

CHEROKEE COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS

**TO: The Honorable N. Jackson Harris
Chief Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia**

**The Honorable Ellen McElyea
Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia**

**The Honorable David L. Cannon, Jr.
Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia**

We, the members of this Grand Jury, chosen and sworn to serve the January 2016 term of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, hereby submit the following report and recommendations.

We, the January 2016 Grand Jury, heard 173 bills of indictment, returned 172 true bills and 1 no bills.

PRESENTMENT 1

We, the January 2016 Grand Jury, commend Superior Court Bailiff Jane Johnson, Bailiff Johnny Champion and Bailiff Fay McCurry for their diligent assistance in arranging materials for the Grand Jury proceedings, managing the schedule for cases to be presented, coordinating Grand Jury payroll, and ensuring that all of the proceedings ran smoothly.

PRESENTMENT 2

We, the January 2016 Grand Jury, commend District Attorney Shannon Wallace, each of her Assistant District Attorneys and staff members, each law enforcement officer and investigator associated with the cases brought before this Grand Jury for their professionalism and hard work in protecting the citizens of Cherokee County.

PRESENTMENT 3

We, the January 2016 Grand Jury, express our appreciation to Cherokee County Sheriff Roger Garrison, Major Bill Smith, Capt. Charles McMahan, Lt. Lou Cipra, Chief Deputy Joe Perkins, Chief Ron Hunton and Renee Cornelison of the Cherokee Office of Homeland Security-Emergency Management (OHS-EM), and the shift supervisors and staff of the Cherokee 911 Center for hosting an informative tour of the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center, the Roger D. Garrison Law Enforcement Training Center and the 911 facility. The jail was found to be clean, well-lit and effectively managed and was clean and orderly. The Roger D. Garrison Law Enforcement Training Center is used to train law enforcement from not only Cherokee County but also from around the state. This facility is state-of-the-art, very impressive, and is a huge asset to Cherokee County.

PRESENTMENT 4

We, the January 2016 Grand Jury, received the Annual Report from the Child Abuse Protocol Committee. We would like to thank Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Ashley Snow for her informative presentation of the 2015 Annual Report. Likewise, we would like to thank Deputy Chief Ashley Snow and the other members of the Child Abuse Protocol Committee and the Child Fatality Review Committee for their dedication and hard work in preventing child abuse and child fatalities.

PRESENTMENT 5

We, the January 2016 Grand Jury, express thanks to Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachelle Carnesale for her informative presentation about the Anna Crawford Children's Center. We would like to thank the staff of the Anna Crawford Children's Center for their tireless efforts in serving and protecting at risk and victimized children in our community. Through her presentation, we learned that Cherokee County is at the forefront of child abuse investigations and prevention resources provided to children and parents in the State of Georgia through the Center. Anna Crawford Children's Center is a non-profit organization that provides forensic interviews for children suspected of being physically or sexually abused, and also provides treatment services to these children and their families at no cost to the families.

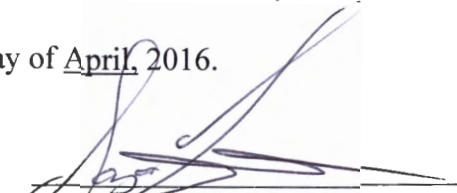
PRESENTMENT 6

We, the January 2016 Grand Jury, heard a presentation from Clerk of Courts Patty Baker regarding the current pay for traverse jurors, grand jurors, and bailiffs in Cherokee County. Mrs. Baker also presented the Grand Jury with information regarding juror and bailiff pay from other counties throughout Georgia. We, the January 2016 Grand Jury, recommend the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners maintain the current bailiff pay of \$75.48 per day. Furthermore, we recommend the traverse juror pay and grand juror pay, if the juror is selected and impaneled, be \$50.00 per day. If the juror is called for jury duty either as a traverse juror or a grand juror but is not selected or impaneled as either a traverse juror or a grand juror, we recommend their pay be \$25.00 per day.

PRESENTMENT 7

We, the January 2016 Grand Jury, express thanks to the Honorable Judge N. Jackson Harris for his professional and informative empanelment of this Grand Jury.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of April, 2016.



Sonya Nicole Lewis
Grand Jury Foreman

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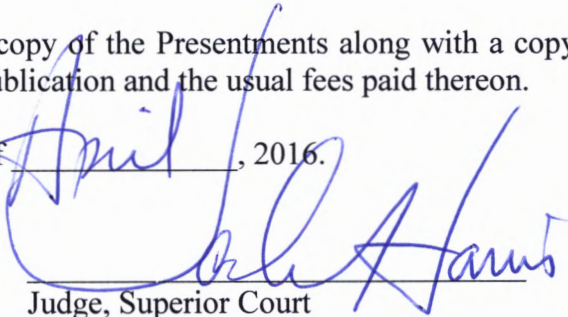
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ORDER

It is ordered that the within and foregoing Grand Jury Presentments having been read and considered, the same be filed.

It is further ordered that a copy of the Presentments along with a copy of this Order be sent to the Cherokee Tribune for publication and the usual fees paid thereon.

This the 11 day of April, 2016.



Judge, Superior Court
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit