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**GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**

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March 6, 2015

John Kostner, Candidate  
for County Commission  
2384 SE Murdoch Avenue  
Murdoch, Kansas 67111

Re: **\$300.00 civil penalty**

Dear Mr. Kostner:

**This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.**

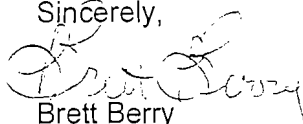
On September 18, 2014, an administrative order issued by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (Commission) was mailed to you at the above address by certified mail, signed return receipt requested. This order assessed a \$300 civil penalty for failure to timely file an Appointment of Treasurer or Candidate Committee form. The receipt was returned, signed by the addressee on September 22, 2014.

A letter dated January 27, 2015, letter from Executive Director Carol Williams was mailed to you to remind you to pay the civil penalty. However, as of the date of this letter, the Commission has not received payment for the assessed civil penalty.

Please be advised that the Commission takes failure to pay assessed civil penalties quite seriously. In the absence of payment **in full by March 20, 2015**, the Commission intends to exercise any legal remedies available—including the State of Kansas Debt Setoff program. If the Commission refers your debt to this program, the Kansas Department of Revenue will divert \$300 to the Commission from any money due you from the State of Kansas. Additionally, if you fail to pay the civil penalty by that date, your name will be posted prominently on the Commission's website for failure to meet this financial responsibility.

Further action to collect the civil penalty may be avoided by mailing a check or money order in the amount of **\$300.00** made payable to the Governmental Ethics Commission **by March 20, 2015**.

Sincerely,

  
Brett Berry  
General Counsel