



WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is desirous of appointing qualified, knowledgeable, and dedicated people to serve on the boards, commissions, committees or authorities and to that end solicits the interest and input of the citizens of Jackson County in making said appointments.

Section 1. The policy of Jackson County governing appointments to the various boards, commissions, committees or authorities made by the Board of County Commissioners, is as follows:

- (a) Any citizen of Jackson County is eligible to serve on the appointed boards, commissions, committees or authorities of the County where such appointment is not prohibited by State statute.
- (b) All appointments will be made according to the Appointments Statute or Ordinance that created that board, commission, committee or authority.
- (c) No citizen of Jackson County may serve in more than two appointed positions of Jackson County Government unless exempted by nature of the position he or she may hold in Governmental Service.
- (d) Unless otherwise stated by statute, all terms of office, where terms of office are determined by the Board of County Commissioners, shall expire on either June 30th or December 31st.

- (a) Public announcement in the local newspaper and the county website of applications being accepted, along with a link to the volunteer application and the deadline for applications.
- (b) Applications to be reviewed by Board of Commissioners with instructions to complete a background check for final candidates.
- (c) Upon notification of satisfactory background check, the Board of Commissioners may invite the final candidates to provide comments to ensure expectations and specific knowledge.
- (d) Final candidates placed on a regular meeting agenda may make comments for nomination and consideration for appointment by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 3. The following exceptions shall apply to the above procedure:

- (a) Commissions, committees or organizations appointed for special ad hoc tasks or purposes.
- (b) Present membership on boards, commissions, committees or authorities existing at the date of adoption of this policy may be eligible for reappointment to and serve one more full term regardless of how many appointments and terms of office preceded the adoption of this policy. Thereafter, said membership shall be brought into conformity with this policy as the existing terms expire or the office is otherwise available for reappointment.
- (c) Terms of office for members of the Fire Relief Fund Board of Trustees.
- (d) For any board, commission, committee or authority having a term of office of five (5) or more years, no reappointments is available and appointment to such a board, commission, committee or authority shall be limited to one (1) full term.

Section 4. Selection Criteria: Expectations/Responsibilities for Board members:

- (a) Attendance and active participation in board meetings.
- (b) Preparation for each board meeting (e.g., read previous minutes and all materials sent out before board meetings)
- (c) Meet with staff and/or current board members to facilitate an understanding of the purpose of the board.
- (d) Lend expertise and leadership to the board in areas of personal expertise.
- (e) Disclose actual and perceived conflicts of interest and recuse oneself when necessary.
- (f) Recognize accountability to the citizens of the county.

Adopted _____

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
MARK A. LETSON, Chairman

Attest:

ANGELA M. WINCHESTER, Clerk to the Board