

## Citizen Requests - Participation

The Isanti County Board believes members of the public have the right to be informed of the board's process and decisions and should have the opportunity to present their views to the board. Meetings are open to the public.

To the extent possible, interested citizens shall notify the County Administration Office of their intent to speak at the meeting and the issue to be discussed. In an effort to encourage efficiency and early resolution of issues, the County Board recommends that citizens first contact staff to try to resolve matters before coming formally to the County Board meeting

For an individual who appears at a County Board meeting unaware of Board operating procedure, the individual may be recognized at the call of the Chairperson. Before taking action, the County Board may direct the item to the appropriate staff for further review and recommendation.

At a public meeting of the County Board, no person shall orally initiate charges or complaints against individual employees of the County (due to laws governing data practices) or debate any subjects under jurisdiction of the courts. All such charges, if presented to the Board directly, shall be referred to the County Administrator's Office for investigation and report.

This opportunity is reserved for private citizens only - not employees, unions, or other organized groups funded by or associated with Isanti County.