

CLARE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION POLICY ON PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Public Comment.

The following shall apply to public comment at any Clare County Road Commission Board meetings:

1. Members of the public may comment only during the public comment portions of the meeting.
 2. Specific answers to citizen questions need not be given by the Chair or other Board Members, but may, at the Chair's or Board's discretion be answered during the meeting or at a later time.
 3. At each Road Commission Board Meeting open to the public, there shall be a general public comment period. No Citizen shall speak more than 3 minutes, unless the presiding Chair or Board permits the citizen to speak for a longer period of time. The Public Comment Period shall not be used to debate other members of the public on any subject matter.
 4. The Chair or Board may permit limited public comment for particular agenda items.
 5. All public comments shall be directed to the Road Commission Board. No member of the public shall directly address any other member of the public or attempt to create any interactive debate with the public. This rule (#5) may be waived by the Chair with Board approval prior to elections.
 6. All public comments shall be related to Clare County Road Commission matters. Public comments must be relevant and germane to the business and functions of the Road Commission.
 7. No citizen can "transfer", reserve or delegate any public comment time to any other person.
 8. Any citizen desiring to make a public comment shall be requested to first state their name for the record.
 9. If a member of the public undertakes a personal attack on a Road Commission official or employee regarding non-Road Commission matters or on a private matter not related to Road Commission business or activities, the Chair has the discretion to terminate the public comment time for any such person.
 10. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same matter at the same meeting. Persons purporting to speak to the same general subject matter in his or her personal and representative capability shall be recognized only twice. This rule (#10) may be waived by the Chair with Board approval.
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B. Public Conduct.

1. Any person shall have the right to tape record, video tape or broadcast the proceedings of the Road Commission Board, but they shall not utilize the electrical outlets of the Road Commission without the prior permission of the Chair.
 2. No person shall disrupt a meeting of the Road Commission Board. No person shall commit a breach of the peace at any Road Commission Board meeting. Any person who disrupts a meeting of the Road Commission Board or commits a breach of the peace at a Road Commission Board meeting may be ejected from the meeting. Refusal by a member of the public to stop speaking when the Chair has interpreted that such person's time has expired or if such person speaks when they have no right to do so, such actions shall be deemed a disruption of the Road Commission Board meeting and a breach of peace.
 3. Members of the public shall not talk among themselves during a meeting of the Road Commission Board so as to disrupt the meeting, if such talking becomes disruptive it shall cease upon the Chair asking for order.
 4. No person shall utilize any profane or obscene speech or gesture.
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