

PARTICIPATING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS IN CONFORMANCE WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS

In order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Washington County is providing multiple alternatives to viewing Commission meetings and providing comments on items on the agenda. In accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders No 16, No 34 and No 51 regarding limiting gatherings to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 and allowing public meetings to be conducted by electronic means, THE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATING ELECTRONICALLY and provide a way for the public to provide public comment live during the meeting.

VIEWING MEETINGS ONLINE

LIVE MEETING ACCESS

Documents that will be discussed at the meeting are available at www.washingtoncountyttn.org.

Washington County will make a clear audio and/or video recording of the meeting publicly available www.washingtoncountyttn.org as soon as practicable following the meeting.

VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

Washington County is now offering the ability to view and participate in meetings via “Zoom” video conferencing computer technology. Instructions for participating via Zoom are provided below.

How do I join the Commission Meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing?

You will need a computer with a camera, microphone and speakers or smart phone. Please visit: <https://zoom.us/j/98923504181> and either sign-up for a free Zoom account or continue as a guest. Once you have downloaded the app on your smart phone, joined from your web browser, or downloaded the Zoom software on your computer, you're ready to participate in the next meeting.

To obtain the meeting ID, please email info@washingtoncountyttn.org or call 753-1620.

I don't have a computer or smart phone. Can I still use Zoom?

If you don't have a smart phone or computer to access the meeting via Zoom, no problem! You can participate on the phone. Please call 753-1620 or email info@washingtoncountyttn.org.

How can I provide Public Comment on Zoom or via phone?

All those who signed up to make a public comment either by phone or via Zoom videoconferencing are to phone or connect to the meeting no later than 15 minutes prior to the meeting. You will be placed in a waiting room until it is time for public comment.

Once Chairman Matherly has announced the public hearing period, you will be allowed to speak in the order you signed up.

USING A COMPUTER OR SMART PHONE:

- Staff will unmute your microphone when it is your turn to provide public comment.
- A prompt will appear to confirm you would like to be unmuted. Once you accept the prompt, you will have three minutes to provide public comment.
- Once your public comment has ended, you will be removed from the meeting.

USING A REGULAR PHONE:

- Staff will unmute your microphone when it is your turn to provide public comment.
- You will hear “you are unmuted” and then you will have three minutes to provide public comment.
- Once your public comment has ended, you will be removed from the meeting.

I don't want to provide public comment live. Can I provide my public comment for the record another way?

Of course! Please submit all public comments via email at info@washingtoncountyttn.org. You will need to include your full name and address in the email along with your comment.

I am having difficulties preparing for the meeting and learning Zoom, do you have any resources to help me?

Yes, please visit Zoom's website support page on helpful tips to prepare for the meeting:
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/201146643>