



## **Hunt County Purchasing Code of Ethics**

It is the policy of Hunt County that the following ethical principles govern the conduct of every employee involved, directly or indirectly, in the County procurement process. The following is adapted from the American Bar Association's 2000 Model Procurement Code for State and Local Governments:

*Public employment is a public trust. It is the policy of Hunt County to promote the objective of protecting government integrity and the objective of facilitating the recruitment and retention of personnel needed by the County.*

*Such policy is implemented by prescribing essential standards of ethical conduct without unnecessary obstacles to entering public service.*

*Public employees must discharge their duties impartially so as to assure fair competitive access to County procurement by responsible contractors.*

*Moreover, public employees should conduct themselves in such a manner that fosters public confidence in the integrity of the Hunt County procurement process.*