

**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 September 2016 term of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, hereby submit the following report and recommendations.

We, the September 2016 Grand Jury, heard 218 bills of indictment, returned 218 true bills and 0 no bills.

PRESENTMENT 1

We, the September 2016 Grand Jury, commend Superior Court Bailiff Jane Johnson, Bailiff Johnny Champion and Bailiff Fay McCurry, Bailiff Tyron Gates 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. We also would like to thank the bailiffs for the great service, snacks, coffee and cookies provided to the Grand Jury.

PRESENTMENT 2

We, the September 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 September 2016 Grand Jury, express our appreciation to Cherokee County Sheriff Roger Garrison, Major Bill Smith, Capt. Charles McMahan, and Lt. Lou Cipra for hosting an informative tour of the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center. The facility was found to be

clean, orderly, well-lit and effectively managed. As discussed with the Grand Jury by Lt. Cipra, expansion of the current Adult Detention Center is necessary and we, the Grand Jury, would recommend the County take the necessary steps to expand the jail as soon as possible.

PRESENTMENT 4

We, the September 2016 Grand Jury sincerely express our appreciation to District Attorney Shannon Wallace for her presentation on the physical plant and functions of the District Attorney's Office. We inspected the Office of the District Attorney during this term and found the office to be clean and orderly, but somewhat crowded. As our county continues to grow, there is a need for additional space in this office which is not currently available. We, the Grand Jury, recommend that the County consult an architect/planner to begin significant reconfiguration of the current office space within the Office of the District Attorney until the Justice Center can be fully expanded. We, the Grand Jury, recommend any additional funding necessary for this reconfiguration of the available area within the Office of the District Attorney be approved by the County.

PRESENTMENT 5

We, the September 2016 Grand Jury, express thanks to the Honorable Judge David L. Cannon, Jr. for his professional and informative empanelment and orientation of this Grand Jury.

PRESENTMENT 6

We, the September 2016 Grand Jury, sincerely express thanks to Lisa Cline, Deputy Clerk, and Patty Baker, Clerk of Court, for a thorough overview of the Board of Tax Equalization and for explaining the appointment process to the Grand Jury.

PRESENTMENT 7

We, the September 2016 Grand Jury, after examining the applications for the vacant positions on the Cherokee County Board of Tax Equalization, voted to re-appoint Lee F. Wynn, Jr., Claude Pettit, Jr., Cynthia Castello, and William Dewrell, to the Cherokee County Board of Tax Equalization as their current terms expire effective December 31, 2016. We, the September 2016 Grand Jury, appoint Nancy Carson to fill a position to be vacated effective December 31, 2016, and appoint Patricia Tanner as an Additional Alternate Member to fill the position vacated when Sydney Barker resigned.

Respectfully submitted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

  
James S. Gilliam  
Grand Jury Foreman

CHEROKEE COUNTY

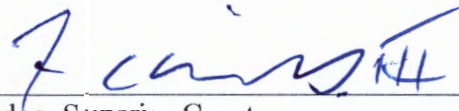
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ORDER

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 14 day of Dec, 2016.



Judge, Superior Court  
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit