



COUNTY COMMISSIONER JIM HOWELL BIO:



Commissioner Jim Howell grew up in southeast Sedgwick County. He attended public schools in Derby and Wichita and graduated from Wichita Southeast High School. Today he is the Sedgwick County Commissioner for District 5, which covers the southeast part of Sedgwick County including southeast Wichita, McConnell Air Force Base, Derby and Mulvane.

During his time on the commission, Howell has worked to create greater taxpayer transparency, organizational accountability, stronger ethics policy, effective juvenile justice reform, greater fiscal responsibility and better voter integrity policy. Even as a commissioner, Howell has been active in the Kansas Legislature to advance numerous laws to help Sedgwick County and the state of Kansas as a whole.

Commissioner Howell served honorably in the U.S. Air Force for five years. He spent much of his active duty stationed in England, with several temporary assignments, including a deployment to Saudi Arabia during Desert Shield, also known as the First Gulf War. After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Howell spent 25 years in the private sector working in Flight Test Instrumentation for several local aircraft companies.

Before his election to the commission, Howell served two terms in the Kansas House of Representatives from 2011-2014. Commissioner Howell and his wife Leah have shared 35 years of marriage, raising their five children in District 5. Their family has since grown to include four daughters-in-law and seven cherished grandchildren.

Commissioner Howell holds a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management & Leadership from Friends University, a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology from Southern Illinois University College of Engineering and an Associate of Science in Avionics Systems Technology from the College of the Air Force.