

## **Adams County Historic Preservation Commission Minutes, Wednesday April 23rd, 2025**

Chairperson Sandra Leininger called the meeting to order at 6:10. Commissioners present were Vice Chair Nancy Carmichael, Secretary Linda Newsome, commissioners Dick Blazek, Jon Brokaw, and Jim Reynolds. Absent were commissioners Jo Bissell, Mike Cormack, Marti Gebbie, Roger Hull, and Linda Sargent. Guests present, Lisa Allison and Gina Travis with the House of history.

**The minutes** were approved motion for approval by Jim seconded by Jon all Ayes.

**The agenda** was reviewed; **It was discussed that Abe Lincoln's signature is supposed to be at the library and authenticated. We will check with the Abe Lincoln museum in Springfield for more details. Also added to the agenda was discussion of the 100-year-old school building. We will look to see if there is more information on these with the House of History.** The current agenda and additions were approved by Nancy and seconded by John. All Ayes.

Budget: after the Preservation summit the estimated budget is at \$10,000. The next fiscal year budget has been approved.

**City Council reports:** Jon is on the agenda for **Prescott City Council** on May 6th. Jim **attended the Corning City Council** and gave report; states he had positive feedback, however City Council voiced concerns of placement of the mobile museum **and update on the cemetery.** Other commissioners will schedule their City Council meetings. Sandra will send work plan to the commissioners for those meetings.

**Mobile museum:** There is a 30-amp breaker available on the south end of the park, we may need a 30AMP receptacle we will check with the city. The City Council did suggest the West side of the park for the museum, concern for that is that it's not a level parking area. The City Council may have a concern for parking for the apartment **occupants;** it may be possible to request **spark** special parking for the apartment occupants during the exhibit. We are also looking into collaborating programs with the Opera House and the school during the mobile museum visit.

**Preservation room at courthouse:** a few commissioners did review the room. It is approximately 11 ft X 15 ft. Mike will see if there's shelving from the school that we can use for storage.

**Preservation month displays:** a discussion was held regarding where we should place the display and if we would have more than one display or rotate a single display. The **Louvsted** Center, courthouse, Opera House, and bank were suggested sites for the display. The Underground Railroad was suggested as a new display; however, we will need to do more research.

**Brochure changes:** Changes were reviewed current commissioners were added and a few items will be deleted, and we will also update the picture, we considered a picture of our cemetery work.

**Other business:** Sandra presented ideas for signage for the House of history, Snider bridge, and Opera House. She suggests cast aluminum markers. The House of History needs help going through things in the museum and cataloging them. They also need help cleaning and organizing the house. A discussion ensued about incorporating students to help organize and catalog all the items in the House of history. They also need volunteers for “workdays” they will be open May 24th, July 5th, July 26th, July 19th, August 30th, and September 20th. Jim and Jon volunteered for July 5th; other volunteers are needed for other dates the hours are from 10-2.

Several commissioners volunteered to meet Friday at 10 AM to help clean the House of History. **A discussion was held to consider asking money for the House of history under our umbrella next year and investigate a water discount to restore water to the building.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45. Next meeting is to be held May 21st, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Carmichael cabin.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Newsome