Attend a county commissioners meeting

Surry County, North Carolina

Before you go

Check the county's Commissioners Calendar and meeting agenda for the date, time and location. Look for Open Forum, the public comment period.

Regular meeting location
Historic Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room
114 W. Atkins Street, Dobson, NC 27017

For meeting questions or accommodation requests:
County Manager's Office: **(336) 401-8201**

Attending

You can attend without speaking. Arrive before the meeting starts.

Open Forum typically begins around 6:15 p.m., though the time can vary. Usually, there is no sign-up sheet; people approach the podium in turn. Be ready: if no one comes forward, the board moves on.

For a busy or sensitive meeting, check with staff: the chair may use a sign-up sheet or give different instructions.

Speaking during Open Forum

- Follow the chair's instructions and wait for the current speaker to finish before approaching the podium.
- Each speaker has **3 minutes**. Open Forum lasts up to **30 minutes** total.
- The chair may ask a group with the same viewpoint to choose one spokesperson.
- Keep your comments respectful. Don't interrupt other speakers, and finish when the chair asks you to stop.

Bring notes and read your comment aloud beforehand to check the time.

A short comment you can use

"My name is _____. I'm asking the county to end its Flock program and take the lawful steps needed to remove county-operated cameras."

Add your own reason for asking.

Surry for Privacy | surryforprivacy.org/meeting

County information: co.surry.nc.us > Commissioners
Meeting Agendas, Commissioners Calendar and Rules of Procedure
Open Forum: Rule 10, amended June 15, 2026. Checked September 30, 2026.