
GENERAL INFORMATION

Background: Hanover County was formed on November 26, 1720. The 2008 population of the County is approximately 100,721 and consists of 471 square miles.

Governing: The County is governed by a seven-member Board of Supervisors, elected for four-year terms, which has responsibility for levying County taxes, appropriating funds, approving the County's Comprehensive Plan, which guides land use, transportation and community facilities policies, adopting ordinances and establishing policies for County government. A Chairman and Vice-Chairman are selected by the Board on an annual basis from among the members of the Board. The County Administrator, who is appointed by the Board and serves at its pleasure, is the chief administrative officer. He directs the operations of the County departments in accordance with the policies established by the Board. The Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue are elected constitutional officers. All questions pertaining to payment of taxes should be addressed to their offices.

Meeting Times: Regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are held in the Board Room in the Hanover County Government Building. They meet at 2:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday and at 6:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The supervisors also meet at other times when the need arises.



CITIZENS' TIME

A time is established on the agenda of each Board meeting for citizens to address the Board.

- ★ Only items that are not on the agenda for that meeting may be addressed.
- ★ Only matters within the scope of the Board's authority may be addressed.
- ★ Each speaker shall identify themselves for the record by name, magisterial district where they reside, and the matter to be addressed.
- ★ Each speaker shall be permitted to speak for up to (5) five minutes.
- ★ The Board of Supervisors may respond at the conclusion of citizens' time to comments or questions by citizens offered at the time.
- ★ The Board may direct the staff to prepare a report or take other action in response to the citizens' comment.
- ★ If time permits, information that is readily available may be provided at the time.
- ★ The Board may decide to put the matter on a subsequent agenda for further discussion or action.
- ★ Accepted etiquette at a Board meeting is to not applaud and no loud response after someone speaks.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ★ All public hearings shall be held in the evening.
- ★ Each public hearing shall be limited to one hour, except the annual budget, and any matter determined by the Board to require an especially high degree of public input shall be limited to two hours.
- ★ Each speaker shall be permitted to speak for up to (5) five minutes. If there are more than six (6) persons who wish to speak as proponents or as opponents in a zoning public hearing, or if there are more than a total of twelve (12) persons who wish to speak on any other matter, the time allotted to each speaker shall be (3) three minutes.
- ★ Proponents for rezoning, conditional use permits and special exceptions are permitted to speak first for up to a total of one-half hour. Each opponent will then have up to (5) five minutes for a total of one-half hour. If there are more than six persons wishing to speak as opponents, each will have up to three minutes until the allotted time has expired. The applicant shall then have (5) five minutes for rebuttal. During rebuttal the applicant may only respond to statements made by opponents and may not raise new issues.
- ★ Applicants in rezoning cases may be entitled to speak the entire one-half hour.
- ★ At the conclusion of the public hearing, the staff will attempt to answer questions raised by speakers.
- ★ Each speaker should identify themselves for the record by name and district where they reside.
- ★ Accepted etiquette at a public hearing is to not applaud and no loud response after someone speaks.