidding requirements under Sheriff's Contract #BCSO 22.-27.1.0.*

9. Pending Requisition/Garber Chevrolet Buick GMC, Inc. - Marion County Code Enforcement requests approval to purchase three (3) 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab, as per specifications detailed in the attached quote (\$46,295.70/each). One vehicle will replace asset #47822 (P-250) and has met Fleet's replacement criteria. Total expenditure of \$138,887.10. Funds are available in line AA317524-564101 (General Fund). *This purchase meets competitive bidding requirements under Sheriff's Contract #FSA24-VEL32.0.*

10. Pending Requisition/Alan Jay Fleet Sales - Fleet Management requests approval to purchase one (1) 2025 Ford Transit T-250 Cargo Van (\$61,142.00) and one (1) 2025 Ford Transit T-250 Cargo Van (\$61,307.00) for Marion County Facilities Management. Total expenditure of \$122,449.00. Funds are available in line AA180519-564101. *This purchase is exempt from the competitive bidding requirements under Sourcwell Contract #2025091521-NAF & 032824-NAF.*

11. Pending Requisition/Cumberland International Trucks - Solid Waste requests approval to purchase two (2) 2026 International HX X15 Roll Off Trucks (\$123,513/each). These roll offs will replace Asset #47116 (RO-1) and Asset # (RO-2), both of which have met the Fleet Department's replacement criteria. Total expenditure of \$247,026.00. Funds are available in line ZA425534-564101 (Solid Waste Disposal Fund). *This purchase meets competitive bidding requirements under Sheriff Contract FSA23-VEH21.*

12. Pending Requisition/Alan Jay Fleet Sales - Solid Waste requests the approval to purchase one (1) 2024 Ford Transit T-350 Wagon Low Roof Passenger Van (\$56,719.00). This vehicle will expenditure of \$56,719.00. Funds are available in line ZA425534-564101 (Solid Waste Disposal Funds). *This purchase meets competitive bidding requirements under Sourcwell Contract 091524-NAF.*

13. Pending Requisition/Mid-Florida Signs & Graphics - Facilities Management requests approval to purchase one (1) 8'H X 14'L software controller sign (\$122,530.00) for Marion County Utilities. Total expenditure of \$122,530.00. Funds are available in line ZF448536-563102 - Project Code UTC000052 (Marion County Utility Fund). *This purchase is exempt from the competitive bidding requirements under the City of Leesburg Contract #IFB 180311.*

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the purchases over \$50,000.

(Ed. Note: 2 purchases have been removed from this request sub-item 9 (Requisition/Garber Chevrolet Buick GMC) and sub-item 11 (Requisition/Cumberland International Trucks).

7.8. Tourist Development:

7.8.1. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Marketing Assistance Funding Program Reimbursement for Grandview Clydesdale Tours, Inc. (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$5,000)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Loretta Shaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Room Night Generating Event Funding Program is intended to position Marion County as a must-experience destination in Florida through bringing quality events and initiatives to Marion County. This funding contract is for the Charity Challenge Cup hosted by Lightning City Gymnastics, Inc., to be held March 7-9, 2025, at World Equestrian Center. The estimated economic impact for this event is \$756,892 and is anticipated to produce a 202% return on investment. This event was recommended for funding by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 26, 2024.

Charity Challenge Cup

\$5,012

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of up to \$5,012. Funding from CP155552-548101.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.2. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for a Room Night Generating Event - HITS Ocala Winter Circuit Weeks 1-5 Hosted by HITS, LLC (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of up to \$37,500)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Shaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Room Night Generating Event Funding Program is intended to position Marion County as a must-experience destination in Florida through bringing quality events and initiatives to Marion County. This funding contract is for the HITS Ocala Winter Circuit Weeks 1-5 hosted by HITS, LLC, to be held January 14 - February 16, 2025, at the HITS Post Time Farm. The estimated economic impact for this event is \$6,677,624 and is anticipated to produce a 518% return on investment. This event was recommended for funding by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 26, 2024.

HITS Ocala Winter Circuit Weeks 1-5 \$37,500

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of up to \$37,500. Funding from CP155552-548101.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.8.3. Request Approval of Tourist Development Council Funding Request for Joseph Volleyball Camps, Inc. (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of up to \$10,010)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Tourist Development Director Shaffer:

Description/Background: The Tourist Development Council (TDC) seeks funding approval for organizations that have festivals, events, or programs which support the TDC's mission of growing the economy and accelerating prosperity in Marion County through effective destination sales and marketing. The Room Night Generating Event Funding Program is intended to position Marion County as a must-experience destination in Florida through bringing quality events and initiatives to Marion County. This funding contract is for the HITS Ocala Winter Circuit Weeks 6-10 hosted by HITS, LLC, to be held February 18 - March 23, 2025, at the HITS Post Time Farm. The estimated economic impact for this event is \$6,677,624 and is anticipated to produce a 518% return on investment. This event was recommended for funding by the TDC at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 26, 2024.

HITS Ocala Winter Circuit Weeks 6-10 \$37,500

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Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of up to \$37,500. Funding from CP155552-548101.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Tourist Development Council funding request and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the attached funding agreement.

7.9. Transportation - County Engineer:

7.9.1. Request to Approve a Release of Easement Between Marion County and the State of Florida Department of Transportation for Parcel Numbers 3196-002-005 and 3196-002-006 for a Road Construction Project on State Road 40 (Budget Impact - None)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by County Engineer Steven Cohoon, Office of the County Engineer (OCE):

Description/Background: Request to approve a Release of Easement between Marion County and the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for parcel numbers 3196-002-005 and 3196-002-006. These interests were secured in a 10' Right-of-Way Easement recorded May 17, 2007 in OR Book 4833, Pages 1122-1124.

The Office of the County Engineer has determined there is no longer use or interest in this easement and recommends its release.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Release of Easement and authorize Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

7.9.2. Request to Approve a Grant of General Utility Easement between Magnolia Island, LLLP and Marion County associated with Application Requests 29790 and 30733 (Budget Impact - None)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by County Engineer Cohoon, OCE:

Description/Background: This is a request to approve a Grant of General Utility Easement between Magnolia Island, LLLP and Marion County. The water meter for this site is on private property, not within the public easement. The General Utility Easement is required and will allow Utilities to access the property. This is a commercial retail property in Marion Oaks and is associated with Parcel Number 8006-0698-07 and Major Site Plan Application Requests (AR) 29790 and 30733, which have also been reviewed and approved by Utilities.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve easement and authorize Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

7.9.3. Request Approval of a Purchase Agreement Associated with the SW 49th Avenue Segment F Road Improvement Project for Parcel 8001-0121-39 (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$437,100)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by County Engineer Cohoon, OCE:

Description/Background: This is a request to approve a Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$437,100 plus closing cost for parcel 8001-0121-39 associated with the SW 49th Avenue - Segment F Road Improvement Project (from Marion Oaks Manor north to SW 142nd Place Road). This is an improved lot consisting of

approximately 0.23 acres. The 1,877 square foot single family residence, constructed in 2006, consists of three (3) bedrooms and two (2) bathrooms.

The negotiated agreement is inclusive of any and all cost associated with this transaction and includes a three (3) month extended occupancy period while they complete their replacement home; terms and conditions of the extended occupancy are outlined in the attached addendum. There are cost savings recognized in this negotiation by avoiding additional costs that occur during condemnation proceedings.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$437,100 plus closing cost (STC073813-VJ738541-561301).

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Purchase Agreement and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

7.9.4. Request Approval of a Purchase Agreement Associated with the SW 49th Avenue Segment F Road Improvement Project for Parcel 8001-0122-07 (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$363,300)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by County Engineer Cohoon, OCE:

Description/Background: This is a request to approve a Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$363,300 plus closing cost for parcel 8001-0122-07 associated with the SW 49th Avenue - Segment F Road Improvement Project (from Marion Oaks Manor north to SW 142nd Place Road). This is an improved lot consisting of approximately 0.23 acres. The 1,440 square foot single family residence, constructed in 2006, consists of three (3) bedrooms and two (2) bathrooms.

The negotiated agreement is inclusive of any and all cost associated with this transaction and includes a three (3) month extended occupancy period while they complete their replacement home; terms and conditions of the extended occupancy are outlined in the attached addendum. There are cost savings recognized in this negotiation by avoiding additional costs that occur during condemnation proceedings.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure of \$363,300 plus closing cost (STC073813-VJ738541-561301).

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Purchase Agreement and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

8. COUNTY ATTORNEY:

8.1. Request Consideration of Reduction and/or Release of Civil Restitution Lien for Errol Todd Matthews

The Board considered the following recommendation as presented by County Attorney Minter:

Description/Background: On September 23, 2024, the County Attorney's Office received a request from Errol Todd Matthews, requesting a Release/Reduction of a Civil Restitution Lien in Case No. 2011-CT-3995, recorded at OR Book 5547, Page 1178 on July 26, 2011.

On May 13, 2011, Mr. Matthews was issued a Uniform Criminal Traffic Citation for Obstructing a Roadway While Soliciting Without a Permit in Case No. 2011-CT-3995. On June 20, 2011, he pled guilty and was sentenced to 15 days in the Marion

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County Jail with credit for one (1) day time served. The Court imposed a Judgment of Costs of Incarceration of \$750.00 (sentence of 15 days x \$50 per day).

Mr. Matthews is requesting a release of the Civil Restitution Lien, which totals \$1,281.31 as of November 5, 2024, with \$743.00 of the original amount of judgment plus accumulated interest of \$538.31.

Mr. Matthews is a co-owner of one (1) property in Marion County, parcel 3494-133-013, with an assessed value of \$24,723.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve or deny Errol Todd Matthews' request for a Reduction and/or Release of the Civil Restitution Lien recorded at OR Book 5547, Page 1178 on July 26, 2011 in Case No.: 2011-CT-3995.

County Attorney Matthew G. Minter advised that this is a request for consideration of Reduction and/or Release of Civil Restitution Lien for Errol Todd Matthews. He stated the lien in the amount of \$743.00 was imposed on Mr. Matthews on July 21, 2011 by Judge McCune. Since that time, an additional \$538.31 in interest has accumulated for a total amount (with interest) \$1,281.31. Mr. Minter advised that Mr. Matthews has made no payments towards this lien and the request for reduction/recission of lien is so that Mr. Matthews may get his civil rights restored. He clarified that Mr. Matthews did not provide any proof that he served as inmate worker while incarcerated to help apply that towards the amount of the lien owed.

Errol Todd Matthews, SW 52nd Lanre Road, stated he was unaware of the liens and is trying to resolve this matter.

In response to Chairman Stone, Mr. Matthews advised that while he served his sentence (15 days) he worked as a trustee in the jail's kitchen.

Mr. Minter clarified that one of the liens Mr. Matthews referred to was a 38 year old Public Defender lien, noting the BCC has no authority over that lien, noting the Board can only address the 2011 incarceration lien.

In response to Commission Zalak, Mr. Matthews stated he was arrested for soliciting money from drivers on the side of the road; however, once he stepped into the road, he was arrested for obstructing a roadway while soliciting without a permit.

Commissioner Bryant commented on Mr. Matthews' testimony that he was an inmate worker in the kitchen.

Commissioner Zalak opined that there is a difference in being an inmate worker and being assigned kitchen duty.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant to waive the interest and to reduce the lien to \$743.00 with the stipulation that if Mr. Matthews is able to produce documentation that he was assigned kitchen duties as part of the inmate work program, then she would reconsider reducing or rescinding the \$743.00.

Commissioner Zalak directed staff to reach out to the Marion County Jail to see if they can help provide Mr. Matthews with the necessary documentation.

Chairman Stone suggested the motion be amended to stipulate that if Mr. Matthews can provide the proper documentation to the County Attorney's Office, then the lien of \$743.00 will automatically be rescinded.

General discussion ensued.

Commissioner Bryant withdrew her previous motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Zalak, to waive the interest in the amount of \$538.31 (leaving the fine of \$743.00) with the stipulation that

if documentation is provided to the County that supports Mr. Matthew was an inmate worker, then the County will also waive the fine of \$743.00.

Mr. Minter clarified that the motion includes County staff reaching out to the Marion County Jail to try and obtain that information and report back to the BCC. Commissioner Bryant concurred.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

9.2. Present the Marion County Fire Rescue Five-Year Operational Plan Closeout

The Board considered the following recommendation as presented by Fire Chief James Banta Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR):

Description/Background: In May 2018, Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR) initiated the development of a master plan. Over several months, a comprehensive internal and external data driven review of MCFR's operations, service delivery, and performance metrics was conducted. Building on this foundation, MCFR senior staff, with significant input from internal planning processes and stakeholder engagement, created a detailed operational strategic plan. This five-year plan focused on addressing critical issues identified by the fire chief, aiming to improve service delivery, leadership consistency, and financial stability.

As we present the closeout of this five-year operational plan to the Board of County Commissioners, we highlight the achievements and lessons learned throughout this period. Significant strides were made in stabilizing service delivery, bolstering staffing levels, and improving response capacity, all while aligning with the needs of a rapidly growing population. The plan has not only helped MCFR meet its current challenges but has also laid a solid foundation for future growth, ensuring that the department continues to meet and exceed the expectations of Marion County's residents.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: For informational only.

Deputy Chief of Operations Robert Graff, MCFR, presented a brief PowerPoint presentation relating to the 5-Year Operational/Strategic Plan close out process. He commented on the process utilized by staff to create the 5-Year Plan, which included conducting internal and external surveys (members of the community, elected officials, etc.); revisiting the Departments' Vision, Mission, and Values; performing a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis; developing Operational and Implementation Plans; and developing a method of tracking progress through completion of the 5-Year Plan.

Chief Graff stated staff worked with Fire Chief James Banta relating to his perspective of the critical issues facing the Department, which included service delivery (current and future workloads/response times/concurrency); consistent leadership at all levels (succession planning/upper level organization); and stable funding.

Chief Graff commented on the need the Department had to address future situation planning that took into account Marion County's population changes, population density, population projections, service demand projections, and identify future growth and development. He advised that when crafting the 5-Year Plan staff also took into consideration conversations and directions from Commissioners, which included that MCFR should operate as effectively/efficiently as possible, noting the Commissioners expressed confidence in Chief Banta and stated MCFR does an overall good job with

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very few complaints. Other comments and questions from Commissioners included whether MCFR is positioned to handle current and expected growth; the Department's lack of a succession plan; response misalignments (emergency responses versus non-emergent responses); rural response capability and response times in general; as well as adequate funding going forward (economic growth potential). Chief Graff stated staff also met with people inside the Department (varying staff ranking from administration, logistics, firefighters, drivers, lieutenants, captains, etc.) to receive input, which included issues or concerns that County growth is seen as a tipping point for MCFR; demand for service is excessive and not sustainable; workload too often pulls resources from Districts while leaving no response capability for entire District; long inter-facility transports exacerbates demand shifting; and the recognition that Department issues "did not get there overnight and will not be solved overnight".

