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### **County launches online streaming of government meetings**

LĪHU'E – County officials announced that starting tomorrow, Dec. 8, the county will begin online streaming of County Council meetings, Planning and Police commission meetings, and Mayor Bernard Carvalho's weekly show, "Together We Can."

Kauai joins the City and County of Honolulu and the State Legislature in utilizing webcast technology to provide live and archived access to government meetings and programs.

"We are very pleased to offer our community another opportunity to connect with county government," said the mayor. "It's all part of our efforts towards transparency."

"The Council has always encouraged the implementation of online streaming to benefit the residents of Kauai and has supported the administration in their efforts and schedules to commence this project," said Council Chair Jay Furfaro. "Today is a landmark day for the county as our residents will now have improved access to viewing government meetings on their own schedule."

The council is also working to phase in expanded document availability on the county website and will be developing this expansion after receiving the recommendation of the administration at its upcoming furlough review.

Anyone with a relatively new computer and internet access will be able to view the meetings via live streaming on the county's website, [www.kauai.gov](http://www.kauai.gov), or access the archived

meetings at any time. The mayor's show will be viewable after it is captioned within a day or two following a taping.

For those with a PC, the minimum system requirements are the second edition of Windows 98 with at least a 233-MHz processor Pentium II and 64 MB of RAM.

For Macintosh users, a G3 or a newer model with Mac OS X installed is required.

Although the county has been broadcasting public meetings on Hoike public television, channel 53, for years, online streaming will enable residents to watch these meetings in the comfort of their homes or offices at their convenience. The meetings will still be available for viewing on channel 53 for residents who do not have internet access or prefer to watch the meetings on TV.

Archived meetings will be indexed by agenda item to facilitate access to specific segments of a meeting instead of requiring the viewer to watch a meeting in its entirety.

The meetings will also be keyword searchable, allowing residents to easily find a meeting based on their specific interest.

To access the webcast meetings, go to the county's website, [www.kauai.gov](http://www.kauai.gov) and click on the Webcast Meetings link located in the middle of the home page or go to [www.kauai.gov/webcastmeetings](http://www.kauai.gov/webcastmeetings).

For more information regarding system requirements, please contact the mayor's office at 241-4900.

Anyone with questions about meeting content should contact the respective government entity.

The online streaming is made possible through the county's partnership with Granicus, a leading government software-as-a-service provider.

Granicus hosts the world's largest government exclusive webcasting network, streaming more than 26 million webcasts and serving over 750 clients spanning all 50 states.

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