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## ***The Washington Post* Seeks Henderson County Board of Commissioners Comments**

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On Friday, August 6, 2021, a reporter for the national publication, *The Washington Post*, contacted the Henderson County Board of Commissioners regarding their recent decision to move away from YouTube as the hosting site for replays of their regular board meetings. After YouTube removed the recording of the June 16, 2021 meeting of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners for violating YouTube’s policy regarding “medical misinformation,” the Board chose to seek another venue for hosting the county’s meeting recordings. The Board of Commissioners is dedicated to the principle of free speech, and made this decision to ensure that the public continued to have access to the Board’s meetings.

The *Washington Post* online article, August 7, 2021, reveals the recently revised YouTube policy now allows public comment sessions of local government and school boards to remain for viewing on their platform. The article quoted Henderson County Vice-Chairman Rebecca McCall, speaking on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. *The Washington Post* article is online here: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2021/08/07/youtube-covid-misinformation-city-council/>.

While the Henderson County Board of Commissioners appreciates the correction to YouTube’s policy, the Board stands by its decision to move the county’s video recordings to another platform to provide a venue for the public to review all open meetings. The Board of Commissioners has no plans to revert to the YouTube website for this service.

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