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**Your Guide
to
Marion County
Government Services**

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Marion County, Florida Community Profile

Located in north central Florida, Marion County covers 1,652 square miles and is home to a population of approximately 335,000. It is larger than the state of Rhode Island and is Florida's fifth largest county.

Known as the "Horse Capital of the World," the county's rich equine and agricultural heritage is internationally renowned. Marion's natural resources are equally admired. It comprises thousands of acres of national forest, 32,000 acres of lakes, 92 miles of rivers and more than 40 springs including Silver Springs, which is recognized as one of the largest artesian spring formations in the world.

Enhancing Marion's stunning landscape of beautiful countryside and horse farms is a vibrant community where residents and visitors alike enjoy a diversity of year-round cultural, nature, hobby and sporting events for all ages.

In the following pages, you will find more information about:

- **Marion County Board of County Commissioners and district map.**
- **Marion County government services and departments.**
- **Marion County's constitutional offices and state health agency** (Clerk of the Circuit Court, Property Appraiser, Sheriff's Office, Supervisor of Elections, Tax Collector and Florida Department of Health in Marion County).



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Marion County Board of County Commissioners

McPherson Complex 601 SE 25th Ave., Ocala, FL 34471

Phone: 352-438-2300 www.MarionCountyFL.org

As the primary legislative body for Marion County, the County Commission provides professional and resourceful public services for citizens through strategic planning and cost-effective implementation of initiatives. The commission's overall operating budget includes 24 departments and offices, and is funded through General County Ad Valorem taxes and other revenue sources. Ad Valorem taxes are also used to fund elected constitutional officers, state-mandated programs such as Medicaid and various other programs.

County Commission departments include*:

Administration	Airport
Animal Services	Building Safety
Community Services	Facilities Management
Fire Rescue	Fleet Management
Growth Services	Information Technology
MSTU/Assessment	Office of the County Engineer
Parks and Recreation	Procurement Services
Public Library System	Public Safety Communications
Solid Waste	Utilities
UF/IFAS Extension Service	Veterans Services
Ocala/Marion Visitors & Convention Bureau.	

** A telephone directory for all county departments and offices is on pages 9-10.*

Marion County Government by the Numbers

Geographical territory*	1,652 square miles
Citizens served*	335,000
County departments and offices**	24
County employees	Approximately 1,400
County fire rescue stations	30
County libraries	8
County parks	38

**Includes Marion County's municipalities (Bellevue, Dunnellon and Ocala) and towns (McIntosh and Reddick).*

***Does not include Court Administration or constitutional offices.*



Clerk of the Circuit Court—David Ellspermann

110 NW First Ave. Ocala, FL 34475

Phone: 352-671-5604 www.MarionCountyClerk.org

The Marion County Clerk of the Circuit Court office performs a wide range of record keeping, information and financial management for the judicial system, the County Commission and, most importantly, the citizens of Marion County. Clerk functions include:

Finance and Budget

- Accountant and auditor for the County Commission.
- Collector and distributor of statutory assessments.
- public records, public funds and public property custodian.

Court Management

- Attends sessions of court.
- Ensures that the court's orders, judgments and directives are carried out within the parameters allowed by law.
- Collects and disburses the court fines, fees and assessments.
- Official record keeper for court files and documents.

Administrative Services

- Records and indexes all official records.
- Processes marriage licenses.
- Accepts applications and administers oaths for passport purposes through a partnership with the U.S. Department of State.

Clerk's Office Telephone Directory

Administration 352-671-5604

Collections 352-671-5621

Civil Courts

Domestic Support 352-401-6721

Circuit Civil 352-671-5610

Domestic Violence 352-671-5568

Family Civil 352-671-5555

Juvenile Dependency 352-671-5572

Probate/Mental Health/Guardianships
352-671-5658

Small Claims/County Civil 352-671-5510

Criminal Courts

Felony 352-671-5674

Juvenile Delinquency 352-671-5651

Misdemeanor 352-671-5544

Traffic Infractions 352-671-5599

Finance and Budget 352-671-5520

Internal Audit 352-671-5626

Records

Commission Records 352-671-5622

Marriage License 352-671-5588

Official Records 352-671-5630

Passports 352-671-5588

Records Center 352-671-8545

Did you know?

Court records (deeds, marriage licenses, divorce records, citations and arrest records) may be requested directly from the clerk's office via phone or email.



Florida Department of Health in Marion County

1801 SE 32nd Ave. Ocala, Florida 34471

Phone: 352-629-0137 www.Marion.FloridaHealth.gov

The Florida Department of Health in Marion County serves residents with a broad array of public health services. These include:

Communicable Diseases

- This program monitors and mitigates reportable communicable diseases in Marion.

Dental clinic

- Dental exams, X-rays, cleanings, sealants, fillings and extractions for children from birth to age 17, adults on Medicaid, and women enrolled in Healthy Start. The dental clinic is located at 1501 W. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala. A dental clinic for Head Start children is open Mondays at 1601 NE 25th Ave. in Ocala.

Environmental Health

- Services for environmental protection in areas of: water, sewage, institutions, mobile home parks, swimming pools, tanning beds, rabies investigations and sanitary nuisances. Septic permitting staff is located at the Marion County Growth Services office (2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala).

Health Education

- Health information at health fairs and community meetings, as well as programs such as BRAZEN, Children's Injury Prevention and Healthiest Weight.

Healthy Start

- Education and case management as it relates to pregnant women and children up to age 3, including psychosocial counseling, birthing classes and one-on-one breastfeeding education.

Immunization clinic

- Childhood immunizations to youth through age 18 at no cost, regardless of income. Some adult immunizations and tuberculosis testing are also available for a fee.

School health

- State-mandated health screenings, referrals and follow-up and nursing care of medically-fragile students for all Marion County public schools.

Specialty clinics

- Includes the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic (confidential exams, diagnostic testing and treatment). HIV/AIDs clinic and testing offered either confidentially or anonymously.

WIC - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children

- Nutrition counseling. WIC has locations at the main facility, and in Belleview and Reddick.

Vital Statistics

- Birth certificates for all Florida births and death certificates for all Marion County deaths.

Women's Health Clinic

- Family Planning services such as: well exams, referrals for mammograms, pregnancy testing and services that help clients plan their desired family size and baby spacing. There is no income eligibility for Family Planning services. The Maternity Clinic provides comprehensive prenatal care to Medicaid-eligible women. Clients are seen by midwives and University of Florida nurse practitioners.



Property Appraiser—Villie M. Smith, CFA, ASA

501 SE 25th Ave., Ocala, FL 34471

Phone: 352-368-8300 www.pa.marion.fl.us

The Property Appraiser is one of five constitutional offices in the county, and its duties are set forth in the Florida Constitution, the Florida State Statutes and the Florida Administrative Code. Property Appraiser services include:

Annually determining values of all real and personal property in Marion County.

The Property Appraiser must derive and assign a just value to all properties in the county to be used for ad valorem tax purposes. As of the 2014 Final Roll, there were 265,446 parcels of real property (land and buildings), 20,442 parcels of tangible personal property (fixtures, machinery and equipment) and 651 railroad parcels.

In Florida the Property Appraiser is required to reappraise annually and the level of assessment must be at 100 percent of just value. More important than the level of assessment is the fairness of the assessment. This is because all taxpayers share the support of their government in proportion to their assessments. This support includes the protection and services afforded to their property and to themselves. Fairness of the assessment assures that none bears an added or unfair burden by reason of other taxpayers not paying their fair share.

Administering all of the property and personal exemptions allowed by Florida Law.

This office must administer the annual application for personal exemptions, such as homestead, ensuring that all applicants qualify. The office also administers applications for agricultural classification of lands.

Maintaining current property records for all properties, and accurately reflecting the name and address of the owner or fiduciary responsible for payment of the taxes.

The Property Appraiser must physically review all properties every five years and accurately reflect the name and address of the owner of record for all properties.

Maintaining current property ownership maps.

The office maintains a computerized mapping system known as Geographical Information System (GIS), which reflects the boundaries of all property ownerships in the county.



Sheriff's Office—Sheriff Chris Blair

692 NW 30th Ave. Ocala, FL 34475

Phone: 352-732-8181 www.MarionSO.com

The Sheriff's Office is a Florida Governor's Sterling Award recipient and is accredited by the American Correctional Association, the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation and the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission. The Marion County Sheriff's Office is composed of more than 900 professionals and over 1,500 volunteers. Services include:

- **Community policing.**
- **Civil/court services.**
- **Special investigations.**
- **Youth and community programs.**
- **Specialty units.**
- **Corrections.**
- **Emergency management.**
- **Volunteer services.**

Sheriff's Office Telephone Directory

Main Operations Center 352-732-8181	Silver Springs Shores District 352-402-6000	Crisis Intervention Unit 352-368-6745
Dunnellon District 352-402-6050	South Marion District 352-671-3841	Emergency Management 352-369-8100
Forest District Office 352-402-6040	South Multi-District 352-438-5940	Human Resources 352-368-3520
Marion Oaks District 352-402-6030	Southwest District 352-402-6060	Non-emergency 24-hour 352-732-9111
North Multi-District 352-438-5920	Marion County Jail 352-351-8077	Public Information Office 352-368-3594
Northeast District 352-402-6010	Civil Office 352-620-3606	Teen Driver Challenge 352-368-3530
Ocklawaha District 352-402-6021	Civil Process Unit 352-402-6025	Video Visitation 352-438-5961



Supervisor of Elections – Wesley Wilcox

981 NE 16th St., Ocala, FL 34470

Phone: 352-620-3290 www.VoteMarion.com

The Supervisor of Elections is an independently-elected official of county government per the Florida State Constitution for a term of four years and must have an in-depth knowledge of the Election Code (Florida Statutes, Chapters 97-106).

This office is responsible for the operation, administration and direction of elections with exclusive charge of the conduct, management and control of voter registration and maintaining the validity of countywide elections.

Essential functions include:

- Ensuring election laws and regulations are not compromised.
- Qualifying local candidates.
- Providing direct oversight and organization of all elections in Marion County.
- Developing and preserving precinct boundaries.
- Printing and distributing ballots and official election results.
- Providing statistical and demographic information to the public.

Other duties include: recruiting and training volunteers for polls, locating polling facilities, filing of financial disclosure forms for those who sit on local boards, and verifying petitions for amendments to be placed on general election ballots.

Election quick facts:

- Elections generally occur every two years.
- Primary elections are open only to registered voters of the represented party.
- General elections open to all registered voters regardless of party affiliation.
- All elections may contain nonpartisan candidates and issues open to public vote.
- Voter registration closes 29 days before each election and requires current information to remain valid.

For more information on elections, your representatives, candidates and polling location, visit www.VoteMarion.com.



Tax Collector—George Albright

McPherson Complex, 503 SE 25th Ave. Ocala, FL 34471

Phone: 352-368-8200 www.MarionTax.com

This constitutional officer functions as the chief revenue collector within the represented county and is elected to a four-year term in the presidential election year. The Tax Collector's office is responsible for providing services on behalf of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, School Board, municipalities, Florida Department of Revenue, Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. These services primarily consist of the administration and collection of:

- **Ad valorem taxes.**
- **Non-ad valorem assessments.**
- **Auto sales tax and surtax.**
- **Parking permits for disabled persons.**
- **Driving, hunting and fishing license fees.**
- **Tourist development and delinquent property taxes.**
- **Motor vehicle, vessel and mobile home registration and title fees.**

The office is responsible for the preparation, notification and collection of current and delinquent property taxes as certified by the Property Appraiser for 16 millage areas containing various taxing authorities, including county, school, water districts, municipalities and county Municipal Service Taxing Units (MSTU). It is also charged with the collection of over 120 additional funds for non-ad valorem assessments, including county services, fire, waste and road assessments.

Tax Collector's Office Branch Directory

Call 352-368-8200 to reach any of the below branch offices.

