

In the interest of a more effective relationship between the public and its elected officials and appointed committee/group members, let's discuss the recommendations below.

Our suggested improvements:

1. Allow virtual (Zoom or equivalent) participation by the public at all regular and special meetings
2. Add limited public comment to each agenda item at all regular and special meetings. This public opportunity shall be placed prior to any voting
3. Add a public comment period (15-90 days) prior to any voting for all agenda items that affect the county's taxpayers or voters in a substantial way (tbd the ground rules on this, but at a minimum this shall include anything related to county financials or personal property.
4. Require presenters to submit all documents in electronic format at least 18 hours prior to the Commissioners' meeting.
5. When hardcopy or other documents are required for a productive discussion during the time of the agenda item, presenters shall be aware that they shall separate personally identifiable information (PII) from the documents being used during the discussion but that where PII is required for a full documentation of the agenda item the presenter shall provide this info to the commissioner's administrator so that the commissioners shall have full and complete information relevant to any agenda item. Non-PII documents shall be uploaded to the Commissioners' website along with Minutes, Video, and other documents. PII content only shall not be uploaded to that website, but a cross-referencing feature/number/tag shall be used to allow executive/legal knowledge of the PII and public information/records.