

Welcome to the Pennington County Board of Commissioners Meeting

SPEAKER REQUEST FORM

(Please complete and return form to Commission Staff)



Agenda Item Name/No: _____

(Optional): Support _____ Opposed _____

Available to answer questions: Yes _____ No _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Email: _____

For topics/items not specifically listed on the agenda , public comment may be given under: **'Items from the Public'**

To provide public comment, please indicate your area of interest:

(Your name and area of interest will be printed in the minutes)

If speaking for an organization:

(Name of Organization)

(Speakers Official Capacity)

South Dakota Open Meetings: The meetings of the County Commission shall be open to the public except for executive or closed meetings allowed pursuant to SDCL § 1-25-2.

Public Comment: Pursuant to SDCL § 1-25-1, the public body shall reserve at every official meeting a period for public comment, limited at the public body's discretion as to the time allowed for each topic and the total time allowed for public comment, but not so limited as to provide for no public comment. In Pennington County, this period is called 'Items from the Public'. This is a time for members of the public to discuss or express concerns to the Board of Commissioners on policies and issues affecting County government and its function. Action will not be taken during this item on any issues brought forth. Speakers under this item will be recorded in the minutes by name and area of interest. Public comments may be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker dependent upon the length of the meeting agenda as determined by the Chair or the County Commission.

Pennington County has a history of seeking public comment on specific agenda items however it is not required by law. Public comments on specific agenda items shall only be regarding the specific agenda item as noticed.

Speaking Instructions: The Chair will call on each speaker at the appropriate time. Please step to the lectern as soon as you are recognized by the Chair and identify yourself for the record before beginning your comments. No person shall address the Commission without first obtaining recognition from the Chair. The Commission will maintain order and decorum at all meetings and will remove anyone who becomes disruptive, abusive or fails to conduct themselves in a respectful manner during a meeting or during any break or recess of a meeting. Speak clearly into the microphone and face the Board, not the audience. Please address the County Commission as a whole through the Chair. Comments to individual Commissioners, Staff, other speakers or audience members is not permitted.

Please refer to Pennington County's Public Comment Policy & Procedure for additional information.

-THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION-