

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD  
COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY OF BAY, MICHIGAN

**PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY**

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**Public Comment Policy**

It is the policy of the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Bay (Board) to invite audience participation during the Public Input portion of a regularly scheduled or special Board meeting agenda or during public informational meetings or hearings. In order to provide an opportunity for every person that desires to address the Bay County Road Commission Board the following rules shall apply:

1. All speakers will be asked to begin by stating their name and address and /or the organization he or she represents.
2. A person addressing the Board shall limit comments to items within the jurisdiction of the Board or issues associated with the operation of the Bay County Road Commission.
3. All public comments shall be made with civility and courtesy.
4. Each speaker may take up to five (5) minutes to make his or her comments. This time constraint may be modified by a majority vote of the Board to be more or less than five (5) minutes, dependent on the number of persons wishing to speak and the subject matter. Speakers will be advised when they have one minute of time remaining.
5. Individuals will be called on to comment by raising his or her hand and being recognized by the Chairman of the Board.
6. The Chairman of the Board will rule on any procedural matter connected with any comment and the ruling will be final.
7. The Board, by majority vote, may agree to hear any citizen at any time.

No action shall be taken during the “Public Input” portion of the meeting on issues raised by the public unless deemed an emergency by the Board.

The Board may not be able to adequately answer specific questions in dialogue format during the Public Input portion of a meeting or hearing. Acting as a Board, and only as a Board, the Commissioners will consider comments and questions and may direct staff members to provide information after the meeting or within a specified timeframe.

The public will be given an opportunity to speak or address the Board at the beginning and end of a Board meeting under the Public Input item on the agenda. An exception to this protocol can be made by the Chairman or one of the Commissioners of the Board, if a speaker was invited (ahead of time or spontaneously) to speak, make a presentation, or in some other way provide information to the Board during discussion of a particular agenda item.

Any citizen desiring to make a presentation to the Board may be placed on the agenda for a regular meeting by making a request to the Board through the Bay County Road Commission Administration Office located at 2600 East Beaver Road, Kawkawlin, MI 48631, (989)-686-4610, not less than four business days before the meeting date.