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## **Board of Commissioners to Stream Live Meetings**

**Troup County, Ga. July 28, 2020** – The Troup County Board of Commissioners is excited to announce that the county will offer online access to public meetings where citizens may participate in and view public hearings virtually, effective immediately.

The county will record and archive all public meetings held in the Commission Chambers virtually, including Board of Commission meetings. All meetings, live and previously streamed, will be available to the public online at <http://troupcountyga.iqm2.com/Citizens/Calendar.aspx>. Through this new feature, citizens may view past meetings and comment on upcoming items in advance in such cases where they may not be able to attend in person.

In order to comment and provide feedback on Troup County’s newest public hearing items, citizens will be required to use the platform, “E-Comments”, located online at <https://troup.granicusideas.com> or by clicking on e-comments on the ‘Meetings Videos’ page, located online at [https://troup.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=1](https://troup.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=1). There, residents can complete an online profile and submit questions or thoughts about agenda items before and after public hearings. All comments become attached to public record, so anyone can view all information related to an item, although previous rules still apply to public hearings. For example, if an individual or group wishes to speak at a meeting in person, they must sign up in advance and can do so online. A group is encouraged to select one spokesperson to speak in order to allow for an efficient schedule.

Previously, citizens were already able to access public hearing agendas and minutes online, but this feature reinforces Troup County’s commitment to remaining transparent and accessible to the community. Although public meetings are always open to the public, the County Commission encourages citizens who are unable to attend to participate in these live-streamed meetings and provide feedback regarding important county matters.

The Board of Commissioners generally holds two work sessions and two commission meetings each month. Work sessions are held on the Thursday prior to commission meetings to discuss agenda items before they are to be voted on during scheduled meetings. Citizens interested in receiving agenda notices via email can subscribe directly at [https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/GATROUPCO/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=GATROUPCO\\_2](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/GATROUPCO/subscriber/new?topic_id=GATROUPCO_2) and can view the current 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting schedule online at <https://www.troupcountyga.gov/Content/Documents/commissioners/2020-commissioners-meeting-schedule.pdf>.

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