

**RESOLUTION 22-20**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT**  
**BOURBON COUNTY, KANSAS**

The opportunity to serve the public, as an elected or appointed official is a high honor and such opportunity confers a sacred trust to the office holder. Stewardship of the public trust not only requires allegiance to the law, but also obligates an elected or appointed official to act in ways consistent with the highest standards of ethical conduct; and,

The County Commission adopts this Code of Conduct for elected officials and appointed officials as a means of promoting the vitality of the democratic process in ~~city~~ <sup>county</sup> government. The following principles are offered to encourage elected and appointed officials to engage in ethical reflection in advance of decision making. Ultimately, the ethical course of action for an elected or appointed official must be discerned by the dictates of individual conscience, commitment to the public interest and statutory compliance.

The County Commission, adopt the Code of Conduct for County Officials, as follows:

- ❖ An elected or appointed official should be vigorously dedicated to the democratic ideal of honesty, openness and accountability in all public matters involving county government.
- ❖ An elected or appointed official should be a model of decorum, respect for others and civility in all public relationships.
- ❖ An elected or appointed official should actively practice stewardship of the county's human, fiscal and physical resources.
- ❖ An elected or appointed official should strive for excellence and continuous learning in personal development and in all operations of county government.
- ❖ An elected or appointed official should perform the duties of public office with fairness and impartiality so as to enhance public confidence in county government.
- ❖ No elected official, appointed official, officer or agent of the County shall participate in selection or in the award or administration of a contract issued by the County if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.
- ❖ The County elected officials, appointed officials; officers, employees or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors or parties to sub-agreements.
- ❖ Violations of this Code of Conduct by the County's elected officials, appointed officials, officers, employees or agents of the County shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent permitted according to Local, State, and Federal law or regulations.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the County Commissioners of the County of Bourbon, Kansas, this 30  
Day of June 2020.



Andrew Nelson  
Bourbon County Clerk

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County Commissioner  
Bourbon County, Kansas