



## Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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### **BOARD APPOINTS NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Immediate Release

**MARION COUNTY, Fla.** (Nov. 3, 2009) – The Marion County Board of County Commissioners appointed a new chair and vice chair during today’s regularly scheduled board meeting.

Starting Nov. 17, 2009, Commission Vice Chair Barbara Fitos will serve as the chair, and Commissioner Stan McClain will serve the vice chair. As board chair, Fitos will manage board meetings, public hearings and workshops. She will also establish board priorities and serve as a board ambassador at many public events. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair will assume these responsibilities.

Fitos will replace Chairman Jim Payton, who has served in the lead role twice since he was first elected in 2002.

Meanwhile, the Transportation Planning Organization appointed Commissioner McClain as its new chair on Oct. 27, 2009. Effective Jan. 26, 2010, McClain will replace current TPO chair City Councilwoman Mary Sue Rich.

The TPO is composed of local elected officials from the Marion County Board of County Commissioners as well as the cities of Ocala, Belleview and Dunnellon. The TPO is responsible for transportation planning in the Ocala and Marion County areas, including highways and transit as well as bicycling and pedestrian facilities. The TPO works with the Florida Department of Transportation and local governments to fund and implement projects as well as serves as the policy board for SunTran, the local transit system.

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