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# News Release

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## For Immediate Release

# County expands online services

**August 1, 2006** – Visitors to Carroll County Government’s web site can now watch videos of public meetings and set up personalized email service to notify them when new information is available online. The two services are joint projects of the Office of Information Technology Services and the Office of Public Information.

From the county’s home page (<http://ccgovernment.carr.org>), visitors can click on the link to “Live & Archived Meetings” in the County News section. There they will find agendas of upcoming meetings as well as videos of several public meetings. Included in the streaming video library are sessions of the Board of County Commissioners and Planning and Zoning Commission. Other boards and commissions may be added in the future. A copy of each meeting’s agenda appears next to the viewing screen. Clicking on an agenda item starts the video at that point of the discussion. The screen includes an email link, [PublicComments@ccg.carr.org](mailto:PublicComments@ccg.carr.org), for viewers to submit comments. The technology is provided through San Francisco-based [Granicus Inc.](#)

The email service offers more than 30 pages of information to which people can subscribe, from bid opportunities to activities at the Farm Museum. (Look for pages that feature an envelope on the left side.) When a web page is updated, an email notifies subscribers of the change. A link in the email leads to the new information. Subscribers can choose to be notified within an hour of the change, or they can get summaries once a day, once a week, or once a month. Delivery can be suspended during vacations or other extended absences. [GovDelivery Inc.](#) of St. Paul, Minn., hosts the service.

Both web-streaming and email subscriptions are part of the Board of County Commissioners’ ongoing efforts to make government more accessible to the residents and business people of Carroll County.

More information is available by listening to this week’s [Commissioners’ Weekly Radio Address](#) on the county’s home page, by calling the Office of Public Information at 410-386-2973, or by emailing [vlaxton@ccg.carr.org](mailto:vlaxton@ccg.carr.org).

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