

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 May 2018 term of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, hereby submit the following report and recommendations:

We, the May 2018 Grand Jury, heard 237 bills of indictment, returned 237 true bills and 0 no bills.

PRESENTMENT 1

We, the May 2018 Grand Jury, commend Superior Court Bailiffs Johnny Champion, Fay McCurry and Tyrone 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 May 2018 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 May 2018 Grand Jury, express thanks to the Honorable Judge Ellen McElyea for her professional and informative empanelment and orientation of this Grand Jury.

PRESENTMENT 4

We, the May 2018 Grand Jury, received and reviewed the 2018 annual report from the Child Fatality Review Committee. We would like to thank Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Ashley Snow for her informative presentation about the Child Fatality Review Committee and the Child Abuse Protocol Committee. Likewise, we would like to thank Deputy Chief Ashley Snow and the other members of these committees for their dedication and hard work in their efforts to prevent child abuse and child fatalities.

PRESENTMENT 5

We, the May 2018 Grand Jury, express thanks to Don Stevens, Chairman of the Cherokee County Airport Authority, for his informative presentation regarding the Cherokee County Airport Authority and all of the improvements and additions to the Cherokee County Airport. We were informed by Mr. Stevens of the term expirations of the Cherokee County Airport Authority and after reviewing all applications and nominations, we appointed Don Stevens, George McClure, John Marinko and Steven Mammen for a four-year term commencing on July 1, 2018.

We would also like to express our thanks to Superior Court Clerk, Patty Baker, and her staff for organizing all of the applications and nominations for our consideration. We, the May 2018 Grand Jury, would like to recommend that all future openings for all authorities and boards for which the Grand Jury is responsible for selecting, in addition to being advertised for the statutory period in the legal organ of the county, be advertised for the same time period on the official Cherokee County website and on the Clerk of Superior Court's website.

PRESENTMENT 6

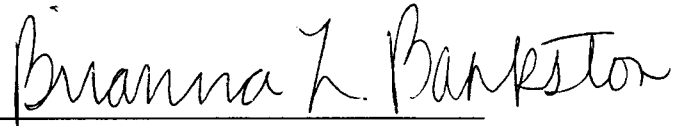
We, the May 2018 Grand Jury, received the Water and Sewer Authority 2017 Financial Report on August 13, 2018 for review. The report was received by the foreperson and all grand jurors had the opportunity to review the report.

PRESENTMENT 7

We, the May 2018 Grand Jury, after hearing a case regarding the death of a canine while in the care of an officer in Cherokee County, have the following recommendation regarding the care and issuance of all county or school police issued canines:

We, the Grand Jury, recommend that all Cherokee County departments and agencies, as well as the Cherokee County school system, review their policies and procedures pertaining to the safeguarding of canine animals to ensure each agency and department has the proper safety equipment in place for transporting and caring for all county and school issued canines by all of its officers.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of August, 2018.



Brianna Layne Bankston
Grand Jury Foreperson

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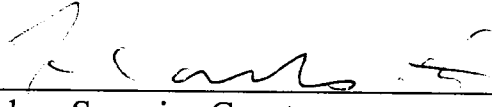
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ORDER

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 14th day of August, 2018.



Judge, Superior Court
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit