

Locality Name	Population (Approx)	Number of Elected Members	Regular Meeting Frequency	Annual Meetings	Dedicated Citizen Comment Item	Speaker Time Limit	limitations	Source
Highland	2,300	3						
Bath	4,212		5 Monthly	no	Yes	3 minutes	Public Comment Rules and Guidelines Citizens who desire to speak in the public comment session at the beginning of the Board meeting must sign in to be recognized by the Chairman, and adhere to the following: 1) Individuals should come forward to the podium when recognized by the Chairman of the Board; speak their name and address or district in which they reside. 2) Individuals should direct their comments to the Chairman of the Board. 3) Individuals are limited to 3 minutes per comment period. 4) Individuals representing a group of four or more are limited to 5 minutes per comment period, members comprising the group represented forfeit their individual time to speak. 5) All citizens are strongly encouraged to put their comments in writing to the Board prior to the meeting for inclusion in the Board materials. Such written comments should be submitted to the County Administrators Office or to a member of the Board of Supervisors the Thursday prior to the meeting. Comments can be submitted via email at publiccomment@bathcountyva.gov.	
Craig	4,730		5 monthly	january	Yes	doesn't list a time limit	Overview You must call or schedule 10 days before the meeting date if you are interested in presenting a Briefing to the Board of Supervisors. Citizens are always welcome to comment at the meeting during our Hear the Public section; no prior notice need be given to speak during this portion of the meeting. Craig County is divided into five magisterial districts– Craig City, Craig Creek, New Castle, Potts Mountain, and Simmonsville. Each district elects one representative to the County Board of Supervisors for a four-year term. Each year, the Board elects one member as Chairman and another member as Vice Chairman. The County operates under the County Administrator form of government.	https://www.craigcountyva.gov/176/Board-of-Supervisors

Bland	6,249	4 Monthly	Yes once in January	Yes	3 minutes	Public Comments. There shall be an agenda item known as Public Comments to allow citizens to address the Board regarding any matter that is not an agenda item and over which the Board has influence. This time period shall be divided among the citizens who desire to speak. This period should not be used to request specific Board action at that meeting. The speaker shall state name and subject. The speaker is subject to such time limitation as the Board in its discretion may impose. Each speaker is limited to one appearance at each meeting. Citizens wishing to speak during the public comment period are requested to register with the Office of the Bland County Administrator at least three (3) days prior to the meeting at which they wish to speak. Each speaker shall be allowed three (3) minutes for comments unless additional time is granted by the Chair. If the speaker represents a group there shall be a time limit of five (5) minutes.	https://blandcountyv.a.gov/Documents/Government/Board%20of%20Supervisors/Agendas%20and%20Minutes/2025/Agendas/BOS%20Agenda%202252025.pdf?t=202601071308580
Surry	6,671	5					
Charles City	6,786	3 monthly		yes	3 min	Those who have signed up to speak during the public comment period, commenting as an individual, will have three minutes; as a group, they will have five minutes. Please identify if you are speaking as a group in the beginning, and identify your group. Time will automatically be set at three minutes if not given. Please approach the podium when called, state your name, and any relevant facts or materials. Written comments and documents may be submitted to the Clerk of the Board for the record. No speaking out of turn or from your seat will be allowed to preserve decorum. Respectful language is required. ***Board members will not engage in dialogue during public comments, but may refer issues to staff.***	https://www.charlescityva.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_07282026-635
King and Queen	6,789	5					

Rappahannock	7,515	5 monthly	january	Yes	3 min	We are here to accomplish the business of local government for the sake of our citizens. We want to hear from our citizens and this public comment period agenda item provides that opportunity. When speakers are called forward by the Chair, please state your name and district. We also ask that your comments are limited to three minutes in order to provide equity to all speakers and to ensure our meeting is reasonable in length. If you have more information than can be summarized in three minutes please provide leave-behind materials for the Board's review. The Chair will ask you to conclude your remarks if the time has elapsed. If you have questions during the session, you may ask for clarification from your Board member or county administration staff after the meeting is adjourned.	https://ecode360.com/8806527
Mathews	8,322	5					
Richmond	9,349	5					
Cumberland	10,080	5 monthly	january	Yes	Limit is not spelled out	Public Comments Public comments are scheduled as part of the agenda at each regular Board meeting. This is the time for the public to address any non-agenda items. Speakers may speak only once. Generally, public comments will not be heard at workshop meetings. When you are called upon to speak, you are requested to: Come to the speaker's podium and speak into the microphone. State your name, address and district for the record. Address your comments/questions to the Chairman. If you have a written statement, please file it with the Clerk for the record. If you represent a group, please state the name of the group, and your position. The public comment period is for speakers to have uninterrupted time to address the Board; It is not a question and answer period. If a Supervisor wishes to address a speaker, he or she will do so after the speaker is finished with their comments, and after requesting the floor from the Chairman. Other meetings may be scheduled as needed in addition to those above. The Public is invited to appear and present their views. Any persons with disabilities are urged to contact the County Administrator's Office prior to any meeting to arrange for any necessary accommodations. For additional information please contact the County Administrator's office at 804-492-3625.	https://www.cumberlandcounty.virginia.gov/226/Board-of-Supervisors
Essex	10,494	5					
Sussex County	10,913	6 Monthly		12 Generally yes	Not stated		sussexcountyva.gov
Middlesex	10,978	5					
Lancaster	11,212	5					
Greensville	11,233	4					

Charlotte	11,531	7 monthly	Yes residents only	3 min	Public Comment Policy The Board of Supervisors is committed to allowing members of the public the opportunity to offer comments and suggestions for the efficient and effective administration of government. A special time is set aside at the beginning of each regular Board meeting for the purpose of receiving such comments and suggestions. All individuals speaking during the public comment period or public hearings are subject to the County's public comment policy. Public comment policy, public comment participants must either be a Charlotte County resident, Charlotte County landowner, or reside on or own property adjacent to a parcel that is the subject of a public hearing. Comments can be presented in person in accordance with the public comment policy or may be submitted in writing. Written comments can be e-mailed to publiccomments@charlottescountyva.gov or can be delivered to the Administration Office; or mailed to PO Box 608, Charlotte Court House, VA, 23923 and should be received . All comments provided in writing need to identify the hearing or meeting the comments pertain to and must include the provider's name and address. Written comments should not exceed 500 words and must be received by the County Administration Office by noon on the business day prior to the meeting or hearing. To help ensure written comments are reported accurately, please:	https://cms8.revize.com/revize/charlottescountyva/DocumentCenter/Government/Board%20of%20Supervisors/Public%20Comment%20Policy%20Adopted%202001-2024.pdf?t=202402091030180
Northumberland	11,887	5				
Lunenburg	12,070	7				
Northampton	12,313	5				

Dickenson	13,357	5 monthly	yes	3 min	PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD A period of time for "Public Comment" will be designated on the meeting agenda during which the public may comment on issues related to County business. The Dickenson County Board of Supervisors believes that the citizens of the County should be heard and that this is an acceptable format for receiving public comment. The chairman and parliamentarian are jointly responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the appropriateness of the subject being presented and length of time for such presentation. Upon recognition by the chairman, the speaker shall address himself to the chairman and if, at the conclusion of his remarks, any member of the Board of Supervisors desires further information, the member will address the speaker only with the permission of the chairman. No one will be allowed to make additional presentations until everyone who wishes to speak has an opportunity to make an initial presentation. After the Public Comment section of the meeting is closed, the public shall not be allowed to participate in general board member discussions regarding agenda items unless requested to do so by the Board. Public participation with the board members regarding agenda items can be disruptive and the practice is prohibited by Roberts Rules of Order. It is the desire of the Board of Supervisors to treat each member of the public fairly and equally. Allowing one individual to participate while excluding others is unfair. The Board may hold such public hearings as may be necessary to allow the public to more fully express their concerns. While we do not wish to restrict the free expression of opinion, we feel that certain restrictions may be necessary so that order and reasonable standards of decorum may be maintained. Upon recognition by the chairman, the speaker shall address himself to the chairman and if, at the conclusion of his remarks, any member of the Board of Supervisors desires further information, the member will address the speaker only with the permission of the chairman. There shall be a time limit for each individual speaker of 3 minutes. A representative of a group may have up to five (5) minutes to make a presentation. The representative shall identify the group at the beginning of his or her presentation. A group may have no more than one spokesperson. Speakers are not permitted to donate time to other speakers. No speaker's time shall be extended except by unanimous consent or a two-thirds (%) vote of the Board member present. Persons appearing before the Board will not be allowed to: • Campaign for public office; • Promote private business ventures;	https://dickensonva.org/DocumentCenter/View/3608/BoS-Minutes---2026---0102
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Amelia	13,494	5 Once monthly	Yes once in January	Yes	3 minutes	The following procedures will be used in addressing the Amelia County Board of Supervisors at public sessions: 1. Anyone wishing to speak at a Board of Supervisors meeting is encouraged, whenever practicable, to provide the County Administrator with a written summary of their comments prior to their appearance before the Board of Supervisors. 2. If the speaker cannot provide such written comments prior to the Board Meeting, he/she is encouraged to provide a written summary before or after their presentation/comments to the Board, whenever practicable. 3. All speakers must give their name and address or sign in to speak. 4. Sign-up sheet is located at the back of the courtroom. 5. All comments must be made at the podium or as directed by the Chairman. 6. For the Public record before you speak, clearly state your name and address. 7. Please limit speaking time to a maximum of three (3) minutes, unless otherwise directed by the Chairman. 8. Please direct all comments and/or questions to the Chairman of the Board, unless otherwise directed. 9. Speakers may speak once during a specific hearing unless otherwise directed by the	https://cms4files1.rehva.com/ameliacountyva/5.%20%20Rules%20of%20BOS.pdf
Madison	14,012	5 twice monthly	January	Yes	5 minutes with a maximum 30 minutes allowed in one meeting	4.4. Public Comment The Board shall set aside a time period for Public Comment at each regularly scheduled meeting. During this period the Board shall receive comment from any citizen on any topic not set for public hearing at that meeting, and no individual citizen should, at the Chairman's discretion, be allocated more than five (5) minutes of time to address the Board. Speakers shall not be allowed to (a) campaign for public office, (b) promote private business ventures, (c) engage in personal attacks, or (d) use profanity or vulgar language. Speakers may submit written record of their comments, or of comments they were unable to make because of time constraints that will be appended to the minutes of that meeting if submitted to the Clerk of the Board within five business days.	https://www.madisonco.virginia.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1987/2026-Bylaws---Approved-1226-PDF
Nelson	14,677	5 monthly		Yes		No rules in their website regarding it	https://library.municode.com/va/nelson_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=NECOCO_CH2AD_AR_TIIIBOSU

Alleghany	15,087	7	Once monthly	Unknown	Yes	5 minutes with a maximum 30 minutes allowed in one meeting	Public Comment gives the public an opportunity to address the Board on matters appropriate to the responsibilities of the Board. There shall be a maximum time limit of five (5) minutes for comments from each speaker with a maximum time limit of 30 minutes allocated to Public Comment in any one meeting. A sign-up sheet will be provided at a table near the meeting room for Public Comment. Adopted Public Comment Guidelines for speakers will also be provided on the table. If the number of individuals on the sign-up sheet would exceed the allotted 30-minute time-frame, the Chairman has the latitude to place a shorter limit on individuals. After the Board has heard comments from those who signed up, others in the audience who have not had an opportunity to speak and desire to do so will be invited to speak, time permitting. If speakers have copies of comments available, they should be provided to the Deputy Clerk to the Board for inclusion in the minutes. If this section is amended at any time, then the adopted Public Comment Guidelines will automatically be amended.	https://www.co.allegany.va.us/board-of-supervisors/by-laws/
Grayson	15,106	5						
Floyd County	15,459	5	Twice monthly	24	Yes	Not stated		floydcova.gov
Clarke	15,543	5	monthly	january	Yes	3 min	Section 4-4. Citizen Comment Period. Any person desiring to address the Board of Supervisors at the Citizen Comment period shall be required to abide by the rules governing such presentations as set forth in these rules in Article VI—Citizen Responsibilities. The citizen comment period allows citizens time to address the Board regarding any matter on the agenda, except those scheduled for a public hearing, as well as matters not on the agenda but which the Board has influence. A register for persons desiring to address the Board of Supervisors during the Citizen Comment Period shall be furnished prior to the beginning of every regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors. [For sample, refer to Attachment B – Citizen Comment Period – Sign-In Sheet of this document.] Citizens desiring to address the Board of Supervisors during this period shall provide their name, the issue they want to address, and their place of residence on the register provided. Each speaker at a Citizen’s Comment Period shall be limited to one appearance at each regular meeting of the Board. Individuals speaking during the Citizens’ Comment Period shall be subject to a three minute time limitation unless granted additional time by the Chair. Members of the Board shall neither engage in debate with, nor shall they be expected to answer questions posed by individuals speaking during the Citizen Comment period. Should a review of the register indicate that more than two persons desire to speak on the same issue during the Citizen Comment Period the Chair may ask those desiring to speak to	https://www.clarkecounty.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/14674/639038241204370000

Brunswick	15,813	5 twice a month	january	Yes	3 mins	The Chair opened the citizen comment period and advised that each citizen will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak.	https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/516/Public-Hearings-Public-Comment-Periods
Nottoway	15,833	5					
Giles	16,640	5 monthly		Yes		3 *Please complete a public comment form and give it to the secretary – comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker	
Buckingham	16,760	7 Monthly	january	Yes	3 min	Public Comments (any subject other than the scheduled public hearings and everyone gets 3 minutes and you must sign up prior to meeting to speak. Sign up time is between 5:30 p.m. and 5:55 p.m.)	https://www.buckinghamcountyva.org/administration/boards/_commissions/board_of_supervisors/board_agenda_minutes_youtube.php
Patrick	16,933	5					
Appomattox	16,972	5 Monthly	Yes once in January	Yes at beginning	30 minutes total allotted	the board shall set aside at the beginning of each Board session a citizen's comment period. During the citizen's comment period, speakers wishing to address the Board shall clearly state their name and address. Speakers may not speak on the public hearing calendar for the day. No individual citizen shall be permitted to address the Board for more than three (3) minutes. Individuals who have previously spoken on a subject at a public hearing shall not be allowed to readdress the Board during the citizen's comment period. Specific questions should be resolved prior to the meeting by contacting a Board member or the appropriate staff member. Questions shall be directed to the Chairman, who will, at his/her discretion, solicit the response from the appropriate person. Public Appearances Any citizen may request to appear before the Board at any regular Board meeting no more than four times per year and no more than once within a three month period. Speakers shall be limited to speaking on the same subject not more than three times within any 12 month period. Speakers who wish to address matters which have previously been addressed at a public hearing under public appearances shall not be allowed to request to appear before the Board nor shall they be allowed to readdress the Board on the subject of the public hearing. Specific questions should be resolved prior to	https://www.appomattoxcountyva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/165/Bylaws-and-Rules-of-Procedures-PDF
Southampton	17,669	6					
Buchanan	19,002	7 Seems monthly unsure				Don't publish agenda, public comments at the end, no rules listed seems to meet monthly but also sporadically	
King William	19,216	5					

Westmoreland County	19,857	5 Monthly		12 Yes	Not stated	westmoreland-county.org
Scott	21,320	7				
Lee	21,655	5 monthly	january	yes called Citizens Expression	RULES FOR CITIZEN EXPRESSION PERIOD • Citizen Expression period is a point in the meeting when anyone who wishes to address the Board may do so. • If you wish to speak, please come to the podium and state your name, where you are from in the county, and/or what organization you represent. • The Board may or may not respond to anything you say, but we will take everything you say into account when making future decisions. • Please keep your comments concise and business-like. • If no one has signed up to speak, we have no particular order. We ask that you take turns and speak your business. • Any action will be considered after we close Citizen Expression.	https://www.leecovacom/board-of-supervisors
Greene County	22,103	5 Twice monthly		22 Yes	3 min	greenecountyva.gov
Prince Edward	22,323	8				
Rockbridge	22,542	5				
Page	23,986	6 monthly	january	Yes	Doesn't spell out the public comment vs public hearing rules	https://www.pagecounty.virginia.gov/DocumentCenter/View/75/Rules-of-Procedure-PDF
Russell	25,139	7		Yes	3 min	No bylaws but it's on the agendas
New Kent	27,872	5				
Wythe	28,152	7 twice monthly	january	Yes	6.3 Citizens' Time. There shall be an agenda item known as Citizens' Time to allow Wythe County citizens to address the Board regarding any matter that is not an agenda item. Each citizen shall be allocated three minutes to address the Board. No one shall be allowed to exceed the time limit specified in other sections of the Rules of Procedure. Any person not a citizen of Wythe County may request through the County Administrator to be placed on the regular agenda.	https://www.wythe.co.org/424/Rules-of-Procedure
Goochland	28,432	N/A				
King George	28,589	5				

Carroll	28,636	6 Monthly		Yes		The Board is committed to provide multiple opportunities for public engagement including scheduled public comment and additional public hearings on specific agendas. We encourage active participation from our residents with the exception of work sessions and certain special called meetings. Public comment is scheduled for all our regular meetings. In addition to the meeting the Board of Supervisors are already available for communication by email or phone outside of formal session. Please be advised that outbursts or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. We aim to maintain a respectful and productive environment for all attendees so the public's business may be conducted in an orderly and reasonable manner. Thank you for your cooperation and involvement in shaping the future of our community	https://cms7files.revize.com/carrollcounty/Documents/Government/Board%20of%20Supervisors/Meeting%20Documentation/2025/040725/March%203,%202025%20Minutes.pdf
Fluvanna	28,738	5		Yes twice a meeting	5 minutes with a maximum 30 minutes allowed in one meeting	3. Public Comments shall be limited to five (5) minutes per individual.	https://www.fluvanna.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/board_of_supervisors/page/98/7-1-26_-_amendments_to_bylaws_-_2026_bos_bylaws.pdf
Dinwiddie	28,787	5					
Smyth	28,891	7 Monthly	January	Yes	Chair allots the time	4.3 Citizens' Time. There shall be an agenda item known as "Citizens' Time" to allow citizens of Smyth County to address the Board regarding any matter. Any person not a citizen of Smyth County may request through the County Administrator to be placed on the regular agenda. Time limits for citizens time shall follow Persons Addressing the Board. These persons shall limit their presentation to the time allotted by the Chairperson on the agenda, unless the Board, by majority consent, shall extend such time. The Chairperson, in fixing such time, shall take into account the complexity of the matter, its importance in relation to other business of the Board, and time available on the meeting date sought. Insofar as is practicable, persons addressing the Board shall	https://cms2.revize.com/revize/smythcountyva/Document%20Centers/Government/Board%20of%20Supervisors/BOS%20Rules%20of%20Procedures_01082026.pdf?t=202601091016200
Mecklenburg	30,376	9					

Amherst	31,872	5 twice monthly	Yes once in January	Yes toward the end	3 minutes	Section 3-4. Citizen Comment A. Citizens wishing to speak during Citizen Comment shall place their name on a sheet provided by the Board prior to the start of the Board's meeting. B. Comments shall be addressed directly to the Chair, and shall be limited in time to three minutes. Strict enforcement of this time limit is in the sound discretion of the chair. Comments may address the performance, conduct, and qualifications of public figures; however, comments shall not employ language which insults or demeans any person or which, when directed at a public official or employee, is not related to his or her official duties. There shall be no comment during Citizen Comment on a matter for which a public hearing is scheduled during the same meeting, or on a matter that has already been the subject of a previous public hearing where no final vote has been taken. C. Any issue raised during Citizen Comment which the Board wishes to consider may be put on the agenda for a future Board meeting or work session by a majority vote. Board members may with the consent of the Chair pose questions to any citizen commenting before the Board; however, Board members shall not discuss issues raised in the course of Citizen Comment except by agreement expressed in a majority vote. D. Questions posed to the Board during Citizen Comment may be addressed by staff by consensus of the Board. Any questions that are not conclusively addressed by staff during Citizen Comment shall be treated as requests under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.	https://www.countyofamherst.com/departments/division.php?structureid=237
Powhatan	31,946	5					
Halifax	33,368	8					

Pulaski	33,429	5 monthly	january	Yes	3 min	Public Comments. There may be agenda items known as Public Comments to allow citizens time to address the Board regarding any matter on the agenda as well as matters that are not agenda items and over which the Board has influence. This period should not be used to request specific Board action at that meeting. The speaker shall state their full name, place of residency and the subject in which they will speak. The speaker shall be subject to a time limitation of three (3) minutes per citizen. No speaker shall be permitted to yield time to another speaker. Each speaker is allowed only one appearance under the respective agenda item per meeting. There shall be no comment during Public Comment on a matter for which a public hearing is scheduled during the same meeting. Public Comment shall not serve as a forum for debate with the Board. Public Comment, as an agenda item, is not a requirement of the Commonwealth and is a privilege granted at the discretion of the Board. Citizens desiring an opportunity to speak during the Public Comment period should register with the Office of the Pulaski County Administrator at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at which they wish to speak to allow for proper inclusion on the Agenda. Registering or signing up to speak does not necessarily guarantee an opportunity to speak.	https://www.pulaski-county.org/documents/bos/bos-rules-procedure-2026.pdf
Accomack	33,657	9 Once monthly		1 Yes	Total time limit of 60 minutes; time limitation by chair	The Board shall set aside a citizens' comment period. During the citizens' comment period, speakers wishing to address the Board must abide by the rules of conduct outlined herein and shall clearly state their name and address and shall be subject to such time limitations as the Chairman and these rules may impose. The following rules shall apply: i. Public comments shall not address matters on the public hearing calendar for the day. ii. Public comments shall address matters on the current meeting agenda; however, the Chair shall have the authority to allow comments not related to agenda items, provided doing so does not interfere with the timely and orderly conduct of the public business matters on the agenda. iii. No individual speaker shall be permitted to address the Board for more than four (4) minutes. iv. The Chair shall allocate the time among the speakers in an equitable manner. v. Individuals who have previously spoken on a subject at a public hearing shall not be allowed to re-address the Board on the same subject during the public comment period. vi. Specific questions should be resolved prior to the meeting by contacting a Board member or the appropriate staff member. vii. Anyone who would like to present a PowerPoint presentation for a public meeting must present the presentation 24 hours in advance for review by staff for appropriateness. viii. Questions shall be directed to the Chair, who will, at his/her discretion, solicit the response from the appropriate person. ix. Persons addressing the Board shall not use inappropriate or threatening language or verbally attack any Board member or any member of the public. The Chair shall direct any person whose behavior is violent or disruptive to leave the meeting room.	https://go.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/files/DQ5JBD4C5DE5/\$file/2026%20Board%20of%20Supervisors%20Rules%20of%20Procedure%202026.01.07.pdf

Botetourt	33,824	5 Once monthly	January	Yes twice a meeting	3 minutes	Citizen Comment Periods: At the beginning of the agenda, there shall be a "Citizen Comment Period" for the public to address the Board of Supervisors on topics specific to the agenda under the following conditions: A. These persons shall limit their presentations to three (3) minutes, unless the Board extends such time to individual persons. B. Recognition shall be given only by the presiding officer. No person shall address the Board without having first been recognized. C. Cumulative or repetitive testimony is not generally encouraged on any matter, and persons of the same position as a previous speaker should, rather than restating previously stated positions, state their names and the position with which they agree. D. The purpose of Citizen Comment is for the Board to receive information and viewpoints from the community. Comments and presentations should be addressed to the Chair. The Chair or any member of the Board may respond to comments and presentations or refer questions to County staff, however, the Board of Supervisors is not required to do so. At the end of the agenda, there shall be an additional "Citizen Comment Period" for general comments, not specific to agenda items, under the following conditions: A. These persons shall limit their presentations to three (3) minutes, unless the Board extends such time to individual persons.	https://www.botetourtva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5045/Botetourt-County-Board-of-Supervisors-Bylaws-AMENDED-1-28-25
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Caroline	34,509	6 Monthly and worksessions	january	yes	3	Section 4-2 Public Comment At each regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the Board shall set aside time for a public comment period. The amount of time set aside for public comment is subject to the discretion of the Board and may vary from meeting to meeting. Public comment shall be governed by the following rules: 1. The public comment period shall be for the purpose of allowing members of the public to speak to the Board on any matter which, in their opinion, deserves the attention of the Board. To help the Board preserve decorum and conduct the meeting in an efficient and responsible manner, citizens shall refrain from clapping or other public demonstrations of support or opposition. The public comment period shall not serve as a forum for debate with the Board or a question and answer period with the Board. 2. Remarks shall be addressed only to the Board and not to staff, the audience, or the media. All public comments shall be made in a respectful manner. Cursing and antagonistic behavior are prohibited and shall be grounds for removal from the meeting. Comments should focus on matters or issues before the Board or County and not individual Board members or staff. Comments which single out an individual Board member or staff may be ruled out of order by the Chair. 3. The Chair shall open the public comment period. 4. The Chairman or Clerk will explain the public comment policy and will invite individuals to come to the podium to speak one at a time. The Chair may require persons wishing to speak to sign up in advance of the start of the public comment period. 5. Each speaker shall clearly state his or her name and voting district. There shall be a time limit for each individual speaker of three (3) minutes. No speaker shall address the Board more than once during the public comment period at any single Board meeting. 7. The Clerk will time the speakers and notify them when their time has expired. 8. There shall be no comments during the public comment period on a matter for which a public hearing is scheduled during the same meeting. 9. Any issue raised by the public which the Board wishes to discuss further may be placed on the agenda for a subsequent Board meeting by a majority vote or at the direction of the Chair. 10. Board members shall not discuss issues raised during the public comment period at the meeting when raised except by consent of a majority of the Board members present. [The Chair may respond briefly to any issue raised by a member of the public if he believes doing so will not significantly prolong the meeting.] 11. Copies of these rules will be made available to the public with copies of each regular	https://co.caroline.va.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/2569?fileID=4395
Wise	34,711	8 Set at the opening meeting	january	Yes		Section 4-1 Speakers. At every public hearing or public expression, speakers wishing to address the Board shall clearly state their name and address and shall be subject to such time limitations as the Board in its discretion may impose. Each speaker shall be limited to one appearance at each public hearing and/or during public expression.	https://www.wisecounty.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/01082026-666
Gloucester	38,933	7					
Tazewell	39,023	5 monthly	january	Yes	3 min or 2 min if unscheduled	12. Citizen Comments – Scheduled This portion of the agenda is set aside for citizens wishing to comment on County issues who have previously requested to speak at the meeting pursuant to the three (3) minute limit to communications. Citizen Comments – Unscheduled (Two (2) minutes per speaker	
Orange	39,382	5					
Isle of Wight	41,534	5					

Warren	42,153	5 twice monthly	january	Yes	30 min total time limit	Manner of Addressing Board Generally (1) All comments will be directed to the Board of Supervisors and not to the audience, media or any other person. (2) Be considerate of your fellow speakers. There should be no applause, booing or other audible disruption to the proceedings. Through a show of hands, the Chairman may ask for a show of support for comments made by speakers. (3) Placards, posters, videos, audio recordings, and other similar means of visual display of comments will not be permitted in the Board meeting room. This does not include information or materials used as part of a factual presentation to the Board at a public hearing. (4) The Board will not tolerate personal attacks by anyone on any of the participants in the proceedings. Speakers may not use profanity or vulgar language or gestures, or language that insults or demeans any person. Speakers may not make comments regarding a public official or employee that are not related to his or her official duties. Anyone who violates these guidelines may be asked to leave by the Chairman. (6) The willful disruption of a meeting of the Board is a crime if the disruption prevents or interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting or has a direct tendency to cause acts of violence by the person or persons at whom, individually, the disruption is directed, and the Chairman may eject therefrom any person performing such acts with the aid, if necessary, of any persons who may be called upon for such purpose. The refusal to obey any ruling of the presiding officer at a Board meeting is also a crime. See Section 56-4 of Warren County Code and Section 18.2-415 of the Code of Virginia. Violations of either law subject the violator to a fine of up to \$2,500 and a jail sentence of up to 12 months, either or both.	https://www.warrencountyva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2419/MeetingPolicyandProcedures2025
Louisa County	42,418	7 Twice monthly		24 Yes	3 min		louisacounty.gov
Prince George	43,592	5					

Shenandoah	45,243	6 twice	january	Yes	Public Comment (other than matters for which a public hearing has been or will be held)Public Presentations and Comment: 1. Individuals or groups wishing to present at a regular Board meeting shall submit a written request to the Clerk of the Board by noon at least six days prior to the regular meeting date. All requests shall be considered as provided in § 4-1(E). 9 Efile\Gen2\03360 Shenandoah County\General Matters\2023 Working Docs\Board Rules 2024\JJH\DPR\1.2.25 2. Public presentations shall be for the purpose of allowing members of the public to present any matter which deserves the attention of the Board. They shall not serve as a forum for debate with the Board. 3. Remarks shall be addressed directly to the Board and not to staff, the audience, or the media. 4. The presiding officer shall open the public presentations and comment. 5. Each speaker shall clearly state his or her name and address. 6. Presentations placed on the agenda shall be subject to such time limitation that is respectful of the Board but allows for question, comments and discussion among the members of the Board. Time limits may be noted on the agenda (presentations made under general comment periods shall be limited to three minutes per speaker.) 7. Speakers are not permitted to donate time to other speakers. 8. There shall be no public comment or presentations on a matter for which a public hearing has been or will be held.9. Any issue raised by the public which the Board wishes to consider may be put on the agenda for a future Board meeting or work session by a majority vote. 10. Board members should not discuss issues raised by the public except by consent of a majority of the Board members present. 11. Once the Board has heard a presentation from an individual or organization on a particular subject, the individual or organization may not make another presentation on the same subject within three months of the first presentation, except by a majority vote of the members of the Board present and voting.	https://www.shenandoahcountyva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3989/Board-Rules-2026-no-mark-up?bidId=
Henry	47,902	6				

Washington	53,357	7					8.9.1. The Public Comment period shall be strictly limited to five (5) minutes per speaker and restricted to residents of Washington County or owners of property located within Washington County. The matters on which speakers may address the Board shall be limited to legitimate matters of county business. No speaker shall engage in political statements, personal attacks upon members of the Board of Supervisors, county employees and officials, or any other person, nor are speakers entitled to use abusive language or discuss matters outside of the authority of the Board of Supervisors. Matters subject to a public hearing scheduled for the same meeting shall not be addressed during the Public Comment period. Violation of these rules shall enable the Chairman to rule the speaker out of order and by directive to have the speaker removed from the meeting, if necessary, and to take such other steps the Chairman deems appropriate, including bringing charges against the speaker in the name of the Board of Supervisors. Any speaker removed from the meeting once or ruled out of order twice within a twelve (12)-month period shall have their privilege to speak before the Board during Public Comment suspended for one (1) year. The Chairman's decision to remove or rule a speaker out of order shall be final and unappealable. 8.9.2. All persons wishing to speak during the Public Comment period must register to do so on a sign-up sheet available immediately prior to and during the period. Speakers shall address the Board from the Lectern upon recognition by the Chairman, whereupon they shall identify themselves, any title and organization they represent, and provide a mailing address. The Chairman at his discretion may provide a verbal advisory to a speaker at the Lectern after four (4) minutes and thirty (30) seconds have elapsed to conclude comments. A timing device may be used in addition to or in lieu of Chairman giving notice. 8.9.3. Board members, county employees and officials shall not respond to questions posed nor address or rebut speaker's statements made during the Public Comment period. Matters raised during the Public Comment period may be discussed during Board Member Reports and the Board at its discretion may direct that such matters be placed on the Agenda of a future meeting. 8.9.4. The provisions of this subsection shall be stated on the Public Comment sign-up sheet. Speakers shall acknowledge their understanding of and agreement to abide by these regulations by registering to https://www.washco.va.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/260109-2026-Bylaws.pdf
Franklin	54,048	7					
Culpeper	56,831	7 twice monthly	January	Yes		total time limit of 30 minutes	4-4 Citizens' Time The Board shall set aside thirty (30) minutes for Citizens' Time at its regularly scheduled public hearing meeting each month. During this period the Board shall receive comment from any citizen on any topic not set for public hearing at that meeting. No individual citizen should be allocated more than three (3) minutes of time to address the Board. Speakers shall not be allowed to: (a) campaign for public office, (b) promote private business ventures, (c) engage in personal attacks, or (d) use profanity or vulgar language. In the event that not every speaker has had an opportunity to speak within the thirty (30) minutes, the Chairman shall poll the Board on the question of amending the agenda and adding more speaking time to follow the scheduled business of the meeting, to seek the Board's input on receiving the comment at a later time, or extending the Citizen forum

Campbell	56,906	7 Monthly	january	Yes quarterly	3 min	PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD The Campbell County Board of Supervisors provides the opportunity for general public comment at a public meeting at least once per quarter, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-1416. At this time, the Board invites any citizen who would like to address the Board to come forward and speak on any topic of concern. Speakers are asked to limit their remarks to no more than three (3) minutes.	https://www.campbellcountyva.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/06022026-700?html=true
Pittsylvania	58,825	7					
York	73,053	5					
Fauquier	75,664	5 Once monthly		Yes	3 min	Citizens' time is scheduled during the regularly scheduled Board meetings on the second Thursday of each month, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This portion of the agenda is set aside for citizens who wish to address the Board on any topic that is not scheduled for public hearing. Citizens need not give prior notice to speak. Speakers are respectfully requested to state their full name and address for the record. Citizens are encouraged to keep their comments to three minutes. Written copies of statements made at public hearings are requested but not required.	https://www.fauquiercountv.gov/government/board-of-supervisors/clerk-to-the-board-of-supervisors
Augusta	78,872	7 twice monthly	january	yes must fill out a form	not clear	Speaker Registration and Comments Use the online form below to sign-up to speak or to submit comments for the Board's consideration. It is easy to get in touch with the Board of Supervisors: Email board@co.augusta.va.us with your comments. Comments submitted through email goes to all members of the Board of Supervisors. Call or email individual Supervisors. Scroll to the bottom of the Board page and click on individual member links. Speaker Registration Comment Form Thank you for your interest in speaking at a meeting or submitting comments for the Board of Supervisors. * If you do not see a 'thank you' message immediately after submitting, please retry or contact 540-245-5610 or coadmin@co.augusta.va.us. *Full Name First Name Last Name *Phone Phone () - ext. *Email *Physical Address Street Number and Name Unit Number City State/Province/Region Postal/ZIP Code Would you like to sign up to speak at an upcoming meeting?	https://www.co.augusta.va.us/government/board-of-supervisors/meetings-and-agendas/speaker-registration-comments-for-board
James City	80,777	5					

Bedford	81,648	7 twice monthly	Yes once in January	Yes	Unclear	Citizen comment at regular meeting at the beginning or Use this form to submit a Citizen Comment to the Bedford County Board of Supervisors for consideration at an upcoming meeting Do not use this form to submit general questions to Bedford County. Please use our Contact Us page for those inquiries. Your Citizen Comment can be generalized in nature or related to an upcoming public hearing. If you are submitting a comment in relation to a public hearing, the comment must be submitted by 12 p.m. on the day of the hearing. Comments will not be read aloud in the meeting but will be passed along to the Board for their consideration prior to the start of the meeting.	https://www.bedfordcountyva.gov/government/board-of-supervisors/citizen-comments
Rockingham	89,391	5				Only hold public hearings on their agendas	
Roanoke	97,260	5					
Frederick	100,830	7 twice monthly	january	Yes twice a meeting	3 min	Two citizen comment periods are furnished during every regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The first period occurs at the beginning of the meeting and is a time for citizens to address agenda items that are not scheduled for public hearing. Anyone wishing to address the Board during this period must register prior to the beginning of the meeting. Citizens should provide their name, issue they wish to address, and place of residence on the register. The second citizen comment period occurs at the end of the meeting and is a time for citizens to address the Board on issues that are not part of the regular meeting agenda. Prior registration is not required; however, each speaker shall state their name and place of residence prior to their comments. Any speaker wishing to address the Board during the citizen comment period is subject to a three minute time limit.	https://www.fcva.us/departments/board-of-supervisors/faqs
Montgomery	101,268	7					
Hanover	116,037	7					

Albemarle	119,479	6 twice monthly	Yes once in January	Yes, twice per meeting. Public Comment on: Matters Previously Considered or Currently Pending Before the Board (other than Scheduled Public Hearings).	three minutes Up to 10 persons may speak during each "Matters from the Public" session. The 10 speakers are determined on a first-come, first-served basis, with those persons signing up to speak before the meeting having priority.	Public Comment on: Matters Previously Considered or Currently Pending Before the Board (Other than Scheduled Public Hearings). Public Comment on: Matters Previously Considered or Currently Pending Before the Board (Other than Scheduled Public Hearings) ("Matters from the Public") allows any member of the public to speak on any matter that was previously considered by the Board or any matter pending before the Board that is not scheduled for public hearing on that day's Board agenda. The following rules apply: 1. Number of Speakers. Up to 10 persons, whether appearing in-person or by electronic communication means, may speak during each Matters from the Public session. The 10 speakers are determined on a first-come, first-served basis, with those persons signing up to speak before the meeting having priority. Only those persons signed up before the Chair or presiding officer opens the Matters from the Public item will be heard. 2. Time. Each speaker may speak for up to three minutes. Time may not be shared with another speaker. 3. Place. Each speaker may speak using electronic communication means or, if the speaker physically attends the meeting, must speak from the podium or other location provided for the meeting. 4. Manner. In order to allow the Board to efficiently and effectively conduct its business, each speaker may speak at only one Matters from the Public session at each meeting, must address only the Board, and must not engage in speech or other behavior that actually disrupts the meeting. The speaker may include a visual or audio presentation, provided that the presentation is received by the Clerk at least 48 hours before the Matters from the Public session at which the speaker plans to speak.	https://www.albemarle.org/government/board-of-supervisors/public-meeting-participation-guide
Spotsylvania	150,946	7					
Stafford	168,519	7					

Arlington	247,056	5 twice a month	Yes once in January	Yes	2 minutes	The purpose of the Public Comment period is to alert the Board to topics that have not been the subject of a recent public hearing, or do not appear on a published agenda. The public comment period is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at Regular Saturday Meetings. Speakers are limited to two (2) minutes. Only one speaker will be heard on each topic, but opposing views on the same topic will be considered two different topics. The Clerk shall have discretion, in consultation with the Chair as needed, to implement this procedure. In order to speak, a speaker must complete a speaker slip identifying the subject of the public comment and place it in the speaker slip box in the meeting room before 9:00 AM. Virtual Participation: In order to speak, a speaker must identify the subject of the public comment in the online sign up form before 3:00 PM the day before the Regular meeting. Written materials presented at public comment must be submitted by email at countyboard@arlingtonva.us or hard copy to the Clerk prior to speaking. Those materials will be distributed to the Board and will become part of the record. For distribution of hard copies to Board Members, the Board requests that eight copies be provided. Virtual Participation: Written materials can be submitted with the online speaker form or by email at countyboard@arlingtonva.us. Those materials will be distributed to the Board and become part of the public record.	https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/County-Board/County-Board-Meetings/2026-County-Board-Meeting-Procedures
Henrico	350,282	5					

Chesterfield County	401,301	5 Twice monthly	24 yes	Each public comment section is limited to 15 minutes total	Opportunities for Public Comment Each Board of Supervisors regular meeting has three public comment periods: At the end of the afternoon work session At the 6 p.m. session following recognitions and new business At the end of the 6 p.m. session following public hearings Rules for Speaking During Public Comment Periods Each speaker is limited to three minutes and each public comment period is limited to 15 minutes. Each person may only speak once per meeting during the public comment periods. Comments must be germane to county services or policies. Persons desiring to speak shall sign up prior to the meeting by contacting the Clerk to Board of Supervisors at 804-748-1200 or email Susan Wilson. The Clerk will read the names and comments will be given in the order of the sign-up sheet. Nothing shall be handed to Board members and/or staff without first being screened by a Deputy. The Deputy will screen the item and then pass to staff. Only paper/documents will be handed to the Board members and/or staff during a meeting. Anything other than paper/documents will be accepted by Deputies but will be taken offsite for screening and then presented to staff and/or the Board the next day. Persons speaking before the Board will not be allowed to:	https://www.chesterfield.gov/1256/Public-Comments
Loudoun	446,679	9				
Prince William	501,856	8				
Fairfax County	1,147,514	10 Twice monthly	20 Yes	3 min	4.2.6 Public Comment. A time for public comment may be placed on the agenda at a designated time certain. A maximum of 10 speakers will be heard and speakers may address the Board only once during a six-month period. The Board will hear public comment on any issue except issues under litigation; issues that have been scheduled for public hearing before the Board; and personnel matters or comments regarding individuals	Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure - Adopted 2.9.21