



SUGGESTED AGENDA
Budget Public Hearing and Special Meeting in the
Armory Civic Center
501 US Hwy 158 Business E., Warrenton, NC

6:00 PM
June 10, 2024

Call to Order Budget Public Hearing and Special Meeting – Chairman or
Designee
Moment of Silence & Pledge

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1. ADOPT SUGGESTED AGENDA

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement

“Members of the Warren County Board of Commissioners are advised, hereby, of their duty under the State Government Ethics Act to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of such conflict; and, further, are instructed to refrain from participating in any matter coming before this Board of County Commissioners with respect to which there is a conflict of interest or appearance of such conflict”.

- In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict.
- Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before this Board today?
- If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved.

2. PUBLIC HEARING - FY25 BUDGET

- A. Comments from Staff
- B. Citizens Comments

3. CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS

4. FOLLOW UP

- A. Consider Re-Appointment of Jeff Zimmer for a 3rd Three-Year Term on the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council Beginning May 1, 2024 and Ending April 30, 2027 (First presented May 6, 2024 - motion did not receive a second)
- B. Consider Re-Appointment of Randall Robinson (2nd Term) and Julia Torain (2nd Term) to the Zoning Board of Adjustments With Three-Year Terms Beginning May 1, 2024 and Ending April 30, 2027 (first presented May 6, 2024 - motion did not receive a second)
- C. Consider Approval of Public Comment Policy for Board of Commissioners Meetings - Clerk to the Board Paula Pulley and County Attorney Shiekell Richardson (First presented May 6, 2024 -

motion did not receive a second)

- D. Discussion on Petition for Zoning Map Amendment of Parcel # K3C 155A From Residential (R) to Lakeside Business (LB) that was Presented on May 6, 2024 - County Attorney Shiekel Richardson

5. ADJOURN June 10, 2024 BOARD MEETING

Public Comment Policy for Board of Commissioners Meetings

The Board of Commissioners welcomes and encourages public participation at its meetings. To ensure an orderly and efficient process, the following guidelines for public comments have been established:

1. **Purpose of Public Comments:** The primary purpose of public comments is to provide an opportunity for members of the community to express their views, concerns, and suggestions regarding matters within the jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners.
2. **Order of Speakers:** Speakers will be called in the order in which they signed up and Speakers are permitted to address the Board once during this time.
3. **Timing of Public Comments:** Public comments will be heard at the beginning of each regular Board meeting, unless otherwise specified by the Board Chair.
4. **Sign-Up Requirement:** Individuals who wish to speak during the public comment period must sign up in advance. Sign-up sheets will be made available at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting and will be closed promptly at the start of the meeting.
5. **Enforcement:** The Chair has the authority to enforce the regulations outlined herein, ensuring order and decorum. This includes the discretion to terminate a speakers remaining time or remove them from the meeting if necessary.
6. **Length of Comments:** Each speaker will have a maximum of five (5) minutes to speak to the Board. The Chair may adjust this time at their discretion.
7. **Time Sharing and Designation of Spokespersons:** Speakers are generally not allowed to share or transfer their speaking time to another individual (yield time) unless allowed by the Chair. If multiple speakers address the same topic, they must designate a spokesperson to represent them.
8. **Respectful Conduct:** Speakers are expected to address the Board and other attendees with respect and courtesy. Any form of personal attacks, use of profanity, or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Violations may lead to the removal of the speaker from the meeting and forfeiture of their right to comment in future meetings.
9. **Response from the Board:** The Board will generally not engage in dialogue or debate with speakers during the public comment period. However, the Chair or another Board member may briefly respond to clarify information or to indicate that the matter will be referred to staff for further review. Comments should be directed to the Board collectively, rather than individual commissioners. Speakers should address the Board directly, and comments or concerns should not be directed to the audience at any point.

10. **Procedure for Requesting Responses from the Board:** If a speaker desires a response from the Board of Commissioners, a written copy of their questions or request must be provided to the Clerk of the Board.

This public comment policy is subject to modification by the Board of Commissioners at any time.

Adopted this 6th day of May, 2024.

Jennifer Pierce, Chair

ATTEST:

Paula Pulley, Clerk to the Board

TO: Warren County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Shiekkel Richardson, County Attorney

DATE: June 7, 2024

SUBJECT: Consider scheduling an additional public hearing for the Aviles Rezoning proposal to allow for further discussion.

Background:

The public hearing and petition to rezone occurred on May 6, 2024. A motion to table the item was made, but it did not receive a second, which would typically result in the motion being dismissed. However, due to the requirement in Section 160D, Section 605, it is best practice that the governing board take a formal action on the rezoning request, including a statement of consistency. To move forward, I recommend that the board either approve or deny the petition with a supporting consistency statement, as this will provide clarity and allow for the next step to be taken by Mr. Aviles (applicant).

Recommendation:

I recommend that the governing board schedule an additional public hearing for this item and consider bringing it back for review on July 1. At that time, I suggest that the board make a formal decision, either approving or denying the proposal, accompanied by the required consistency statement. This additional review will provide an opportunity for further clarity and ensure that the board's decision is informed and supported by the necessary documentation.