

**MARION COUNTY LITTER TASK FORCE  
COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES  
September 27, 2021**

The Litter Task Force Committee held a public meeting on September 27, 2021 at the Growth Service Training Room.

**Litter Task Force Members:**

Beth McCall, Task Force Chair  
Sam McConnell  
Shane Alexander  
Jack Stackman  
Tom Schmitz  
Capt. Jon Turner  
Lauren Debick  
Jared Peltz  
Jim Couillard  
Sammie Lucky  
Joe Reichel  
Darren Parks  
Chief Mike McQuig  
Shawna Chancey  
Scott Stutson  
Antoinette Davis  
Robby Creech  
Bobbi Perez  
Bill Gladson  
Gerry Lourenco  
Mike Bresnahan  
John Paglia III  
My Smith  
Tito Comas

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Jody Kirkman  
Lacey Larramore  
Jovanny Arenas  
Russell Ward

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting began at 3:00 pm. in the Growth Service Training Room.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

- Commissioner Curry open the meeting up by welcoming everyone to the committee and touch on the purpose of the committee and why we are here.
- The Litter task Force is made up of 7 appointees which serve as voting member.

5 appointed from Commissioners and 1 from school board and 1 from Sheriff Dept. The rest of the committee is supporting members.

- This task force is more than getting the Litter picked up on the roadways. This task force is to help change the heart and the mind set of our community.
- Towards end of meeting Committee will break into sub groups to decide meeting locations and times. Public is welcome to all meetings.
- Everyone on the committees should have a book with important information:
  - Agenda
  - Member List
  - Committee
  - Resolutions
  - Ordinances
  - Sample Ordinances
  - Martel
  - PowerPoints
  - Minutes
- Groups discussed Don't Mess with Texas and how they reduced the Litter by 70% with this campaign.
- 1.3 Million pounds of Litter was picked up in Marion County in 2020. Marion County Litter program spent \$933,616 in FY 2020.
- The group will provide a massive effort to help get our message out.
- Commissioner Curry pointed out to the Committee the primary source of revenue for litter is from Solid Waste \$87.00 Waste Assessment.
- Bobbi Perez provide information on the Litter Survey that was posted on Facebook and spoke about the new Litter Website that is being developed.

#### **DISCUSSION OF FLORIDA SUNSHINE LAW:**

County Attorney Minter advised that all meetings of the Work Group must comply with the requirements of the Florida Sunshine Law. He addressed 3 of the main requirements, as follows: 1) all meetings must be held in public; 2) all meeting must be properly noticed; and 3) minutes must be taken and timely transcribed for all meetings. Mr. Minter stated that a member could not discuss, email or text issues of the Work Group with fellow members outside of a noticed meeting. Russell Ward, Assistant County Attorney will be attending as many of the meetings as possible to ensure legal guidance is available.

#### **Chair Beth McCall:**

- Introduced herself and informed the group that she is the Chair for the Committee.
- Nov 1<sup>st</sup> the Task Force will meet as a group and discuss where the Committees are at so far.
- The end goal date for the Task Force will be on April 4<sup>th</sup> for the Committee to review before it is presented to the Commission.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 1, 2021 at 4:00 pm in the Growth Service Training Room.

Compiled by Lacey Larramore, Litter Supervisor, Environmental Services-Solid Waste