<p>Main Office McPherson Complex 503 SE 25th Ave. Ocala 34471 <i>8 a.m.-5 p.m.</i></p>	<p>Bellevue Branch Bellevue Regional Shopping Center 10445 SE U.S. Highway 441 Bellevue 34420 <i>8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.</i></p>	<p>Dunnellon Branch Rainbow Springs Government Complex 19995 SW 86th St., Unit 2 Dunnellon 34432 <i>8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.</i></p>	<p>Forest Branch Forest Center 15956 E. State Road 40 Silver Springs 34488 <i>8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.*</i> <i>*Closed 1-2 p.m.</i></p>
<p>North Branch Ocala Springs Shopping Center 7135 N. Highway 441 Ocala 34475 <i>8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.</i></p>	<p>Ocala Branch Ocala Annex 110 SE 25th Ave. Ocala 34471 <i>8 a.m.-5 p.m.</i></p>	<p>State Road 200 Branch Jasmine Square 6154 SW State Road 200 Ocala 34476 <i>8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.</i></p>	<p>Summerfield Branch Spruce Creek Terrace Shoppes 17860 SE 109th Place, Unit 602 Summerfield 34491 <i>8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.</i></p>

Marion County Board of County Commissioners

Office Directory

ADMINISTRATION

Bill Kauffman, Interim County Administrator

601 SE 25th Ave.

Ocala, FL 34471

Phone: 352-438-2300 / Fax: 352-438-2309

AIRPORT

John Helms, Manager

15070 SW 111th St.

Dunnellon, FL 34432

Phone: 352-465-8545 / Fax: 352-465-8553

ANIMAL SERVICES

Deborah Horvath, Director

5701 SE 66th St.

Ocala, FL 34480

Phone: 352-671-8700 / Fax: 352-671-8717

BUILDING SAFETY

David Galassi, Director

2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd.

Ocala, FL 34470

Phone: 352-438-2400 / Fax: 352-438-2401

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Cheryl Aney, Director

2631 SE Third St.

Ocala, FL 34471

Phone: 352-671-8770 / Fax: 352-671-8769

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Matthew G. Minter, County Attorney

601 SE 25th Ave.

Ocala, FL 34471

Phone: 352-438-2330 / Fax: 352-438-2331

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

601 SE 25th Ave.

Ocala, FL 34471

Phone: 352-438-2323 / Fax: 352-438-2324

EXTENSION SERVICE

David Holmes, Director

2232 NE Jacksonville Road

Ocala, FL 34470

Phone: 352-671-8400 / Fax: 352-671-8420

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Andy Race, Director

2602 SE Eighth St.

Ocala, FL 34471

Phone: 352-671-8750 / Fax: 352-671-8751

FIRE RESCUE

Stuart McElhane, Fire Chief

2631 SE Third St.

Ocala, FL 34471

Phone: 352-291-8000 / Fax: 352-291-8098

FLEET MANAGEMENT

John King, Director

3330 SE Maricamp Road

Ocala, FL 34471

Phone: 352-671-8570 / Fax: 352-671-8586

GROWTH SERVICES

Sam Martsoff, Acting Director

2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd.

Ocala, FL 34470

- Code Enforcement

Phone: 352-671-8900 / 352-671-8903 Fax

- Planning and Zoning

Sam Martsoff, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director

Phone: 352-438-2600 / Fax: 352-438-2601

HUMAN RESOURCES

Amanda Tart, Director

521 SE 26th Court

Ocala, FL 34471

- Risk and Benefits Services

Sheri Wiley, Manager

- Employee Health

Robin Robarge, Manager

Phone: 352-438-2345 / Fax: 352-438-2347

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

2511 SE Third St.

Ocala, FL 34471

Phone: 352-671-8802 / Fax: 352-671-8811

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNITS (MSTU)

Teresa Darnell, Director
2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd.
Ocala, FL 34470
Phone: 352-438-2650 / Fax: 352-438-2658

OFFICE OF FISCAL REVIEW

Chris Kirbas, Fiscal Manager
601 SE 25th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34471
Phone: 352-438-2300 / Fax: 438-2309

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Barbra Hernández, APR, Public Information Manager
601 SE 25th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471
Phone: 352-438-2300 / Fax: 352-438-2309

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Jeannie Rickman, Assistant County Administrator
601 SE 25th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471
Phone: 352-438-2300 / Fax: 352-438-2309

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER

Tracy Straub, County Engineer
412 SE 25th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34471
Phone: 352-671-8686 / Fax: 352-671-8687

PARKS AND RECREATION

James Couillard, Director
111 SE 25th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34471
Phone: 352-671-8560 / Fax: 352-671-8550

PROCUREMENT SERVICES

Susan Olsen, Director
2631 SE Third St.
Ocala, FL 34471
Phone: 352-671-8444 / Fax: 352-671-8451

PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Jeannie Rickman, Assistant County Administrator
601 SE 25th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34471
Phone: 352-438-2312 / Fax: 352-671-8379

PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Julie Sieg, Director
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd.
Ocala, FL 34470
Phone: 352-368-4500 / Fax: 352-368-4545

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Karl Oltz, Director
2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd.
Ocala, FL 34470
Phone: 352-671-8460 / Fax: 352-671-8798

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Assistant County Administrator
601 SE 25th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34471
Phone: 352-671-8350 / Fax: 352-671-8379

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

Mounir Bouyounes, Assistant County Administrator
601 SE 25th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34471
Phone: 352-671-8350 / Fax: 352-671-8379

SOLID WASTE

Mike Sims, Director
5601 SE 66th St.
Ocala, FL 34480
Phone: 352-671-8465 / Fax: 352-671-8491

UTILITIES

Flip Mellinger, Director
11800 SE U.S. Highway 441
Bellevue, FL 34420
Phone: 352-307-4630 / Fax: 352-307-4623

VETERANS SERVICES

Jeffrey Askem, Director
2528 E. Silver Springs Blvd.
Ocala, FL 34470
Phone: 352-671-8422 / Fax: 352-671-8424

VISITORS AND CONVENTION BUREAU

Loretta Shaffer, Director
112 N. Magnolia Ave.
Ocala, FL 34475
Phone: 352-438-2800 / Fax: 352-438-2801

Marion County Legislative Delegation

The below-listed state senators and representatives each represent a portion of Marion County, and are elected by citizens in their respective districts. To find the district in which you reside, visit www.VoteMarion.com and select “Find Your Elected Officials” under the “Voter Services” option on the left of the page.

State Senators

Sen. Charles S. “Charlie” Dean, Sr. (R)

District 5

315 SE 25th Ave.

Ocala, FL 34471

Phone: 352-873-6513

dean.charles.web@flsenate.gov

Sen. D. Alan Hays (R)

District 11

1104 Main Street

The Villages, FL 32159

Phone: 352-360-6739

hays.alan.web@flsenate.gov

Sen. Dorothy L. Hukill (R)

District 8

Ocala City Hall

110 SE Watula Ave.

Third Floor

Ocala, FL 34471

Phone: 352-694-0160

hukill.dorothy.web@flsenate.gov

State Representatives

Rep. Clovis Watson, Jr. (D)

District 20

2815 NW 13th St.

Suite 202

Gainesville, FL 32609-2865

Phone: 352-264-4001

clovis.watson@myfloridahouse.gov

Rep. Dennis K. Baxley (R)

District 23

315 SE 25th Ave.

Ocala, FL 34471-2689

Phone: 352-732-1313

dennis.baxley@myfloridahouse.gov

Rep. Charlie Stone (R)

District 22

3001 SW College Road

Suite 104

Ocala, FL 34474-4415

Phone: 352-291-4436

charlie.stone@myfloridahouse.gov

Rep. H. Marlene O’Toole (R)

District 33

916 Avenida Central

The Villages, FL 32159-5704

Phone: 352-315-4445

marlene.otoole@myfloridahouse.gov

Other agencies

Municipalities

If you live within the city limits of Belleview, Dunnellon or Ocala, or within the towns of McIntosh or Reddick, please contact your respective municipality for public service assistance.

CITY OF BELLEVIEW

5343 SE Abshier Blvd.
Belleview, FL 34420
Phone: 352-245-7021

Belleview Police Department

5350 SE 110th St.
Belleview FL 34420
Phone: 352-245-7044

CITY OF DUNNELLON

20750 River Drive
Dunnellon, Fl 34431
Phone: 352-465-8500

Dunnellon Police Department

12014 S. Williams St.
Dunnellon FL 34432
Phone: 352-465-8510

CITY OF OCALA

110 SE Watula Ave.
Ocala, FL 34471
Phone: 352-629-2489

Ocala Fire Rescue

410 NE Third St.
Ocala, FL 34470
Phone: 352-629-8513

Ocala Police Department

402 S. Pine Ave.
Ocala, FL 34471
Phone: 352-369-7000

TOWN OF McINTOSH

P.O. Box 165
McIntosh, FL 32664
Phone: 352-591-1047

TOWN OF REDDICK

P.O. Box 99
Reddick, FL 32686
Phone: 352-591-4095

Special Interest

CAREERSOURCE

CITRUS/LEVY/MARION

3003 SW College Road
Building 42, Suite 205
Ocala, FL 34374
Phone: 352-732-1700

OCALA/MARION COUNTY

CHAMBER & ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

310 SE Third St.
Ocala, FL 34471
Phone: 352-629-8051

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

512 SE Third St.
Ocala, FL 34471
Phone: 352-629-7700

MARION COUNTY

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO)

512 SE Third St.
Ocala, FL 34471
Phone: 352-671-7700

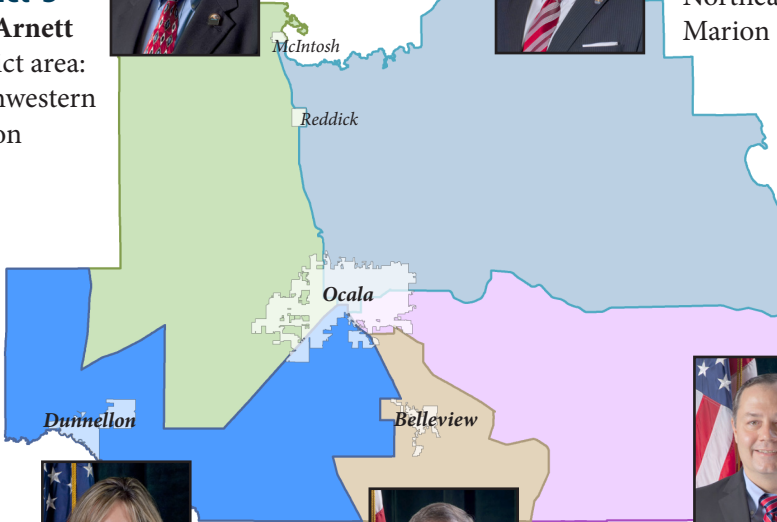
UNITED WAY OF MARION COUNTY

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Ocala, FL 34470
Phone: 352-732-9696

District 5
Earl Arnett
District area:
Northwestern
Marion



District 4
Carl Zalak III
District area:
Northeastern
Marion



District 2
Kathy Bryant
District area:
Southwestern
Marion



District 3
Stan McClain
District area:
Southern central
Marion



District 1
David Moore
District area:
Southeastern
Marion



The Marion County Board of County Commissioners is the primary legislative and policy-making body for unincorporated Marion County. Each commissioner resides in the district he or she represents. Commissioners are elected by all county voters to serve four-year terms.

The commission meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Commission Auditorium (601 SE 25th Ave., Ocala). During these public meetings, commissioners hear and vote on a variety of issues. Whether enacting ordinances and resolutions or approving budgets and expenditures, the board works to provide for the safety and well-being of all county residents.

For more information, please contact the Commission Office at 352-438-2323. To view the commission calendar and meeting agendas, or for the latest information about Marion County government, please visit www.MarionCountyFL.org.

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