

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 McElyea
Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia

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

We, the members of this Grand Jury, chosen and sworn to serve the January 2012 term of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, hereby submit the following report and recommendations:

We, the January 2012 Grand Jury, heard 219 indictments and returned 219 true bills and 0 no bills.

PRESENTMENT 1

We, the January 2012 Grand Jury, would like to express our gratitude to Garry Moss and all the Assistant District Attorneys for not only assisting the Grand Jury, but for the work they do every day with much passion and understanding for the citizens of Cherokee County. We would also like to thank them for their patience in helping us understand the law and how it works.

PRESENTMENT 2

We, the January, 2012, Grand Jury, would like to thank Bailiff Jane Johnson and Bailiff Johnny Champion for their professionalism, hospitality and helpfulness. They helped guide the Grand Jury through the process and made our work much easier. Without their guidance we would not have been able to complete our task in a timely manner.

PRESENTMENT 3

We, the January 2012 Grand Jury, thank Probate Judge Keith Wood for speaking to this Grand Jury. Judge Woods was very informative about a part of the court system that is vital to us all, but one we know little about.

PRESENTMENT NO. 4

We, the January 2012 Grand Jury, would like to thank Juvenile Court Judge Anthony Baker and Judge John Sumner and their staff for information and tour of their Court. We understand that they are the beginning of the Court system for many of our young men and women and without their strong guidance at this early age; we would have a more over crowded adult system.

PRESENTMENT NO. 5

We, the January 2012 Grand Jury, would like to thank Commander Phil Price of the Cherokee County Multi-Agency Narcotics Squad for speaking to us. The information he passed on gave us the understanding we needed decide cases involving narcotics. We would also like to thank all the CMANS agents for their selfless work in what we believe is a thankless job, but we understand the importance of their work and will always be in their debt.

PRESENTMENT NO. 6

We, the January 2012 Grand Jury, would like to express our gratitude to Sheriff Roger Garrison, Major Karen Johnson, Captain Hill and Sgt. Harris for the tour of the Adult Detention Center, and the lunch that was provided. This was an eye opening tour for many who have not been involved in the jail system. We understand that every day they are there to not only keep the citizens safe, but also the inmates they are responsible for.

PRESENTMENT NO. 7

We, the January 2012 Grand Jury, would like to express our gratitude to Renee Cornelison, Deputy Director of the Emergency Operations Center for the tour of the Emergency Operations Center. We all now feel safer knowing when disaster strikes there are a group of extra ordinary people there to make sure we informed.

PRESENTMENT NO. 8

We, the January 2012 Grand Jury, would like to express our gratitude to the 911 Center for our tour. We understand the personnel in the 911 center spend their careers making sure the emergency personnel are dispatched to the proper locations with the most up to date information. We also understand that many times they are overlooked for the difference they make in our lives, but they are truly a very important part of the emergency delivery system.

PRESENTMENT NO. 9

We the January 2012 Grand Jury, would like to thank the Cherokee County Water Authority for the tour of their facilities and lunch. This tour was an eye opener to the fact that an authority that is operated as a business can survive and thrive without government assistance. It was also very informative to see how they are planning for the future water needs of Cherokee County.

PRESENTMENT NO. 10

We the January 2012 Grand Jury, would like to thank Bryan Reynolds, Director of Cherokee Recreation and Parks Agency for information he provided in response to questions asked for by a concerned citizen. It is our finding that the money is being spent in a proper and timely manner. The slowdown occurred because the Dizzy Dean Fields are being moved to a better location and that move and site work will delay the process. It is the determination of this Grand Jury that the move will improve the park system for the City of Canton.

PRESENTMENT NO. 11

We, the January 2012 Grand Jury, state that the inspection of the ballots is completed as required by current law. We recommend that state law pertaining to ballot inspection be changed to reflect current conditions and environment. Ballots are now electronic and should not require Grand Jury inspection. This takes valuable time away from the Grand Jury that could be spent on other business. We request that a copy of this presentment be sent to the Cherokee County members of the General Assembly for a possible change in the law.

PRESENTMENT NO. 12

We, the January 2012 Grand Jury, would like to express our gratitude to all Public Safety Officers of Cherokee County for their dedication and professionalism. We understand and appreciate the valuable time they spend away from their own families to serve and protect the citizens of Cherokee County.

Respectfully submitted this 18 day of April, 2012.


WILLIAM M. SHOEMAKER
GRAND JURY FORMAN

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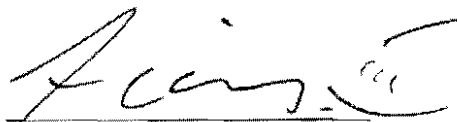
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ORDER

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 18 day of April, 2012.



FRANK C. MILLS, III
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT
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