

Adams County Historic Preservation Commission
Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Lauvstad Center, 710 Davis Ave, Corning, IA 50841
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandra Leininger at 6:00 PM. Commissioners present included Nancy Carmichael, Jo Bissell, Gayle Anstey, Jon Brokaw, Roger Hull and Ex-Official Chamber Director Loretta Brenton and House of History representative Gina Travis. Absent Commissioners were Linda Newsome, Mike Cormack and Marti Gebbie. The agenda was reviewed and approved by motion of Hull and seconded by Brokaw. All Ayes. Bissell moved and Brokaw seconded approval of February Minutes with corrections. All Ayes. . Leininger noted an unspent budget amount of \$12,85.94.

Leininger noted having attended a BOS meeting to present our annual report to the state. The BOS reviewed the report and signed it. A letter of accreditation from the state has been received. As reports are given to the Mayors & City Councils, it was suggested that 8.1, 8.2, and 8.3 of the annual report and our 2026 workplan would be good documents to share with them.

An event will be held on Flag Day, Sunday, June 14 from 2-4 PM at old Quincy Cemetery to commemorate the sacrifices of Adams County connected Revolutionary War and War of 1812 soldiers. Research will be done to gather as much information as possible on the associated soldiers for an exhibit. Commissioners are asked to research their assigned cemeteries for any soldiers fitting the criteria. An 1812 & a Revolutionary flag will be purchased.

The Commission reviewed the 2026 workplan. Commissioners brainstormed possible tombstone cleaning teachers for a fall workshop. Commissioners also reviewed the possibility of purchasing signage for the 7 likely pioneer cemeteries and 4 family burial sites. The ACHPC has asked to be on the agenda for the Corning Public Library's April 8th agenda at 4:30 PM to discuss research material accessibility issues. At present, Brokaw, Anstey, Carmichael & Leininger are planning to attend the Preservation Summit in Ankeny on June 2,3, 2026. Leininger shared information regarding a possible school in Section 26 of Union Township. More work is needed. Carmichael updated the Commissioners regarding CNRG work/bidding to date. And talked about the window Historic Preservation month of May to display of two carpenter tool chests from Allen McGaffin that were used by his grandfather and great grandfather to construct numerous homes in the Corning area.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be at the Lauvstad Building on April 22, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Carmichael
Secretary Pro Tem