

**COUNTY OF GRANT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

R- 02-02

**POLICY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT
MEETINGS OF THE GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Grant County is required by state law to adopt an annual Open Meetings resolution which shall determine what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings, however, New Mexico law contains no provision specifically allowing public participation at public meetings of the various County Boards of County Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Grant County desires to establish fair and uniform rules allowing public participation at regular and special meetings of the Board of Commissioners of Grant County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County (Commission) that the following rules and procedures regarding public participation shall apply to all regular and special meetings of the Commission:

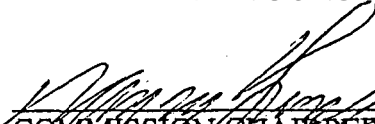
1. Any citizen who wishes to be placed on the agenda of a regular Commission meeting must contact the County Manager's Office by 4:30 p.m., the Friday preceding the scheduled meeting and shall inform the Manager's Office, in writing, of the specific matter to be placed on the agenda and the name of the person to present the matter to the Commission at the meeting.
2. The Commission meeting agenda shall be fixed and final not less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Once an item has been placed on the agenda it may not be taken off except by action of the Grant County Commission at the scheduled meeting.
3. Any citizen who has a matter placed on the agenda shall be allowed up to ten (10) minutes to present the matter. The Commission may extend this time if the complexity of the matter requires additional time for an adequate presentation.
4. Any citizen not scheduled to present an agenda item will be allowed to address any matter, which is on the agenda of any regular or special meeting of the Commission, which is open to the public. Each citizen shall be allowed up to three (3) minutes as to each agenda item. The Commission may extend this time if the complexity of the matter requires additional time.
5. Public Input Agenda Time: The Grant County Commission has instituted a permanent agenda item for public input. Any citizen wishing to give public input regarding a topic not placed on the agenda as a separate agenda item shall be allowed up to three (3)

minutes to make a brief presentation or to make comments regarding any matter relevant to the business of the Grant County Commission.

6. All persons addressing the Grant County Commission shall be respectful of the rights of others and shall maintain a courteous level of discourse. The Grant County Commission, through its Chairman, shall reserve the right to declare anyone whose actions are disruptive of the public meeting to be out of order. Any such persons may be asked by the Chairman to leave the meeting.
7. This Resolution hereby supersedes Resolution No. 97-01-09B and all prior policy resolutions of the Grant County Commission regarding this subject matter.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Grant County, New Mexico, this 10th day of January, 2002.

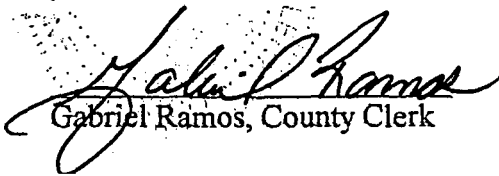
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
GRANT COUNTY


COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON


COMMISSION MEMBER


COMMISSION MEMBER

ATTEST:


Gabriel Ramos, County Clerk

Approved as to form:


Sherry Tippet, County Attorney