

COUNTY OF PLATTE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Rules for May 20, 2026 Public Hearing

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) will consider the following rules for the hearing held May 20, 2026 beginning at 9:00 PM; and,

Whereas, the Board must weigh the public’s interest in providing comment on the items to be considered while also weighing the public’s interest in proceeding on the matters in an efficient manner.

Whereas, the Board expects significant public participation in this matter, the Board may consider certain rules to ensure each attendee has reasonable time to address the Board, and that the Board has adequate time to consider the matter before them.

Now, therefore, the Board will consider adoption of the following rules for use during the public hearing conducted on May 20, 2026.

1. General Decorum Guideline:

- a. Board members, staff, speakers and audience members will conduct themselves in a civil and respectful manner at all times during the public hearing.
- b. Failure to conduct themselves in a civil and respectful manner may result in removal from proceedings pursuant to W.S. § 16-4-406.

2. Rules for Speakers:

- a. Speakers must write their name legibly on the Public Comment Sign In sheet prior to providing public comment (W.S. § 16-4-403(b)).
 - i. Platte County Clerk, Malcolm Ervin, will need to document each individual providing public comment.
- b. Each speaker must state their first and last name while at the podium prior to addressing the Board.
- c. Speakers are requested to refrain from making disruptive comments that are:
 - i. indecent or obscene;
 - ii. intended to incite unlawful action or may put the safety of others at risk;
 - iii. derogatory toward others, such as personal criticism, ridicule or name calling; and
 - iv. intended to promote contests, lotteries, products, services, private enterprise, political candidates or ballot measures.
- d. Each speaker will be limited to **five (5) minutes total**.
 - i. Each speaker will only be given one opportunity to speak as the Board will consider the rule changes as a single agenda item.
 - ii. Board members may ask questions to speakers. When a board member asks a question of the speaker, and during the speaker’s response, the five (5) minute speaking limit will be paused.
 - iii. This will be timed and strictly enforced.

3. Rules for Audience:

- a. Audience members shall refrain from distracting side conversations or speaking out during meetings.
- b. Audience members shall refrain from shouting, booing or other similar unruly behavior that impedes or disrupts the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- c. Audience members shall not approach the Board table unless invited to do so.

4. Enforcement of Decorum Rules:

- a. The Chair will request that a person who is violating a rule of decorum cease their behavior.
- b. If the behavior continues, the Chair will warn the person that he or she will be removed from the building if the behavior continues.
- c. If the behavior continues, the Chair will order the person to leave the building and may request law enforcement assistance to effectuate removal if necessary.
- d. Refusal to remove oneself from the meeting room when ordered to do so may result in criminal prosecution pursuant to W.S. 6-6-303.
- e. Pursuant to W.S. § 16-4-406, continued disruption may result in the Board recessing the meeting and reconvene in another location.