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Newaygo County Commission Makes Meetings Viewable Online

As part of efforts to increase the openness and transparency of county government, Newaygo County Board of Commissioner meetings are now available to view online. Recent audio/visual upgrades in the Board of Commissioners Room have enabled video recordings of meetings of the Board and its subcommittees to be available in streaming format until official minutes are approved at the next meeting.

The County Board of Commissioners and its subcommittees meet during the day on Wednesdays, a time when the majority of residents are unable to attend. "Although minutes are available to make citizens aware of the decisions reached by the Board, they don't show the deliberation and discussion that are involved in reaching those decisions," commented Board Chair Adam Wright. "Viewing an entire recorded meeting will give constituents a clearer picture of the issues considered before a decision is reached."

"Our new ability to record meetings and make those recordings available to the public will give members of the public a greater opportunity to observe local government proceedings," said Finance Committee Chair Pat Gardner. "Increased awareness of current issues will encourage our constituents to contribute their opinions, allowing Commissioners to better serve their constituents."

Although recordings will play best on a broadband connection, there is a viewing option for dial-up users. To view recorded meetings, please visit www.countyofnewaygo.com. Select the link for the County Clerk, then select "County Commissioners and Agendas," and "Commission Board Meeting Dates / Agendas / Videos / Minutes."

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