

Frank Dillman, for Chairman, Macon County Commission  
**Vote for Change, Change your Vote** on Nov 8, 2016  
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My family moved to Notasulga in 1990 and I have become increasingly more interested and involved in Macon County politics with each passing year - to a point of seeing the need to serve the people of Macon County as your next Chairman, Macon County Commission.

For years, I have attended county government meetings and kept citizens informed with my notes and county documents on my **www.frankdillman.com** website. Beyond the dozen citizens regularly attending county meetings, the county lacks the willingness to communicate with the majority of its citizens by not having website, Facebook page, or guest columns in The Tuskegee News. Additionally, conducting some important meetings during the normal workday forces citizens to take vacation time or skip the meetings.

At 67 years of age, I am no longer willing to accept the chairman's lack of opposition and often support for our commission to do TO us, as compared FOR us on matters before the commission. The commission's insatiable appetite for more tax dollars, poor stewardship of our tax dollars, standing by and watching the exodus of our energetic youth in need of good jobs, and hearing citizens complaining of roads at every county meeting is why I am running to serve you.

Controversial issues approved during poorly attended morning meetings include the countywide business license fee of 2011 and the March 2015 attempts for a new 5 cents/gallon fuel tax, a new rental tax, and a stronger occupational tax – which is a penalty for having a job!

Because of my *Tuskegee News* columns, multiple emails to the 140 legislators and governor, and letters to the editor, the commission agreed to forego the rental tax and the changes to the occupational tax issue and decrease the fuel tax to 2 cents/gallon at every pump in the county. Regrettably, we were denied our vote on this new fuel tax because the commission knew it would have failed.

Within the first month of collecting the new fuel tax (1 cent to Road and Bridge and 1 cent to Economic Development Authority), the commission unanimously provided a costly and the ultimate “gold watch” to a retiring public official. No county employee bush hogging in the summer heat or providing county services in the courthouse will receive a similar political favor. As chairman, I will oppose political favors.

Pro-active transparency in government is vital to a healthy community. When elected to serve, our county government will be inviting and county documents and information will be on-line. Citizens may be informed of county business as they want and encouraged to take part in the planning and direction of our county.

My 20 years of honorable Naval service, 10 years with the Marine Corps as their “Doc”, and 11 years at Auburn University have included a wide breath of responsibilities. I worked in command administration, had custody and maintenance of personnel and medical records, held a Secret clearance, conducted sick call and rendered emergency medical care, took part in command budgetary processes, supervised upwards to 40 sailors at a time, responsible for readiness of urgent deployment inventories, provided Navy and AU instruction, and handled management and statistical analysis of expensive AU research projects.

While serving the “Corps,” I proudly wore their uniforms, less their formal uniform, and participated in their physical fitness tests, “maxing” it twice. My military awards include five Good Conduct Medals, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Navy Commendation Medal for my service with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Light Armored Vehicle Battalion. My overseas duty stations and deployments include the 9<sup>th</sup> Marine Amphibious Brigade in Vietnam, Germany, Guantanamo Bay, Okinawa, Panama Canal Zone, a Mediterranean Cruise aboard USS Forrestal, and numerous training deployments with the “Corps.”

While on active service, I earned my Associate Degree from Virginia Beach Community College and my Southern Illinois University Baccalaureate Degree in Health Care Administration.

Rolling up my sleeves is not a problem. After asking for a year for a county employee recognition program, I wrote a plan and presented it to the commission. Though my proposal was not used, it was an impetus for the county to recognize outstanding employees within a few months. The program remains a viable employee award today.

Since retiring from the Navy in 1986, I have been an avid recycler and anti-litter activist. Unfortunately, Macon County is not willing to address these environmental concerns. Worse yet, the county does not set the example for recycling. I cannot recall a littering arrest before our judge.

I once donated \$200 to the county to rent prisoners from Montgomery to pick up roadside litter to prevent it from being shredded by bush hogs and polluting our creeks and streams; as often is the case.

We appreciate competition in TU and high school sports, however, political competition and its rewards are absent in Macon County. Without competition, there is no need or want to improve on the field or in county government. I am an independent candidate because I see, as many others, our county has not benefitted from either major political party and I reject the requirement of being tied to a party rather than what is best for the county.

I am comfortable as a grass-root activist and I will represent our people to our county government and not heavy-hand the county government onto its people.

Several years ago, I was instrumental in the rejection of a "Smart Growth" attempt to redesign Notasulga and I will continue to fight for property rights as your chairman.

LetBamaVote.org is my five-year statewide campaign to give all citizens of Alabama the right to be more engaged in our state government. Citizens in 26 states and District of Columbia hold dearly the right to place measures on their ballot. Over 70% of U.S. citizens have this right, including citizens of Birmingham as early as 1911, not so statewide in Alabama.

The Tuskegee News editor has written of me being " 'a watchdog' when it comes to expenditures of taxpayers' money." The editor goes on to declare, "Dillman does his research, especially when it comes to public officials traveling to various conventions ... Dillman doesn't waiver."

My wife Dorothea of 45 years and I have two adult children and five grandchildren. Our eldest granddaughter is a Junior at the University of Alabama. I am a member of the American Legion, Post 140, in Notasulga and an active member of the Loachapoka United Methodist Church. I have been a member of the Macon County Personnel Appeals Board since 2010.

For your vote to count for me on November 8, 2016, the arrow or circle beside **Frank Dillman** must be completed along with your choices for other public servants. Straight party voting will cancel your individual votes and most importantly, you must continue to expect the same leadership ignoring our decreasing population, the lack of fiscal stewardship, the lack of jobs, a want for more taxes and placing a greater burden on everyone especially the 27% of our neighbors living in poverty, a lack of sensitivity for our environment, and a government not willing to communicate with its citizens for another four years.

Too often candidates ask for trust on the campaign trail, yet that trust is not mutual, as it should be. As evident with my LetBamaVote campaign, I trust the people of this state and county to do what is best for their governments. With my trust in you, I ask you to trust me with your vote on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

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Do you want change in Macon County? Straight party voting is not the solution, but the problem. Vote for **Frank Dillman** as your next Chairman, Macon County Commission on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.