

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 2017 term of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, hereby submit the following report and recommendations.

We, the January 2017 Grand Jury, heard 173 bills of indictment, returned 172 true bills and 1 no bill.

PRESENTMENT 1

We, the January 2017 Grand Jury, commend Superior Court Bailiff Jane Johnson, Bailiff Johnny Champion, Bailiff Fay McCurry and 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.

PRESENTMENT 2

We, the January 2017 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 2017 Grand Jury, express our appreciation to Cherokee County Sheriff Frank Reynolds, Major Bill Smith, Capt. Charles McMahan, Lt. Lou Cipra, and Chief Ron Hunton for hosting an informative tour of the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center. We toured the laundry, intake, medical waiting room, kitchen and surveillance areas of the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center and found these areas to be clean, well-lit and effectively managed and orderly. We did not inspect the living areas of the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center due to time constraints.

PRESENTMENT 4

We, the January 2017 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 2016 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 2017 Grand Jury, had a committee review the record retention system for old ballots. This committee found there is a retention system in place and there are no irregularities. The Grand Jury appointed the following committee to inspect voter records:

- a. Terry Johnston
- b. Daniel Eggleston
- c. Richard Cordery

PRESENTMENT 6

We, the January 2017 Grand Jury, were provided the written report of the financial status of the Cherokee County Water and Sewage Authority by District Attorney Shannon G. Wallace.

PRESENTMENT 7

We, the January 2017 Grand Jury, sincerely express thanks to Clerk of Court, Patty Baker, for a thorough and knowledgeable overview of the Board of Tax Equalization and for explaining the appointment process to the Grand Jury.

PRESENTMENT 8

We, the January 2017 Grand Jury, after examining the applications for the vacant position on the Cherokee County Board of Tax Equalization, voted to appoint John F. Hodgson to fill the vacant

position. Mr. Hodgson will hold this position beginning March 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2018.

PRESENTMENT 9

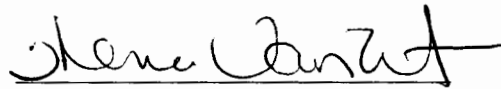
We, the January 2017 Grand Jury, express thanks to the Honorable Judge N. Jackson Harris for his professional and informative empanelment and orientation of this Grand Jury.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We, the January 2017 Grand Jury, recommend the surveillance area of the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center be staffed by more than one individual at all times and also recommend this staff member be a civilian staff member.

We, the January 2017 Grand Jury, further recommend that the May 2017 Grand Jury inspect the living areas of the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center as well as the 911 Center during the their term.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of April, 2017.



Shana Vanzant
Grand Jury Foreperson

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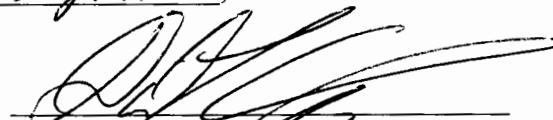
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ORDER

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, 2017.



Judge, Superior Court
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit