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On April 28, 2014, District Attorney Shannon Wallace released the forensic audit of the matter involving Ball Ground Recycling to the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners, stating, "I released the 7345 page audit today after consulting with and receiving authority from local, state and federal law enforcement officers and the United States Attorney's Office. The audit speaks for itself as to the management of this project by county government; however, I have been advised that it is the conclusion of state and local law enforcement that the audit does not reveal any evidence of criminal wrongdoing by the Board of Commissioners. I have reviewed the entire audit and agree with this conclusion. Therefore, as authorized by law enforcement, I have released the audit to those who commissioned it. Furthermore, I have been notified by all law enforcement agencies currently investigating this matter that the criminal investigation is now at a stage at which release of the audit will no longer jeopardize the work they are performing. Pursuant to a court order in the civil case, the audit was redacted by Rhonda McClendon prior to my office receiving it. As the criminal investigation by the CCSO, GBI and FBI into matters surrounding the Ball Ground Recycling project is still ongoing, I am not at liberty to discuss this matter any further at this time."