

**9. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Attached for your reference please find correspondence from Mr. Richard R. Harris requesting time on your agenda to speak regarding “posting of agendas, appointees, trash dumps, elected school boards and budgets, and elections.”

His request is consistent with Sec. 2-45 of the Southampton County Code and he has been advised that the matter has been placed on your agenda.

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April 16, 2013

Mr. Richard R. Harris  
27161 Trinity Church Road  
Courtland, VA 23837

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter on April 15 requesting time at the next Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss "posting of agendas, appointees, trash dumps, elected school boards and budgets, and elections."

The open session will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2013 in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Southampton County Office Center, 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland. This matter will appear as agenda item #9.

Chairman Jones will call for your comments at the appropriate time.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Johnson".

Michael W. Johnson  
County Administrator

RICHARD R. HARRIS  
27161 Trinity Church Rd  
Courtland, VA 23837  
April 15, 2013

Michael W. Johnson  
County Administrator  
26022 Administration Center Dr.  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to notify you that I wish to speak during early appearances at the April 22nd, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting.

I wish to speak in reference to:

- 1) Posting of Agendas
- 2) Appointees
- 3) Trash Dumps
- 4) Elected School Boards + Budgets
- 5) Elections

Sincerely,



Richard R. Harris

## **Sec. 2-45. - Citizen request to present a matter to the board.**

Any citizen desiring to present any matter concerning the services, policies and affairs of the county or claims against the board shall be allotted appropriate time to present his case by the presiding officer. The presentation of the claim shall not exceed twenty (20) minutes and each speaker may not exceed five (5) minutes. Every citizen desiring to present a matter to the board shall, by noon on the sixth calendar day prior to the meeting notify the clerk of the board of his intent to speak and the topic in writing. The notice shall describe in detail the nature of the issue to be presented to the board and the remedy, if any, that the citizen will ask of the board. No citizen shall speak on any matter of business which is the subject of an ordinance or resolution included on the board's agenda for that day unless authorized by the presiding officer.

Persons appearing before the board will not be allowed to:

- (a) Campaign for public office;
- (b) Address matters within the administrative province of the county administration;
- (c) Engage in personal attacks; or
- (d) Use profanity or vulgar language.

Any person speaking to a matter shall be limited to such period of time as shall be allotted by the presiding officer when necessary to preserve order and the efficiency of the meeting.

*(Code 1976, § 2-11; Ord. of 2-22-93)*

**State law reference**— *The Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Code of Virginia, § 2.1-340 et seq.; board of supervisors to sit with open doors, Code of Virginia, § 15.1-539.*