

Adams County Historic Preservation Commission
Wednesday, 19 June 2025, Corning City Council chambers

Chairperson Sandra Leininger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Commissioners present were Vice Chair Nancy Carmichael, Secretary Linda Newsome, Commissioners Jon Brokaw, Roger Hull, and Jim Reynolds. Guests present were Lisa Allison and Gina Travis with the House of history, Chamber of Commerce Director Loretta Brenton and Commissioner Debora Christiansen of the Adel Historic Preservation Commission.

Agenda was reviewed and approved by Hull, seconded by Brokaw, All ayes. Minutes were approved with a motion by Reynolds and second by Carmichael all Ayes.

Budget report: no updated reported. Sandra reported that the Adams County Jail and Opera House historic signs have been ordered, the bill will be approximately \$300.00.

Business:

Preserve Iowa Summit Report, Nancy, Jon, and Sandra attended. There were many wonderful ideas brought back from the conference. A discussion about doing oral histories was had. A presentation on developing a 5013C friends group that may be a source of support on various projects. Sandra reported there is currently no grant money for the Wayside Inn signage. She presented several ideas for the various signage from a presentation that she had attended during the summit. The commissioners agreed on a design for the signs. Discussion was held to add a QR code on the sign that would connect to our website page and provide information about the historic site. Aluminum signs from Iowa Prison Industries currently cost between \$30 and \$80.

City Council report: No new updates.

Ex-official member invitation: Extending an invitation to have an ex-official seat on the Commission was discussed.

Preservation room update: the preservation room at the Courthouse now has furnishings and cabinets for storage placed in the room.

Mobile Museum Exhibit: We will have Joe update his drawing to show more detail. Discussed doing programs with 250th celebration anniversary theme. Discussed including the House of history, Opera House, etc. on a tour and possibly involve high school students who are interested. Dates of the mobile museum are October 14th to the 19th 2025.

Cemetery workshop dates: The Mount Pleasant Cemetery has been cleaned off. The dates of September 27th, October 4th, and October 11th, were discussed to hold the workshop. Sandra will contact Dennis Allen to see if he is available for any of these dates.

Other business: A gift basket for Cindy Nagle's, Tallgrass Archaeology, birthday will be given to Cindy when she attends our meeting next month.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. Next meeting will be Wednesday July 16, 2025, at 3C's Diner at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Linda Newsome