

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: *(com)

* presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES FOR THE ORDERLY PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT DURING LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Board meetings are business meetings for the purpose of conducting business of the County required to be conducted in open public meetings; and

WHEREAS, open meetings laws do not require that the Board permit public comment; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to allow public comment in a manner that does not disrupt, delay or interfere with the necessary business of the Board; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to establish rules for the orderly presentation of public comment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Revised Code Section 305.09, that the following rules regarding the conduct of proceedings at Board meetings is hereby adopted:

1. Public comment shall be allowed up to a maximum time limit of three minutes per person. Each person is permitted one time period of comment per meeting.
2. Public comment is not intended to be questions addressed to the Board or other persons in attendance. Comment is also not to be conducted in a debate manner with Board members or other persons present.
3. The Board reserves the discretion, if due to length of the agenda or other pressing business of the Board, to cancel public comment at any particular meeting. The Board will announce cancellation prior to anyone commencing the public comment.
4. The Board reserves the discretion to limit public comment to matters included on the agenda.
5. The Board reserves the right to limit comments that are duplicative of comments already made during the current or recent meetings, for the purpose of avoiding repetition of the same comments.
6. The Board reserves the right to deny public comment regarding matters that pertain to pending or imminent legal proceedings. The Board may determine at any time during a person's comments that such comments concern such matters.
7. Persons speaking during public comment must identify their name and residence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby establishes the rules for the orderly presentation of public comment during Lake County Commissioner Meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Lake County Elected Officials and Department Heads.

** seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: *(com)

"NAYS":

Resolution adopted,
Jennifer Bell, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Bell, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on May 30, 2019, and recorded in the Commissioners' Journal, Volume 2019.

WITNESS my hand this thirtieth day of May, 2019, in Painesville, Ohio.

Jennifer Bell, Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio