

VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of May ,26 2026

Call to Order:

- President Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call:

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Dale Walters, Troy Grant, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Erika Guess
- Trustees Absent: Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Village Administrator Brent Wise, Chief Barclay Harris, Andy Lee, Jessica Leach with The Shed, Jamie Leigh, Kim Wells and her daughter Aly Wells, Thomas Quick with Conxxus, and Jeremy Travelstead with American Central.

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Jessica Leach appeared before the Board. They are having a SXS Benefit for Aly Wells on June 14 @ 11am. It is for SXS, Jeeps, Motorcycle, etc. President Clarke asked if they would have alcohol outside the beer garden. She wasn't sure. He advised that if they do, the Village will donate the liquor license. Consensus was to allow. Chief Harris asked about SXSs on Rt 104. This is a state highway that we have no jurisdiction over. Jessica Leach asked who she would need to ask. President Clarke said probably State Police. There is no to get in and out of The Shed without driving down Rt. 104. Kim Wells asked how Locals has their rides and the Board advised they cross over Rt 104 and don't drive down it. The Pawnee Police Dept won't stop them but we can't control over ISP, etc. Kim Wells asked about SXSs leaving from the Square. Consensus was to allow.
- Thomas Quick with Conxxus appeared before the Board. He was asking the "no solicitation" ordinance. They are a new utility in town and was wondering if the Board would consider making an exception for them. Their request would be maybe 1 week per month for a couple months. They would like to be able to educate the residents on the service they offer. They are a big active community company and have just recently started working with the school. President Clarke advised we have a "no solicitation" ordinance because we received so many complaints from residents. He suggested sending out a mailer and having a meeting for anyone that wanted to attend. Trustee Skinner advised him that Pawnee Prairie Days is this weekend, and he recommended setting up a tent. He is not sure if they can make it at such short notice. President Clarke provided him with a Pawnee Prairie Days contact. He advised that he was hoping to get an exception as they've invested a large amount of money and want to make sure the service is being utilized to its fullest. President Clarke advised the residents don't want solicitation. Trustee Guess asked if someone could come to Pawnee Prairie Days this weekend. He advised he would have to check. Trustee Murphy suggested having a meeting at the Pawnee Library.
- Jeremy Travelstead with American Central appeared before the Board. He presented the current health insurance plans.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to agree to go with one of the Cigna Plans, which depends on the response regarding line 2, not to exceed \$24,625.36/mo

Second made by Walters

Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters=yes, Grant=yes, Murphy=yes, Skinner=yes, Guess=yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of May 11, 2026 were presented for review and approval
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of May 11, 2026 as presented
Second made by Skinner
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-present
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending May 26, 2026 in the amount of \$99,990.04
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable for the week ending May 26, 2026 in the amount of \$99,990.04
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Village Administrator Brent Wise presented the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending April 30, 2026
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Village Administrator Brent Wise's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending April 30, 2026
Second made by Trustee Walters
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Village Administrator Brent Wise advised that someone approached Travis Simpson about a birthday party at the park and they wanted to rent a bounce house. He called our insurance and there would be no liability coverage under the Village insurance. Consensus was to not allow bounce houses at North Park.
- Village Administrator advised Code Red, our emergency response system is up for renewal. The cost is \$9,206.19 for another 3 years.
Motion made by Trustee Walters to approve the emergency notification system Code Red for another 3 years at a cost of \$9,206.19
Second made by Trustee Guess
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Walters

- Trustee Walters advised the Board that 59 red letters were sent out on May 20.
- Andy Lee advised that on Monday, they are getting started on the San Terra water main project. They will be shutting down Cotton Hill on June 3. They've sent out notifications to residents. They only plan to have it closed for 4-5hrs. He is hoping the project will be completed in 2 months.

Streets, Alley and Sidewalk Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Grant

- Trustee Grant advised the Board that Jeff Schober advised him the summer kids started today. They've been curb cleaning, general maintenance around town, etc.
- Trustee Grant presented the 2026 Motor Fuel Tax program in the amount of \$140,000.
Motion made by Trustee Grant to approve Resolution 26-04 the 2026 Motor Fuel Tax program in the amount of \$140,000 for our annual rock and chip
 Second made by Trustee Skinner
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
 Motion Carried: (5-0)

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Chief Barclay Harris advised the Board that they are all ready for Pawnee Prairie Days. He also provided an update on the radios. He is still waiting to hear about borrowing radios through ILEAS during Pawnee Prairie Days to keep us from having to purchase radios that we only need 3 days a year.

Sewers and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- No report.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- Trustee Murphy advised that the lots on the square were purchased by Mike Greer. He has plans for the lots, but until he gets that going, he would like to temporarily put up an ice shack. It is a temporary structure. It would be brought in on skids. It's similar to food trucks, however, he owns the property. Trustee Guess asked if it is mobile and Trustee Murphy advised it would be stable. Trustee Murphy is not opposed to it. He would consider a temporary, 2-3 month permit. For the temp structure, it will face Lincoln Street. He would not be opposed to a seasonal. President Clarke suggested a time permit, 1 season only. Andy Lee advised there are no utilities on that side of the square. He would be charged \$500 to get the water hooked up. Andy Lee advised that would not be where he wanted the water line. He would also have to meet the food vendor permit requirements. He'll present the information to the owner.

Bargaining Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- No report

Energy Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- No report

Infrastructure Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- No report

Unfinished Business:

- No report

New Business:

- Resolution 26-05 – A Resolution in Support of Sangamon County Zoning Amendment. This is a resolution encouraging the county to adopt the amendment. The current permits solar farms to be built on agricultural zoned property. This would rezone all the land around city limits to residential with permitted use of agricultural. This resolution is to encourage our representative of the county to vote for it.

Motion made by Trustee Walters to approve Resolution 26-05 – A Resolution in Support of Sangamon County Zoning Amendment to rezone from agricultural to residential

Second made by Trustee Grant

Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-present, Guess-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- President Clarke asked the Board to review the letter that will be sent to SMC Copperheads Inc in response to the meeting with our liquor commission. It will be sent tomorrow. The Board will need to determine the number of days for the penalty phase. Trustee Murphy asked about the gas line. President Clarke advised this is a recommendation but not a requirement by the Village of Pawnee. All Board members were in agreement with the information contained in the letter. Discussed prior work completed without a building permit. The plumber onsite advised Travis Simpson that he had dug there 4 times. This is not the first time SMC Copperheads Inc has violated our building ordinances by not obtaining a building permit. There are also safety concerns with the recent construction and holes. Discussed the fees. These fees represent the costs that would have been incurred if they had obtained the building permit, Zoning Board variance and tap fees. SMC Copperheads Inc has violated our building ordinances which they are required to abide by to obtain/keep a liquor license. Trustee Walters pointed out grammatical errors in the letter that should be corrected. The tap fee is \$1,000 tap fee; a deck permit is either \$10 or \$25. Discussed a 15-day, 21 day or 30-day suspension. Consensus was a 21-day liquor license suspension. The letter will be served tomorrow. SMC Copperheads Inc has 20 days to appeal the decision with the Sangamon County Liquor Commission. The 21-day penalty phase will be June 17 – July 7.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to adjourn
Second made by Trustee Grant
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm on Tuesday, May 27, 2026. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, June 8, 2026 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Devona Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

Devona Martin
Village Clerk