

MARION COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
APRIL 14, 2025

The meeting of the Marion County Historical Commission was called to order by President Dr. Richard Cardinali at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2025 at the Marion County Growth Services Building, 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL 34471.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Cardinali.

Roll Call: Dr. Richard Cardinali, Judy Delk, Courtland Richards, Becky Long and Cynthia Wilson-Graham. Tom Schmitz is absent.

Discussion of the continued absences of Mr. Schmitz. The By-laws specify attendance requirements, but this continues to be an ongoing problem. There is already an opening on the Historical Commission, and applications have been turned in by Mr. Bill Nicoll (who has attended faithfully for almost two years), and Deb Bond.

GUESTS: Bill Nicoll.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Minutes:

There were no March 10, 2025 minutes available for approval.

Financial Report: Motion by Mrs. Delk, seconded by Mr. Richards, to accept the financial report as presented. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Roosevelt Village: Mrs. Long visited the walking trail at the Sheriff's Substation at 441/SW 80th St, and observed the informational display in the wooded area there, "The Island." Discussion of placement at substation property. We need a word count on the proposed text for the marker. Motion by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Delk, to put the marker at the entrance to the trail; all were in favor.

No invoice has been received for the Emerson School historical marker as of now.

Donated items: Mr. Richards moved, Dr. Cardinali seconded, to accept the items as listed, and to loan them back to the museum for research, cataloging, and display or archiving as deemed best.

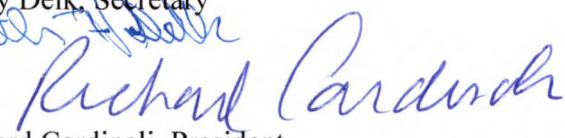
Mr. Richards was asked how his invoicing is being taken care of. He will be invoicing \$500.00 for each of the living history videos, presenting them monthly for July, August and September.

Mr. Richards is following up with the Mayor's office regarding the proposed Newt Perry plaque. Mr. Richards hopes to have this lined up for early next year to be revealed.

Mrs. Wilson-Graham moves a marker be planned for the Santos community, to be placed at the county owned park there. Mrs. Long seconded, and the motion carried.

There being no further business to be brought before the Commission, meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Judy Delk, Secretary


Signed, 
Dr. Richard Cardinali, President

Items for consideration by the Marion County Historical Commission at its April 14, 2025 meeting

1. Spering, Kent, Collection – Donated Items
 - a. 1957 Ocala High School yearbook
2. Andrews, Bruce, Collection – Donated Items
 - a. Laminated flyer advertising the appearance of Dan Block of the Bonanza series at the Six Gun Territory attraction
3. Yongue, Laurie (Chip), Collection – Donated Items
 - a. Life ring from Silver Springs attraction, approximate diameter of 22 inches, marked FLORIDA'S SILVER SPRINGS
4. Hays, J. V., Collection – Loaned Items
 - a. Paper items concerning Shady resident Frances Furgeson Hays
 - a. Items from July and August 1939 when she was representing Marion County at a Christian youth convention in Amsterdam.
 - b. Items from 1944 and 1945 when she was working with the American Red Cross in Scotland during World War II
5. Markley, Mike, Collection - Donated Items
 - a. 14 topographical maps of sections of Marion County from the late 1960's, 7.4 minute series
 - b. Map of Marion County, circa 1970s, printed by county engineer's office
6. Anonymous – Donated items
 - a. Double trifold brochure of Silver Springs attraction with photos and maps, printed 1954
7. Flynn, Bertha, Collection – Donated Items
 - a. Snapshots of burned 1st Baptist Church of Ocala
 - b. Ocala High School class of 1964 10th reunion booklet
 - c. Ocala High School varsity 'O' letter

