



MEDIA GUIDELINES

The County Board Chairperson and County Board Staff have the power to grant access to certain areas of the County Board Room to members of the media. As such, the following rules shall be enforced:

Media members must be employed by newspapers, periodicals, radio or other news services that regularly publish a substantial volume of news material of either general, economic, industrial, technical, cultural, or trade character whether on television, in print, on the Internet or a combination thereof. The news organization must engage in and require coverage of DuPage County on a continuing basis and must be owned and operated independently of any industry, institution, association, political party, or lobbying organization. All media representatives must also be employed by a news organization that is published for profit and is supported chiefly by advertising or by subscription, or is published by a nonprofit organization. Each media representative must operate independently of any industry, or institution, and not engage, directly or indirectly, in any lobbying or other activity intended to influence any matter before the County Board or before any DuPage County department or appointed body.

Seating at the media table located on the north end of the County Board Room is reserved for members of the media who meet the above qualifications. All other attendees must sit on the public side, located on the south end of the room.

The County Board Chairperson may determine, at his/her discretion, whether or not someone meets the above-stated criteria as a member of the media. Any person granted access to the County Board media table shall not engage in lobbying or paid advertising, publicity or promotion work for any individual, political party, corporation or other organization.

All members of the media shall obey all security regulations when entering the JTK Administration Building or any other building on the DuPage County campus.

Members of the media may be cleared to take photos or videos from or adjacent to the media table. With permission of staff, they may shoot from other designated areas of the County Board Room. Media members who wish to record County Board proceedings are asked to contact County Board Staff ahead of the meeting so arrangements can be made to ensure adequate space and equipment are available.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Joan Olson, Chief Communications Officer, at (630) 407-6015 or joan.olson@dupageco.org, or Evan Shields, Public Information Officer, at (630) 407-6022 or evan.shields@dupageco.org.