

**MARION COUNTY LITTER TASK FORCE  
FISCAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES  
October 25, 2021**

The Fiscal committee held a public meeting on October 25, 2021 at the Administration Conference Room A.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Paglia III, Chair  
Shawna Chancey  
Scott Stutson  
Jared Peltz

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Beth McCall, Task Force Chair  
Russell Ward, Assistant County Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting began at 1:35 pm in Administration Conference Room A.

**MEETING NOTES**

- John Paglia discussed the meeting minutes from the other committees and asked Beth McCall when the committees would get answers to the questions asked. She stated there would be a discussion at the Nov. 1 Task Force meeting.
- John asked if the Adopt-A-Road locations make a difference in the amount of litter collected and if they can be utilized to offset the cost incurred by having the litter picked up by the mowing contractor. Jared discussed that the litter would need to be picked up before the mowing of the roadways. Since Adopt A Road groups are voluntarily picking up the corridors trying to schedule all the Adopt A Road segments along a corridor before the mowers would not be possible. In order to make a fiscal impact, the entire corridor would have to be picked up by Adopt A Road groups and the number of groups participating in the program is very small. The Mowing Contractor is paid by the mile, therefore reducing the number of miles covered would result in a cost savings, but the number of groups participating in the Adopt A Road program would have to substantially increase for it to be a viable option.
- Beth stated that she did not see any cost saving options. She said that the focus should be on changing the culture of the community and educating them that littering is not acceptable. This will result in the reduction of litter within the County. Jared stated a community change in behavior that reduces the amount of litter would result in fewer litter pickups and will be a cost savings.
- John emphasized that maximizing efficiencies and controlling the amount of litter is the biggest goal. He inquired as to when a cost savings would be seen as a result of the Litter Task Force efforts. Jared said it would be at least a year to see any cost savings. He also discussed the inability to form a baseline for comparison in the amount of litter collected and the related costs. There isn't a

quantifiable methodology to track the amount of litter picked up on the Northside of the County. John suggested that an estimated number of bags collected or an average weight per bag collected could be utilized as a possible methodology.

- The Committee discussed the importance of parents and the school district teaching children about recycling and that littering is not an acceptable behavior. The schools are an integral partner in litter education and this is an opportunity to educate school aged children who in turn will educate their parents when they see them littering. Scott asked if recycling efforts are profitable for the county. Jared stated that would be a question for Lacey, but likely offsets to any costs would be very small.
- Beth stated the Committee Chairs will be asked to submit their reports at the next meeting and should be prepared to present the data at the meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting: Task Force Meeting November 1, 2021 in the Grown Service Training Room at 4 PM.

Meeting ended at 2:45 pm

Notes generated by Shawna Chancey