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Baldwin County Commission 312 Courthouse Square Bay Minette, AL 36507

Dear Commissioners,

I want to first thank the Appointing Board, Probate Judge, Circuit Clerk and Sheriff, for asking me to handle the Absentee Election process again for the 2024 General Election.

I want to also thank the Commission for appointing Jacqueline Hasting to assist during the 2024 election cycle. She was a great help during the Primary and Run-off Election.

With the General Election approaching absentee applications are already pouring into the office so we can expect to have a large turnout again. In 2020 I believe there was around 14,000 absentee requests. If that is the case again this year it will be a huge task for just Ms. Hasting and myself to handle. I am asking the Commission to please consider appointing me one or two additional people to help with the process. In 2020 the Circuit Clerk had the help of her whole staff, which was way more than the two additional people I'm asking for now.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and I look forward to your response.

Respectfully submitted,

Violetta Smith

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Acting Absentee Election Manager

cc: Probate Judge, Harry D'Olive Circuit Clerk, Brenda Ganey Sheriff, Hoss Mack