

## **Greene County Board of Supervisors Rules for Public Comment Period**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Greene County Board of Supervisors "Matters from the Public" section of the public meeting is to hear from our citizens about matters of relevance and importance that have not been heard before or of which the members of Board of Supervisors are not currently aware.

**Rules:**

There will be one public comment period during each regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

The public comment period will take place at the end of the session.

Any person desiring to speak shall sign up prior to the meeting and write down the subject of their comments. The Chair will decide whether the comments will be heard.

Each speaker's comments may not exceed three minutes.

Citizens may only speak once per meeting during the citizen comment period.

Comments must be addressed only to the Chair of the Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors will not engage with citizens in discussion or debate of any comment received.

No citizen shall speak on any matter of business that is a subject on the board's agenda for that meeting.

Citizens may not yield their speaking time to other speakers.

At the beginning of the citizen comment period, the clerk will read each speaker's name in sequence and comments will be given in the order of the sign-up sheet.

Each citizen comment period will end after 15 minutes, regardless of the number of people who have signed up to speak. The Chair may extend the time allotted for public comments.

Comments must be directly related to the services, programs or policies of the County.

Persons speaking before the board will not be allowed to:

Address the Board or staff in a disrespectful manner;

Make personal attacks against or accusations about any member of the Board or staff;

Use profanity or vulgar language;

Campaign for public office;

Promote private business ventures;

Address pending litigation or County personnel-related matters, or other matters exempted from public discussion under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

***Any person who does not follow the rules listed above will be directed by the Chair to end their comments immediately and will not be allowed to comment at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors. If necessary, speakers may be removed from the room if violations of the rule above persist.***

Questions, requests for information relating to County policies or programs and services may be made directly to the County Administrator's office during regular business hours.