Chief Graff addressed the Department's Mission Statement: "We proudly protect life and property with honor, compassion and respect", as well as the Vision Statement "Our vision is to be an organization designed to **Strengthen** our community; **Excel** in customer service; **Rapidly** respond with appropriate resources; **Value** employees as our greatest asset; **Employ**, develop and empower dedicated professionals (**SERVE**)". He stated MCFR core values include **Humbleness**, **Integrity**, **Commitment**, **Accountability**, **Respect**, and **Discipline (HICARD)**.

Chief Graff addressed the key initiatives developed from the SWOT analysis, including culture and communications; recruitment and retention; staffing and capacity needs; prevention, public education, and operations; professional development; and financial sustainability. In regard to culture and communications, a Department-wide communications program was developed that addresses current questions from line personnel and provides the Fire Chief the opportunity to give a "State of the Department" through multiple mechanisms including Town Hall meetings, "Ask the Chief" questions and answers, as well as holding "All Hands" Officer meetings. He advised that digital information screens were implemented at every station with rotation up to information points to all personnel daily. Chief Graff stated the Department improved the overall culture of MCFR by decreasing complacency and instilling the HICARD values to all individuals throughout the Department. The Department developed and adopted a Department-wide statement of mission, vision, and values; developed effective mentorship programs at each level of the Department to include career development; ensured existing officers at all levels were brought to an equal level of understanding of job expectations and accountability as it pertains to the positions that they hold.

Chief Graff advised that in order to address recruitment and retention, the Department increased number of qualified applicants by utilizing a recruitment team; developed a component of the mentorship program to lead into volunteer programs, which could then potentially lead to full-time employment; provided incentives leading into sponsorships; completed volunteer training programs; continued outreach programs to replenish and expand; increased retention through competitive salary/benefits and promotional opportunities; evaluated compression to ensure pay grades are competitive internally and externally; and created an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Lieutenant and EMS Captain positions.

Chief Graff advised that in order to address staffing and capacity needs, the Department annually evaluates, identifies and recommends staffing in all divisions; implemented "pro re nata" (PRN) or as needed staffing to address peak loads (high volume call times); increased capacity for current workload demand through a data-driven approach based

on greatest demand/need; developed a Workload Capacity Committee; implemented recommendations from the Workload Capacity Committee; developed specific metrics which will trigger additional resource needs; implemented additional single-certified ambulances; researched concept to implement quick response EMS units to help with call concurrency on non-transport units; and re-evaluated impacts of additional capacity on quarterly basis. Other actions taken to address staffing and capacity needs included: ensuring adequate facilities, equipment and apparatus to meet the needs of each Division and to include future growth; identifying/evaluating existing capacity and completing a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that involved creating 20 year plan for expansion; performing a Station Location Study to help identify land for development; identifying a funding mechanism for capital improvement (i.e., sales tax); ensuring the span of control within the Department meets national standards and recommendations; and reviewing and recommending an organization chart to align with industry standards. He advised that the Department currently has 39 open positions; however, 36 of those are new positions that were recently approved by the Board.

Chief Graff advised that in order to address prevention, public education, and operations, the Department increased fire prevention programs to meet the needs of the community; increased funding in order to staff an additional fire inspector, plans review, and fire investigator positions; created a Fire Investigation Branch beneath the Fire Prevention Division; established a Public Information Division with a Public Information Branch and a Public Education Branch, which increased media footprint through all mediums; increased funding to appropriately staff additional Fire and EMS public education programs; and increased station participation in community level public education (visiting clubs, library, schools, etc.).

In regard to professional development, Chief Graff stated the Department enhanced the opportunity for professional development of personnel through continuing education for current positions and preparing for future promotions. This program is geared towards training, encouraging and empowering every level/rank of employee to lead themselves and others in alignment with mission, vision, and values. The Department also implemented a FTO (Field Training Officer) program; implemented a next step program that is held prior to the deadline for submission of letter of intent for all promotional opportunities; increased number of sponsored courses held within the Department for all Divisions; implemented task books for all positions within the Department where such task book does not already exist; implemented programs to allow personnel to ride up in one position higher than their current rank upon completion of a task book rather than being required to be on a promotional list. The Department also started the "How the Fire Department Runs" training program.

Chief Graff addressed the Department's financial sustainability, noting staff have identified capital facility needs; identified apparatus needs and adopted a CIP; established an Apparatus Committee; adopted vehicle life cycle by type (fire truck, ambulance, etc.); developed and adopted a replacement plan that meets national standards; and developed and adopted standardized apparatus specifications. He advised that in order to ensure stable funding for current needs and future growth staff researched the need to implement impact fees commensurate with growth; monitored the financial stability of fire Municipal Service Benefit Units/Municipal Service Taxing Units (MSBU/MSTU) to meet the five-year projected funding; increased billing staff to enable increased reimbursement rates; completed process to participate in the Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT)

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reimbursement program; and educated staff at all levels of budget process from development to actual purchase.

Chief Graff provided a brief overview of some of the major financial operational enhancements, which included rebuilding 3 fire stations (Station 28, Station 11 and Station 2); added 1 additional fire station (Station 23); rebuilt 1 EMS station (EMS central); added 1 additional EMS station (EMS east); completed the apparatus replacement plan; added apparatus for additional capacity to Engine 21 and Medic's 80, 81, 90, 91; built enhancements to current facilities (kitchens, floors, paint, driveways); identified future facility needs (purchased property for several fire stations and a training site); as well as worked to address Department span of control deficiencies.

Chairman Stone expressed her appreciation to Chief Graff and staff for their leadership. Chief Graff advised that beginning January 2025, staff will begin working on a new 5-Year Plan.

9.3. Request Approval of the 2025 Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners

The Board considered the following recommendation as presented by County Administrator Bouyounes:

Description/Background: The recommended meeting schedule for the calendar year 2025 (attached) was developed by staff, in coordination with the Clerk's office, and takes into consideration observed County holidays and dates that the Board has traditionally canceled or rescheduled.

Approval of the annual schedule of meetings allows for advance planning and proper notice of meetings at the beginning of each year. The Board maintains flexibility to schedule, cancel, or reschedule any meetings, should the need arise.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the attached 2025 Schedule of Regular Meetings.

County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes advised that the first meetings in the months of March and September will be moved to the first Wednesdays of those months. He stated Wednesday, January 29, 2025 was selected as the date to hold the Budget Strategic Planning workshop. Mr. Bouyounes advised that Marion County Day will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2025 in Tallahassee, noting Commissioners and Administrative staff will be heading to Tallahassee on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 in order to attend a dinner with Legislative members and other dignitaries. He noted many local businesses will also be joining Commissioners in attending Marion County Day in Tallahassee. Mr. Bouyounes advised that Saturday, March 29, 2025 will be Marion County Day in Ocala. He stated staff scheduled the budget workshops to be held in the month of July, 2025, noting the BCC must establish the maximum millage rate by Monday, August 4, 2025.

Commissioner Bryant commented on the first regularly scheduled BCC to be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, noting due to the holidays many staff members have taken time off and questioned if it would be better to change the date or just hold 1 regularly scheduled BCC for that month. In regard to establishing the maximum millage rate, she stated her preference would be to advertise and schedule the public hearing to be held on Thursday, July 24, 2025.

General discussion ensued.

It was the general consensus of the Board to amend the 2025 Schedule of Regular Meetings to include only 1 regularly scheduled BCC to be held on Tuesday, January 21,

2025 and to schedule and advertise a public hearing on Thursday, July 24, 2025 in order for the BCC to set maximum millage rates.

General discussion resumed.

Mr. Bouyounes stated staff will invite all Constitutional Officers to the Budget Strategic Planning workshop.

Commissioner Bryant commented on several electronic mails (emails) she received from citizens requesting the BCC hold evening meetings. She clarified that the Board has done that in the past and stopped due to the lack of citizen participation.

Chairman Stone advised that when the Board schedules public hearings related to the budget and setting millage rates it does schedule those in the evenings and there is not a large amount of participation from the public.

Commissioner Zalak stated the public can access the meetings online as well and opined that there may be some Zoning meetings that could possibly be tweaked if the zoning change request is a significant case.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zalak, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to approve the 2025 schedule of regular meetings of the BCC as amended above. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Mr. Bouyounes requested the Board allow him to bring forward Agenda Item 14.1.1 at this time. It was the general consensus of the Board to concur.

14.1.1. Present Notification of the Appointment of Anthony “Tony” Cunningham as Marion County Utilities Director

Mr. Bouyounes introduced the new Marion County Utilities Director Mr. Anthony “Tony” Cunningham.

Anthony “Tony” Cunningham advised that he has spent the last 2 months getting to know Marion County and Marion County staff, noting it has been a great experience. He stated he has been reviewing the Utility Department’s operational plans, rates, etc., and opined that it is a well run utility. Mr. Cunningham noted 2 of the Utility customers for the past 20 years are his parents, who are very satisfied with the services. He commented on the County’s core values, noting those aligned with his personal core values.

Chairman Stone, on behalf of the BCC, welcomed Mr. Cunningham to Marion County.

UPDATE: Mr. Bouyounes provided a brief update on several ongoing projects. He advised that a grand opening was recently held for the Fire Rescue Department’s EMS Central; the County held a groundbreaking for the new Animal Services facility, and the Board just approved the expansion of the Freedom Library branch. He expressed appreciation to Facilities Department, Information Technology, and Public Relations (PR) staff for all their hard work.

Mr. Bouyounes advised that he has been in correspondence with Tax Collector George Albright relating to the ability for County staff to purchase park passes at a 50% discount, noting Mr. Albright requested the Board offer the same discount to all Constitutional Officers staff. It was the general consensus of the Board to concur.

Mr. Bouyounes advised of a BCC workshop to be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024 relating to the proposed flyover from Marion Oaks to connect to County Road (CR) 42. He stated the workshop will provide information from the engineering report; however, staff is now requesting Board consideration to allow for a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study, which will put the County in a position to apply for federal funding. Mr. Bouyounes advised that the PD&E study could delay the process for

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approximately 1 year; however, staff will continue to move forward in order to perform some work (bridge construction) at the same time that FDOT is working on Interstate 75 (I-75). He stated if the Board chooses to go with the PD&E study, staff will cancel the workshop scheduled for November 14, 2024.

General discussion ensued relating to traffic issues along CR 484.

County Engineer Steven Cohoon advised that as he was reviewing the intake process, he received feedback from FDOT that the County needs to try and secure federal funds for some of its multi-million dollar projects. He reiterated that in order to become eligible for those funds the County will have to go through the PD&E process. Mr. Cohoon opined that it would behoove the County to take advantage of those federal dollars.

It was the general consensus of the Board to direct staff to move forward with the PD&E study.

County Administrator Bouyounes presented a 4 page handout entitled, "Interlocal Agreement for Public School Site Development for Parcels 44849-000-00 and 44844-000-00". He advised that the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) relates to the new high school in Marion Oaks, noting it should meet the requirements of the Special Use Permit. He stated staff will bring the matter back after it has notified residents in SummerGlen per a Condition in the SUP. Mr. Bouyounes noted the matter will come back before the Board as an Agenda Item at the next regularly scheduled BCC meeting.

Commissioner Bryant out at 11:13 a.m.

Commissioner Zalak commented on the importance of moving traffic in this area in a clear, effective, and efficient manner without getting caught up in school zones.

Chairman Stone advised that as the liaison to the School Board, she has kept that message loud and clear, noting everyone wants to work together for the good of the community.

Mr. Bouyounes stated staff are working on this matter to ensure school safety, as well as moving traffic through this area as its number 1 priority when dealing with the infrastructure.

Chairman Stone expressed her appreciation to Mr. Minter and staff for their work on this matter.

Commissioner Bryant returned at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. Bouyounes stated staff will now present a brief update on storm debris collection.

County Engineer Steven Cohoon commended his team for putting out tight vendor contracts, noting he has received multiple requests from other municipalities for copies of those contracts to either "piggy back" on those contracts or utilize them to improve their processes. He expressed his appreciation to the local vendors who have helped remove the debris for Marion County citizens. Mr. Cohoon advised that as of yesterday, approximately 40,000 cubic yards of debris have been collected and removed from the County, noting 10,000 cubic yards of that is a result of what citizens dropped off at various debris management sites (DMS). The County is averaging approximately 7 dump trucks of debris per day, as well as trailers being utilized so that additional loads can be hauled out. He stated the Marion County website has information regarding how much debris is being removed and will show exactly what locations have been picked up, as well as future locations. Mr. Cohoon noted the contractor/vendor believes the task will be completed within the next 30 days; however, it may take as much as 45 days to complete. He opined that the task should be completed well within the 90 days allowed for 100% reimbursement. Mr. Cohoon advised that there is a lot of pressure/need for trucks in the Tampa area, noting per the Order from Governor Ron Desantis, Counties are supposed

to have ongoing 24 hour debris removal operations with the exemptions for Counties requesting a waiver from that requirement. He clarified that Marion County is one of the Counties that was approved for exemption from that 24 hour debris removal requirement. On October 19, 2024 Marion County received a letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) advising that private property debris removal areas that did not fall into multiple thresholds would not be eligible for reimbursement. Mr. Cohoon clarified that Marion County did not meet some of those required thresholds (i.e., minimum of 1,000,000,000 cubic yards of debris), noting debris removal on private property or gated communities are no longer deemed eligible for reimbursement. He opined that there could be up to 80,000 cubic yards of debris that would not be reimbursable if the County chooses to use the contractor for debris removal on private property or gated communities.

Commissioner Zalak opined that if there are private subdivisions/gated communities that have already been told that the debris would be removed, then the County should meet that obligation; however, if someone requests pickup after today then they need to be told that FEMA changed the requirements and there would be no reimbursement; therefore, the County cannot pick up that debris.

Commissioner McClain stated his preference would be to push that deadline out until the end of the week. It was the general consensus of the Board to concur.

General discussion ensued.

Mr. Cohoon advised that there have been 6 gated communities/subdivisions that have completed their "Right of Entry" forms and 4 that are pending.

Mr. Cohoon provided a brief overview of debris removal costs up to this point, noting the first round of debris removal (first push) came at a cost of \$288,000.00, monitoring services at a cost of \$140,000.00, etc. He opined that based on those costs, he estimated there will be an overall cost (for up to 130,000 cubic yards of debris) of approximately \$2,800,000.00 of reimbursable activity.

Commissioner Zalak out at 11:24 a.m.

10. COMMITTEE ITEMS: NONE

11. NOTATION FOR ACTION:

11.1. Request Appointment of Joshua Kramer, Utilities Deputy Director, as the Marion County Representative and Tony Cunningham, Utilities Director, as the Alternate Member Representative for the Board of Directors for the Florida Governmental Utility Authority
The Board considered the following recommendation as presented by County Administrator Bouyounes:

Description/Background: An eight (8) member board of directors, with eight (8) alternates, governs the Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA), with representatives from Citrus, Flagler, Hendry, Lee, Marion, Nassau, Pasco, and Polk counties. These board members meet monthly to represent the member systems and establish policy and priorities on issues such as expansion, rates, environmental resource management, and long-range planning. Each board member is a county employee, with expertise in water and sewer utility management, appointed by their local government.

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners has been a member of FGUA since November 2013. It is recommended that Joshua Kramer, Utilities Deputy Director, transition from the Alternate Member Representative to the Marion

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County Representative for the FGUA Board of Directors. It is also recommended that the Alternate Member Representative position be filled by Tony Cunningham, who will be joining Marion County as the Utilities Director.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to appoint Joshua Kramer, Utilities Deputy Director, as the Marion County Representative and Tony Cunningham, Utilities Director, as the Alternate Member Representative for the FGUA Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, to appoint Utilities Deputy Director Joshua Kramer, as the Marion County Representative and Utilities Director Tony Cunningham, as the Alternate Member Representative for the FGUA Board of Directors. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (4-0).

11.2. Request Board Guidance on Kennel Moratorium and Approval to Schedule and Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the Marion County Code Relating to Animal Control and Enforcement on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., or soon thereafter in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by County Attorney Minter:

Description/Background: During the October 15, 2024 Board of County Commissioner's Planning and Zoning Meeting, the Board considered a Special Use Permit application for an animal sanctuary. The Board discussed a possible moratorium on kennels. The County Attorney's Office needs further direction from the Board regarding the moratorium before completing the amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance. In light of the need for direction, the County Attorney's office requests the Public Hearing for the Animal Control ordinance be held on December 3, 2024.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to Schedule and Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the Marion County Code Relating to Animal Control and Enforcement on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., or soon thereafter in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium.

Chief Assistant County Attorney Dana Olesky advised that this Item is a two-fold request, noting staff is requesting further guidance regarding a possible moratorium that was discussed at a recent Planning and Zoning (P&Z) meeting; and the other request is a to schedule a public hearing to consider amending the Animal Control Ordinance. She stated at the October 15, 2024 P&Z meeting the Board considered a Special Use Permit (SUP) application for a sanctuary kennel and there was discussion by the Board on a possible moratorium. Guidance is needed as to whether the Board was considering a moratorium for those types of SUPs under the Land Development Code (LDC) or a moratorium on the kennel licensing.

Commissioner Zalak returned at 11:26 a.m.

Chairman Stone opined that reviewing the draft Ordinance would help the Board and provide Commissioners an opportunity to provide feedback.

Commissioner Bryant opined that responsible breeders are not the problem, noting it is the irresponsible pet owners who do not spay or neuter their pets that are causing accidental litters.

General discussion ensued.

Commissioner Bryant opined that consideration has to be taken relating to the difference between a sanctuary and a kennel, noting a sanctuary is taking in an animal to live forever versus a kennel, which is usually breed specific, and not hoarding those animals.

General discussion resumed.

Mr. Minter advised that legal can bring the Board several different options on these various issues and the Board can provide guidance on which options it wants to move forward with at the public hearing.

General discussion resumed.

Commissioner McClain addressed sanctuaries that are owned and operated by one person and what happens when that person can no longer operate the sanctuary, noting there needs to be an emergency management plan in place as to what will happen to those animals at that time.

In response to Commissioner Zalak, Ms. Olesky advised that the proposed Ordinance would not address the number of domestic animals one person can have, noting it would be in the LDC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner McClain, to schedule and advertise a public hearing to consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Marion County Code relating to Animal Control and Enforcement on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., or soon thereafter in the McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

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.

Chairman Stone opened the floor for public comment.

Bryan David Brown, Churchill Drive, Wekiva, Florida, advised that he represents Tibbetts Lumber Companies, noting his company has been operating in Marion County for over 30 years by supplying general contractors with building materials. He commented on the roadway issues near the property they operate in Marion County (SE 68th Street, Industrial 35 subdivisions). Mr. Brown commented on the road right-of-way (ROW), noting it floods and does not have proper drainage. He stated there has been communications with County staff about this issue. Mr. Brown noted his company has owned this property since 1998 and has tried desperately over the years to address the ROW correction. He noted the company attempted to contact the developer, James Leeward, who unfortunately passed away in 2016. Mr. Brown requested direction from the Board as to what the next step should be to resolve the matter.

