

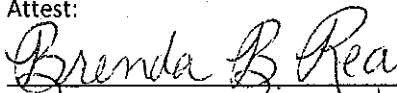
**PUBLIC COMMENTS RULES AND PROCEDURES
PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Person County Board of Commissioners is committed to allowing members of the public an opportunity to offer comments and suggestions for the efficient and effective administration of government. In order to balance the need and desire for such citizen input with the necessity of disposing of its regular business in the course of the meeting, the Board does hereby establish the following Public Comments Rules and Procedures:

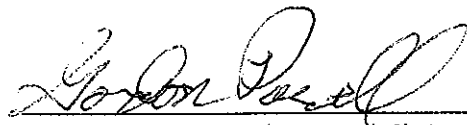
1. The Public Comments period will be limited to a maximum of ten (10) minutes.
2. Persons who wish to address the Board during the Public Comments period will register on the sign-up sheet located on the table in front of the Clerk to the Board in the Commissioners' Meeting Room. Sign-up sheets will be available thirty (30) minutes before the start of each meeting.
3. Each speaker will have a specified amount of time, as determined by the Board of Commissioners to make his/her remarks. The designated timekeeper will be the IT staff, or other staff member designated by the Chairman, who will begin timing the speaker; a beeping sound will be heard when the allotted time expires.
4. Speakers will be acknowledged and called up to the podium by either the Board Chairman or the Clerk to the Board in the order in which their names appear on the sign-up sheet. Speakers will address the Board from the podium at the front of the room and should begin their remarks by stating their name and address.
5. It is recommended that groups or delegations select their spokespersons in advance of the meeting. Speakers are not allowed to yield their allotted time to another speaker.
6. Speakers will address all comments to the Board or County as a whole and not to one individual commissioner or to any individual County staff member. Discussion between speakers, members of the audience and the Board of Commissioners is not allowed.
7. Speakers will be courteous and respectful in their language and presentation and must refrain from personal attacks and the use of profanity. The Chairman will enforce these Rules and Procedures, and maintain order and decorum. Willfully interrupting, disturbing or disrupting a meeting and then refusing to leave when directed to do so by the Chairman is a criminal offense. Citizens may offer comments on issues that are arguably within the County's jurisdiction and scope of authority only. Leeway will be accorded, but comments on issues clearly not within the County's jurisdiction and scope of authority are out of order.
8. If the time period runs out before all persons who have signed up have the opportunity to speak, those names will be carried over to the next Board of Commissioners' Public Comments period. The Board of Commissioners may in its discretion extend the time for Public Comments as deemed appropriate.
9. Speakers who have prepared written remarks or supporting documents are encouraged to leave a copy of such remarks and documents with the Clerk to the Board.
10. Copies of these Public Comments Rules and Procedures will be available on the table located in front of the Clerk to the Board in the Commissioners' Meeting Room as well as online on the Commissioners' webpage located at www.personcountync.gov.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners this, the 6th day of February 2023.

Attest:


Brenda B. Reaves, Clerk to the Board





Gordon Powell, Chairman
Person County Board of Commissioners