

Jasper County Board of Commissioners

Public Comment and Participation Procedures

The Jasper County Board of Commissioners welcomes the public to make constructive comments on the issues that come before it. The following procedures and limitations have been adopted by the Board of Commissioners in order to insure that such comments are made and received in an orderly fashion:

(1) Public Comments will be received during the regular session of the meeting only at the conclusion of all agenda items (excepting only any required executive sessions). The previous practice of accepting "Agenda Comments" from the public at the beginning of the meeting is discontinued.

(2) Persons desiring to make public comments shall be required to sign up to do so on the list provided at each meeting not later than 15 minutes after the meeting is called to order.

(3) Any person engaging in any of the following shall not be permitted to continue comments, and may at the discretion of the Chairman, be removed from attendance upon the meeting:

- (i) Anyone disrupting the orderly conduct of the meeting;
- (ii) Anyone personally attacking or making personal disparaging comments directed against any individual member of the Commission or individual County employee;
- (iii) Anyone showing disrespect towards the Board of Commission or its members;
- (iv) Anyone simply repeating comments which have been previously made by others.

(4) Public Comments shall be limited to no longer than three minutes per person. Total Public Comment each meeting shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes or no more than 10 persons.