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## Press Release

### For Immediate Release

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**The Board of County Commissioners Initiates Hybrid Meeting Format**, effective immediately, all Cascade County Commission, Cascade County Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings that are scheduled to be held in the Courthouse Annex Commission Chambers will be conducted in a hybrid format allowing the public to either appear in person or via the Zoom platform.

Throughout the Covid-19 situation, Cascade County has been utilizing the Zoom platform to allow the Public to attend these meetings. Now that the situation has improved, we believe it is time to invite the public back into the chambers should they wish to attend these meetings in person.

Accordingly, we have installed a highly effective but low-cost video system that will continue to allow the public to use remote access to participate but also allow those who wish to attend in person to do so as well. Documents and exhibits will continue to be displayed via Zoom as they have been under the remote access model but will now also be displayed in the chambers on two large screen monitors. Likewise, the live video of all in person commentators will be transmitted out to those attending via Zoom.

Our goal was to create an equivalent experience for both those attending in person as well as those who choose to attend virtually. Covid has presented all of us with significant challenges over the past year but it has also spurred the development of new technologies that make this hybrid format possible and affordable. We believe that by moving to this hybrid model that we can improve access to Cascade County Government for our citizens as we move beyond Covid-19.

Attending a Hybrid meeting remotely is the same process as it was under the Zoom only format. Scrolling down on the front page of the county website will display a calendar. Clicking on a highlighted date will open a screen listing the events for the day. Clicking on the specific event or meeting that you are interested in will provide additional information about that event and in the case of a public meeting provide you with a link to register for the meeting.

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