

BCC PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Board of County Commissioners hold public hearings to set policies and make decisions regarding land use, transportation, open space purchases, social service concerns, community development, law enforcement, libraries, public health and other vital county issues.

Regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioner meetings convene at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays in Hearing Room One of the Administration & Courts Facility located at 100 Jefferson County Parkway.

The County Administrator's Office publishes the regular meeting schedule and posts a copy by close of business on Fridays on the county's website and on the meeting board located outside Hearing Room One.

Minutes to all hearings are available online at www.jeffco.us, in either written document or audio and/or video file format. You also may obtain a copy from the Clerk to the Board at 303.271.8166 for a minimal copying fee.

TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT

Transparent Jeffco is an initiative toward a more accessible and citizen-centric government that fosters communication, accountability and trust. Transparency is a promise to our citizens to conduct county business honestly, openly and forthrightly. Visit our transparency site at www.TransparentJeffco.us

At the beginning of each hearing, the commissioners ask that all cell phones and electronic devices be turned off within the hearing room because each hearing is recorded for use on the Video-on-Demand web page, including agendas, minutes and other relevant documents. There are several informational videos there as well. Stay connected with the Jeffco at your convenience and watch at www.jeffco.us/videos.htm.

You can also find financial and prioritization processes on the web. Learn how Jeffco leaders are putting your tax dollars to work and making a difference in your community.

HOW THE AGENDA WORKS

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The first item on the BCC's agenda is public comment. Citizens have three minutes to present their views on county matters. The BCC welcomes your comments, but please remember that public comment time is not for questions and answers; it is your time to express your views.

BUSINESS MEETING PORTION

After the public comment period, the BCC conducts its business meeting and public hearings. Agenda items are presented either on the business meeting consent agenda or on the regular agenda.

Consent agenda items consist of routine business matters that are approved without further discussion by the board. After action on the remaining consent agenda items, the board will consider the removed items. The board is not required to take public comment on

removed items, but may request additional information and input.

If the board chooses to hear a consent agenda item and time permits, the item will be heard on the same day it originally appeared. Otherwise, it will be continued to the first available date.

Regular agenda items are announced by the chairperson. Jefferson County staff may present an overview; testimony from a third-party may follow. The board will specify the order of public testimony. It is board policy that individual public testimony be limited to three minutes; homeowner associations receive 10 minutes.

After all public testimony, the chairperson will permit staff and applicants or representatives to respond. An item may be continued for a decision or for further testimony. Otherwise, a vote will occur to approve or deny the item, or to approve it with conditions.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AT A PUBLIC HEARING

In Jefferson County there are many ways to get involved with your government. Attending Board of County Commissioners (BCC) hearings and/or providing testimony are ways to do that.

If you are attending or speaking at a BCC hearing, here are some things you should know:

- Please do not applaud, boo or chatter during the hearing. Give others the same courtesy you expect for yourself.
- Depending on the complexity of the issue, you may be asked to sign-up to speak before the hearing begins. In these cases, a sign-up sheet will be located on the table outside the hearing room.
- You must be sworn-in prior to giving testimony before the board. You may be asked to come forward individually, or if many people wish to speak, the group may be sworn-in at one time. Experts and witnesses can be part of the testimony.
- Each person is allotted three minutes to speak. Additional time may be given at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners.
- Before speaking, please identify yourself by saying your name, spelling your last name and giving your address. If you are representing an organization, please also state the name of your organization and provide the organization's address.
- Address the chairperson with your comments and clearly state your position.
- Rather than repeating previous testimony on the issue at the meeting, you can submit your opinions in writing to the board for inclusion in the public record and its consideration.
- Your testimony should be factual and based on your own experience rather than hearsay.

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ABOUT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

As required by state statute, Jefferson County is divided into three districts of relatively equal population. Commissioners serve staggered four-year terms and are elected by the voters of the entire county, but must reside in the specific district in which they were elected to serve.

CONTACT THE COMMISSIONERS

The commissioners welcome thoughts and comments from Jefferson County residents. If you wish to contact the commissioners outside of public hearings, it is recommended that your comments be made in writing in order to be formally noted for the record.

Write: Jefferson County, Board of Commissioners,
100 Jefferson County Parkway • Golden, CO 80419

E-mail: commish@jeffco.us

Fax: 303.271.8941

You also can meet your commissioners at community events such as town hall meetings, homeowners associations and chamber meetings.

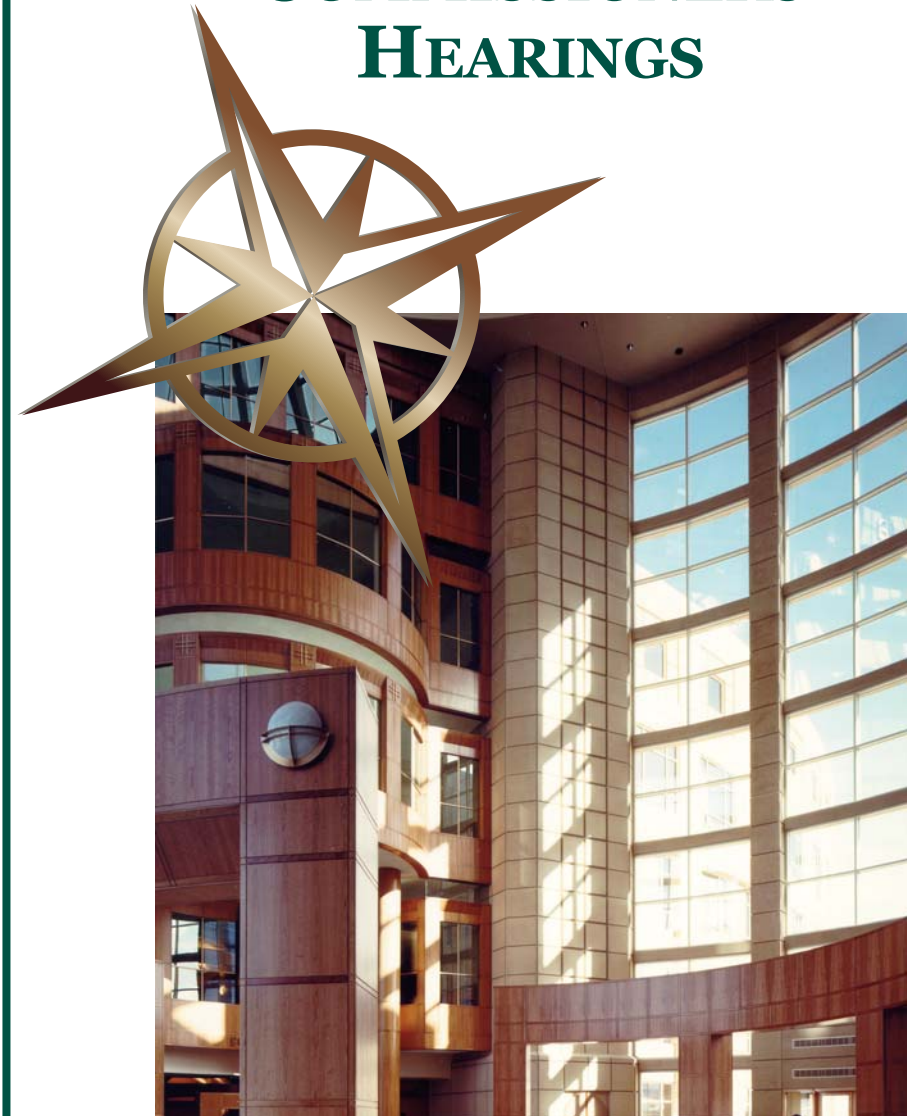
ISSUE RESOLUTION

Many times, it only takes a phone call to the appropriate department to get a question answered or an issue resolved. If you have a comment or concern, it's best to start with the responsible department or agency. A complete department and division list is available on the Jefferson County website at www.jeffco.us.



Jefferson County Commissioners
Faye Griffin (District 1), John Odom (District 2)
and Donald Rosier (District 3)

YOUR GUIDE TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEARINGS



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