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May 31, 2019

Honorable Jim Baker
Faulkner County Judge
801 Locust Street
Conway, Arkansas 72032

Re: Case No. 2018-CO-101

Dear County Judge Baker:

On December 20, 2018, the Ethics Commission mailed you a certified letter containing a copy of the citizen complaint filed against you in the above-referenced case. In that letter, you were notified that an investigation was being commenced regarding the issue of whether or not, in your capacity as Faulkner County Judge and the incumbent candidate for Faulkner County Judge in the 2018 election cycle, you violated Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-103(a)(3)(A) by using items of personal property provided with public funds for campaign purposes.

Please be advised that the Ethics Commission is receipt of the written Offer of Settlement which you signed and returned to us with a check in the amount of \$100.00. Pursuant to the written Offer of Settlement, you have been issued a Public Letter of Caution and fined \$100.00.

In accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-218(b)(1)(C), this letter serves as notice of the Commission's final action together with the reasons for such action. In that regard, we note that the final action concerning this matter was the issuance of a Public Letter of Caution and the imposition of a \$100.00 fine. We are enclosing a copy of the public letter.

The foregoing action was taken as a result of your signing a written Offer of Settlement pursuant to which it was agreed that the Commission make a finding that, in your capacity as Faulkner County Judge and the incumbent candidate for Faulkner County Judge in the 2018 election cycle, you violated Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-103(a)(3)(A) by using a County cell phone and email account in connection with approximately ten (10) email exchanges involving campaign related matters.

This letter is a public document and a copy is being sent to the Complainant, Bob Gregory, to notify him of the outcome of these proceedings.

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If you should have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graham F. Sloan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "S".

Graham F. Sloan
Director

Enclosure

cc: Bob Gregory