

CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

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The proper operation of our government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial, and responsible to the people, that the governmental decisions and policy be made in the proper channels and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government. In recognition of those goals, there is hereby established a code of conduct for all officials and employees, whether elected or appointed, paid or unpaid. The purpose of this code is to establish ethical standards by setting forth those acts or actions that are incompatible with the best interests of the county.

Public officials and employees are agents of public purpose and hold office for the benefit of the public. They are bound to uphold the constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this State and to carry out impartially the laws of the nation, state, and county and thus to foster respect for all government. They are bound to observe in the official acts the highest standards of morality and to discharge faithfully the duties of their office regardless of personal considerations, recognizing that the long-term public interest must be their primary concern. Their conduct in both their official and private affairs should be above reproach.

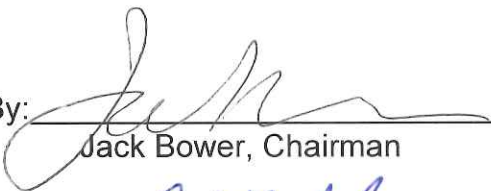
All officials and employees of the county should be responsive to the political objectives expressed by the electorate and the programs developed to attain those objectives. Appointed officials and employees should adhere to the rules of work and performance established as the standard for their positions by the appropriate authority.

Officials and employees should not exceed their authority or breach the law or ask others to do so, and they should work in full cooperation with other public officials and employees unless prohibited from so doing by law or by officially recognized confidentiality of their work.


Interest in Appointments. Canvassing of members of the county commission, directly or indirectly, in order to obtain preferential consideration in connection with any appointment to the municipal service shall disqualify the candidate for appointment except with reference to positions filled by appointment by the county commission.

- a. Use of Public Property. No official or employee shall request or permit the use of county-owned vehicles, equipment, materials, or property for personal convenience or profit, except when such services are available to the public generally or are provided as county policy for the use of such official or employee in the conduct of official business.
- b. Obligations to Citizens. No official or employee shall grant any special consideration, treatment, or advantage to any citizen beyond that which is available to every other citizen.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Atchison County, Kansas, this 28th day of December 2021.

By: 
Jack Bower, Chairman

By: 
Eric Noll, Commissioner

By: 
Casey Quinn, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Michelle Phillips, Atchison County Clerk

