Minutes of the Marion County Zoning Commission Meeting
March 17, 2026

The Marion County Zoning Commission met on March 17, 2026, at 5:00p.m., Marion County East Annex, 3014 East Main St., Knoxville, IA 50138.

Members present: Keith Davis, Leslie Miller, Kelly Mitchell- virtual

Members absent: Sarah Treft, Joe Cunningham

Public present: Lucas Young

Poffenbarger called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m. and opened up nominations for Chair for 2026.

Davis called for a motion to approve January 20, 2026, minutes. Miller made a motion to approve January 20, 2026, minutes. Second by Mitchell.

Davis	aye
Miller	aye
Mitchell	aye

A public hearing was held to review the draft Marion County 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Poffenbarger discussed the map updates that were made since the original draft viewed at the last meeting.

Miller stated the maps are much easier to read since the last draft. Miller explained the plan was full of a lot of good information.

The Comprehensive Plan process started May 2024 with a stakeholder meeting. Several public input sessions were held over the past year and one half as well as meetings with department heads to gather information.

Kelly Mitchell asked if there would be annual reviews of the plan to keep in current. Poffenbarger explained that could be part of the organizational meeting yearly based on questionnaires sent to the department heads.

Lucas Young discussed the goals built into each section of the Comprehensive Plan, stating it is important to understand although this is funneled through the Zoning Commission for approval this is a Marion County Comprehensive Plan, not just a Zoning and Land Use Plan.

Davis called for a motion to close the public hearing. Miller made a motion to close the public hearing. Second by Mitchell.

Davis	aye
Miller	aye
Mitchell	aye

Davis called for a motion to approve the Marion County 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Miller made a motion to approve the Marion County 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Second by Mitchell.

Davis	aye
Miller	aye
Mitchell	aye

The Marion County 2040 Comprehensive Plan will be forwarded to the Marion County Board of Supervisors.

Davis called for adjournment of the meeting. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mitchell. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Davis	aye
Miller	aye
Mitchell	aye

Minutes by Melissa Poffenbarger.