ACA Tracy Straub advised that the road was never accepted for County maintenance as was originally intended due to deficiencies noted during construction. She stated the County has a program that is set up for these type of subdivisions, which is to contact the Municipal Services Department. If there is a majority vote by the surrounding property owners, they can utilize that process to perform road improvements. Ms. Straub advised that if there is a need to open up the conveyance system and redefine the drainage network that can be done through the same process.

Chairman Stone directed Municipal Services Director Chad Wicker to reach out to Mr. Brown to provide direction.

Mr. Brown expressed his appreciation to the Board.

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Henry Munoz, Marion Oaks Boulevard, addressed the Board regarding the new high school being proposed in Marion Oaks. He commented on the importance of getting the flyover project completed.

Chairman Stone advised that public comment is now closed.

13. COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

13.1. Request Approval of Renewal of Surety Bonds for Commissioners Bryant, Curry, McClain, Stone and Zalak (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of \$500)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to approve renewal of Commissioner Surety Bonds. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

13.2. Commission Comments

Commissioner Zalak expressed his appreciation to staff, as well as all the veterans who serve Marion County and is grateful for the freedom they provided.

Commissioner Bryant expressed her appreciation to the ladies who put the prayers on the dais, noting she reads them every time.

Commissioner Bryant noted it is that time of year for the "Bring the Harvest Home" event. She advised that today is the 15th year of collecting donated goods for Interfaith Emergency Services, The Salvation Army, and Brothers Keeper, noting this year one more organization will be added with Vets Helping Vets. Commissioner Bryant stated anyone who would like more information to go to www.marionfl.org/bhh for a list of the most needed items and additional drop off locations. She invited citizens to join the annual event to be held at the Downtown Square on December 6, 2024 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Bryant noted adoptable pets from the Marion County Animal Shelter will also be there. She presented a brief video of the upcoming event.

Commissioner McClain urged citizens to go out and vote today.

Commissioner Curry congratulated Commissioner Bryant on being elected the new BCC Chairman and to Commissioner Zalak for being elected as the new Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Curry stated he is looking forward to working with Mr. Conningham as the Marion County Utilities Director.

Commissioner Curry advised that the Marion County Jamboree Day was fantastic, noting there was an outpouring of people requesting Commissioner Zalak to work the "dunk tank". It was the general consensus of the Board for Commissioner Zalak to work the "dunk tank".

Chairman Stone expressed her appreciation for the support she received over the past year serving as the BCC Chairman.

13.3. Commission Calendar

13.3.1. Present Commission Calendar

The Chairman acknowledged receipt of the Commission calendar covering the period of November 5, 2024 through November 21, 2024.

14. NOTATION FOR RECORD:

14.1. County Administrator Informational Items:

14.1.1. Present Notification of the Appointment of Anthony “Tony” Cunningham as Marion County Utilities Director

14.1.2. Present Letter from Southwest Florida Water Management District Dated October 18, 2024, Regarding the Proposed 2025 Five-Year Water Resource Development Program

14.1.3. Present Letter of Support for the University of Central Florida for the John Scott Daily Florida Institute of Government

14.2. Present Walk-On Items From Previous BCC Meeting:

14.2.1. Solid Waste Disposal Fund - Solid Waste Disposal - \$1,540,000

14.2.2. Request to Consider Approval of an Emergency Ordinance Providing for a Declaration of Emergency and Providing Regulations for the Removal of Storm Debris from Public and Private Property and Roadways in the Aftermath of Hurricane Milton In October, 2024

14.2.3. Request Approval of Four Change Orders for Purchase Orders Associated with Debris Management for Hurricane Milton (Budget Impact; Neutral)

14.3. General Informational Items:

14.3.1. Marion County Health Department – For the Latest health news and information, Visit the Website at <http://marion.floridahealth.gov/>

14.4. Clerk of the Court:

14.4.1. Property Appraiser’s Budget Transfer Approved by the Department of Revenue

14.4.2. Present Memorandum from Gregory C. Harrell, Clerk of The Circuit Court and Comptroller, Regarding the Filing of Ordinance 24-27 with the Secretary of State’s Office

14.4.3. Present Administrative Budget Transfer Reports for FY2024 and FY2025

14.4.4. Present Regular Report of Utilization for Reserve for Contingencies

14.5. Present for information and record, minutes and notices received from the following committees and agencies:

14.5.1. Board of Adjustments - September 9, 2024

14.5.2. Dog Classification Board - July 22, 2024

14.5.3. Development Review Committee - September 30 and October 7, 2024

14.5.4. Housing Finance Authority - August 21 and September 18, 2024

14.5.5. Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) - For Minutes and Agendas, Visit the Website at <http://www.WaterMatters.org>

14.5.6. St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) - For Minutes and Agendas, Visit the Website at <https://www.sjrwmd.com>

14.5.7. Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) - For Minutes and Agendas, Visit the Website at <https://ocalamariontpo.org>

14.5.8. Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) - For Minutes and Agendas, Visit the Website at <http://www.wrwsa.org>

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting thereupon adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Michelle Stone, Chairman

Attest:

Gregory C. Harrell, Clerk

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