



## FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CODE OF ETHICS

Recognizing that persons holding a position of public trust are under constant observation, and recognizing that maintaining the integrity and dignity of public office is essential for securing a high level of public confidence in our institutions of government, each member of the Board of Supervisors pledges to aspire to the following ethical standards:

1. Actively promote public confidence in county government through our actions.
2. Promote decisions that serve the public interest and promote the greatest public good.
3. Seek to find and use the most equitable, efficient, effective and economical means for getting tasks accomplished.
4. Adopt policies and programs that support the rights and recognize the needs of all citizens regardless of race, sex, age, religion, creed, country of origin or handicapping conditions.
5. Recognize and support the public's right to know the public's business.
6. Involve citizens in the decision making process and welcome divergent points of view.
7. Respond to the public in ways that are complete, clear and easy to understand.
8. Maintain a respectful attitude toward colleagues, County staff, and citizens during meetings, discussions, and deliberations, and allow sufficient opportunity for them to present their views and perspectives.
9. Be a good listener, carefully considering all opinions and points of view.
10. Respect and protect privileged or otherwise confidential information (e.g., personnel matters, litigation).
11. Be informed on the background on issues before board meetings.
12. Work in partnership with other governmental agencies, political subdivisions, and organizations to further the interest of the county.
13. Carefully guard against conflict of interest or its appearance in our actions or decisions.
14. Avoid outside interests that will interfere or conflict with the public's best interest.
15. Do not accept gifts, services, or any object of value from any source offered to influence a decision.
16. Maintain loyalty to the highest moral principles and to the people of Fluvanna County.
17. Comply with all laws and regulations applicable to an elected official and those governing the conduct of meetings.
18. Never use any information gained confidentially in the performance of governmental duties as a means of making private profit.
19. Expose through appropriate means and channels, corruption, misconduct, or neglect of duty when discovered.
20. Recognize that interaction with the media is a vital link in maintaining good communication with the public.
21. Pledge to honor and uphold these principles, ever conscious that public office is a public trust.