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Macon County Judge of Probate  
Honorable James Cooper  
101 East Rosa Parks Avenue, Suite 101  
Tuskegee, AL 36083

Dear Honorable James Cooper,

Inasmuch as Ms. Janice Fountain may not be bonded as District 4 Macon County Commissioner as a result of lack of notification and possession of a copy of the bond by the Office of Macon County Judge of Probate, I respectfully bring the following to your attention for appropriate action

**Ala. §11-2-3** Official bonds required of all county officials or county employees of the various county commissions, boards, agencies, and commissions or any additional bond that may be required shall be made by a surety company or surety companies or a guaranty company or guaranty companies authorized by the laws of this state to make bonds and qualified to do business in this state. Section 36-5-2 notwithstanding, **the bond for a county official shall be filed no later than the date that the official takes office (emphasis applied) or, in the case of appointment to an office, within five working days of the date the appointment is made. County officials and county employees required to post bond shall be required to renew or execute a new official bond at any time that the original bond expires as a result of the end of a term of office or otherwise (emphasis applied).**

**Ala. §36-5-15** "If any officer required by law to give bond fails to file the same within the time fixed by law, he vacates his office. In such case, it is the duty of the officer in whose office such bond is required to be filed at once to certify such failure to the appointing power and the vacancy must be filled as in other cases."

Respectfully,

Frank Dillman