

CHEROKEE COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS

TO: The Honorable Frank C. Mills, III
Chief Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia

The Honorable N. Jackson Harris
Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia

The Honorable Ellen McElvey
Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia

We, the members of this Grand Jury, chosen and sworn to serve the September 2010 term of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, hereby submit the following report and recommendations.

We, the September 2010 Grand Jury, heard 236 indictments and returned 235 true bills and 1 no bill.

PRESENTMENT 1

We, the September 2010 Grand Jury, express our sincere appreciation to District Attorney Garry Moss and the Assistant District Attorneys for their expertise, efficiency, and high level of professionalism in presenting indictments. We also express our gratitude to all law enforcement personnel, CMANS personnel and other witnesses who took time out of their schedules to testify and present evidence to the Grand Jury. All were very helpful in answering questions and ensuring that the Grand Jury had the necessary information and instructions to properly perform its duties.

PRESENTMENT 2

We, the September 2010 Grand Jury, express our sincere appreciation to Superior Court Chief Bailiff Jane Johnson and Bailiff Johnny Champion for their assistance to the Grand Jury in managing the schedule of cases, preparing materials, handling the Grand Jury payroll, scheduling tours, scheduling guest speakers, and assisting the Grand Jury to properly perform its duties. They were especially considerate of our comfort in the Grand Jury room. We thank them for their friendliness, professionalism and helpfulness

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Patty Baker, Clerk of Courts
Superior, State, Juvenile, & Magistrate

PRESENTMENT 3

We, the September 2010 Grand Jury, would also like to express our thanks to Patty Baker, Clerk of Superior Court, for providing resumes and necessary information for the Grand Jury to perform its duty in reappointing five members: Earl R. Thomas, Claude Pettit Jr., Cynthia Castello, Kenneth Morris and Lee Wynn to the Cherokee County Tax Equalization Board.

The Grand Jury would also like to thank Donald Sams for visiting the Grand Jury room and providing an overview of the duties and responsibilities of the Cherokee County Tax Equalization Board.

PRESENTMENT NO. 4

We, the September 2010 Grand Jury, commend Cherokee County Sheriff Roger Garrison for his leadership of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office. We commend all city and county law enforcement personnel and the representative of the Cherokee Multi-Agency Narcotics Squad (CMANS) for their service to our county and the protection of its citizens. Their professionalism and dedication is truly appreciated.

PRESENTMENT NO. 5

We, the September 2010 Grand Jury, express our sincere appreciation to Major Karen Johnson, Captain Hill and Sergeant Harris for hosting a very in-depth and informative tour of the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center. The facility was found to be clean, well-maintained and secure. Special note was made by the Grand Jury regarding the level of discipline maintained and the respect displayed to the jurors by the inmates during our tour. This is a reflection of the direct-supervision control process maintained by Major Johnson's staff.

PRESENTMENT NO. 6

We, the September 2010 Grand Jury, express our gratitude to Joe Satterfield for the informative presentation and tour provided of the Cherokee County's Office of Homeland Security Emergency Management Center in October. We commend the director, Robby Westbrook, and his staff for the service they provide to the citizens of Cherokee County in times of emergencies and disasters. This state-of-the-art facility was found to be very well prepared to handle emergency situations in the county.

PRESENTMENT NO. 7

We, the September 2010 Grand Jury, express our gratitude to Chris Collett and his staff for allowing us to tour the Cherokee County 911 Center. This state-of-the-art center was found to be efficiently operated and well staffed. We thank them for their service to the county.

PRESENTMENT NO. 8

We, the September 2010 Grand Jury, express our appreciation to Corporal Ronnie Reece for his time and expertise in providing a tour of both the Cherokee County Courthouse and the Old Courthouse. His vast knowledge made the tour very informative.

PRESENTMENT NO. 9

We, the September 2010 Grand Jury, would like to thank Raymond Gunnin, Cherokee County Fire Chief. His presentation to the Grand Jury detailing the operation of the Fire and Emergency Services of Cherokee County was very informative.

PRESENTMENT NO. 10

We, the September 2010 Grand Jury, would like to thank Jerry Cooper, Cherokee County Manager. His presentation to the Grand Jury detailing the potential projects for the 2012 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) was most appreciated.

PRESENTMENT NO. 11

We, the September 2010 Grand Jury, recommend continuing the maximum daily rate of pay allowed by law of \$50. per day for Grand Jurors and \$70. per day for Bailiffs.

PRESENTMENT NO. 12

We, the September 2010 Grand Jury, recommends to the Cherokee County Board of Education to continue holding graduation ceremonies at First Baptist Church Woodstock or any other similarly-sized and cost-effective facility located within Cherokee County.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of January, 2011.


KONRAD G.W. ZIEGLER
GRAND JURY FOREMAN

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ORDER

The within and foregoing Grand Jury Presentments having read and considered, let the same be filed.

Let a copy of the Presentments, along with a copy of the Order, be sent to the Cherokee Tribune and Radio Station WLJA for publication and the usual fees paid thereon.

This the 5 day of Jan, 2011.


FRANK C. MILLS, III
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit