

Patty Baker, Clerk of Superior Court Cherokee Cty, GA

**STATE OF GEORGIA
CHEROKEE COUNTY**

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS

To: The Honorable Ellen McElyea
Chief Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia

The Honorable David L. Cannon, Jr.
Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia

The Honorable M. Anthony Baker
Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia

We, the members of the Grand Jury, chosen and sworn to serve the September 2019 term of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, hereby submit the following report and recommendations.

We, the September 2019 Grand Jury, heard 170 Bills of Indictment, returned 170 True Bills and 0 No Bill.

Presentment 1

We, the September 2019 Grand Jury, commend Superior Court Bailiffs Johnny Champion, Faye McCurry, Sandra Foster 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 Grand Jury proceedings ran smoothly.

Presentment 2

We, the September 2019 Grand Jury, commend District Attorney Shannon Wallace, each of her Assistant District Attorneys and staff members, and 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 2019 Grand Jury, express our sincere appreciation to Lynn Epps for providing the Grand Jury with information regarding bailiff pay and to Clerk of Courts Patty Baker for providing information on juror pay. We, the September 2019 Grand Jury, hereby recommend pay for Petit Jurors be increased to \$30.00 per day and pay for Grand Jurors be maintained at the current amount of \$50.00 per day. We, the September 2019 Grand Jury, also recommend pay for the bailiffs be increased to \$85.00 per day.

Presentment 4

We, the September 2019 Grand Jury, express our sincere appreciation to Cherokee County Sheriff Frank Reynolds, Captain D. P. Higgins, Captain K. Thompson and Lt. Irene Ruiz for hosting an informative tour of the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center. We toured the entire facility. We also appreciate Marjorie Massey of Trinity Food Services, who provided our lunch, and Chaplain Darryl James, who spoke to us about the Chaplain services provided at the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center. Overall, we found the areas visited to be clean, well lit, and effectively managed and orderly. The murals created by the inmates displayed along the central corridor were impressive.

Presentment 5

We, the September 2019 Grand Jury, would like to express our thanks Clerk of Courts, Patty Baker, and her staff for organizing all of the applications for our consideration in the filling of the openings on the Cherokee County Board of Equalization. We, the Grand Jury, would also like to express our thanks to Ms. Baker, Board of Equalization member Bob Rugg, and Chief Appraiser of the Cherokee County Tax Assessor's Office, Steve Swindell for their explanation of the Board of Equalization and its duties.

Presentment 6

We, the Grand Jury, reviewed applications of and interviewed the candidates who submitted applications for multiple positions on the Board of Equalization, which are currently open for appointment by the September 2019 Grand Jury. After thorough review, we, the September 2019 Grand Jury, appointed the following individuals to the Cherokee County Board of Equalization:

- (1) Lee Wynn Jr.- Regular Member
- (2) Claude Pettit - Regular Member
- (3) Cindy Castello – Regular Member
- (4) Nancy Carson – Numbered Alternate Member
- (5) Kim Smith – Additional Alternate Member

Presentment 7

We, the September 2019 Grand Jury, make the following recommendations pursuant to BOE interviews conducted and after hearing presentations from the Chief Tax Assessor and one current BOE member, of when an agreement is made outside of the BOE review how to close the appeal in a formal manner.

Presentment 8

We, the September 2019 Grand Jury, recommend that the Stats and Analysis of the BOE is compiled and reported to September jury (exhibit a of the 2017, September Presentment) only on cases BOE rules, not where agreement is reached outside;

- number of cases,
- percentage of ruling in favor of appellant
- reduction of taxes

this should be automatically produced and distributed for each September Grand Jury.

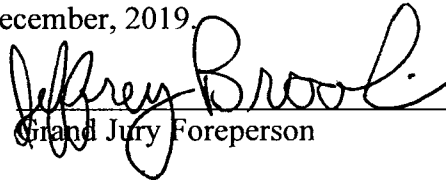
Presentment 9

We, the September 2019 Grand Jury, think the next September Jury receive 2017 Presentment for information regarding BOE

Presentment 10

We, the September 2019 Grand Jury, express our thanks to the Honorable Judge Anthony Baker, for his informative empanelment of this Grand Jury.

Respectfully submitted this 10 day of December, 2019.


Grand Jury Foreperson

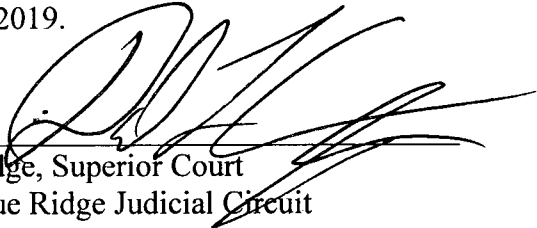
CHEROKEE COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDER

It is ordered that the within and foregoing Grand Jury Presentment having been read and considered, the same be filed.

It is further ordered that a copy of the Grand Jury Presentment, along with a copy of this Order, be sent to the Cherokee Tribune for publication and the usual fees paid thereon.

This the 10 day of December, 2019.



Judge, Superior Court
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

BOARD OF TAX EQUALIZATION APPOINTMENT

The Grand Jury for Cherokee County, Georgia, September Term, 2019 pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-311, notice from Board of Tax Equalization, and after publication by the Clerk of Superior Court in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 15-12-81 hereby appoint as a

- A. Regular Member
 B. Numbered Alternate Member
 C. Additional Alternate Member

NAME: Lee Wynn

to the Board of Tax Equalization of Cherokee County for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.

Jeffrey Brook
Foreman

Kristin Smith
Clerk

SO ORDERED this 10 day of Dec, 2019.

[Signature]
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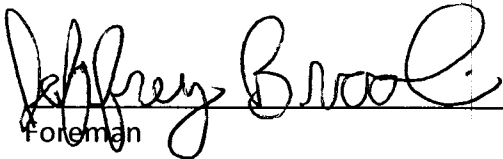
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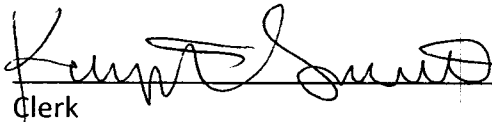
B. Numbered Alternate Member

C. Additional Alternate Member

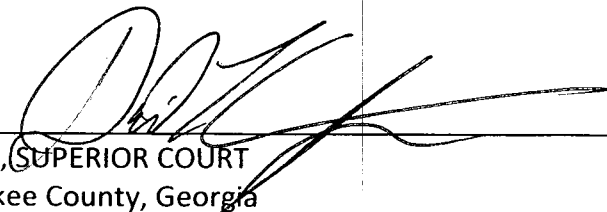
NAME: Claude Pettit

to the Board of Tax Equalization of Cherokee County for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.


Foreman


Clerk

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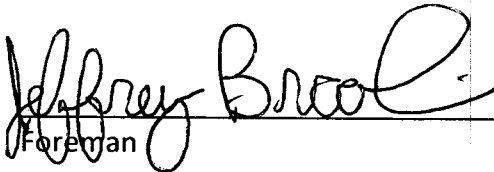
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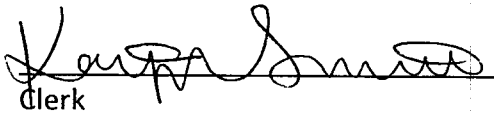
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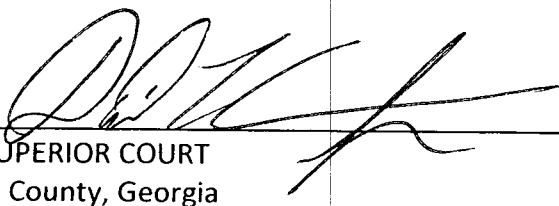
NAME: Cindy Castello

to the Board of Tax Equalization of Cherokee County for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.


Foreman


Clerk

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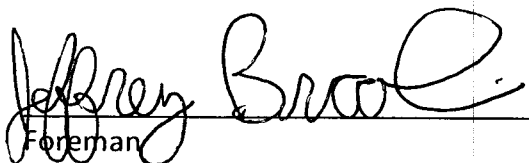
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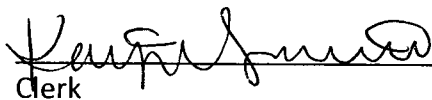
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- B. Numbered Alternate Member §12-10-19
- C. Additional Alternate Member


NAME: Nancy Carson

to the Board of Tax Equalization of Cherokee County for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.


Foreman


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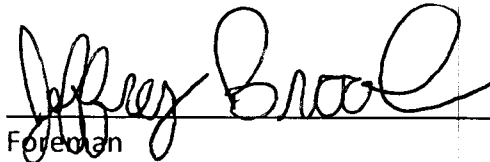
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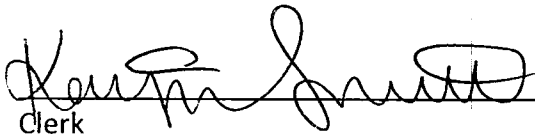
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~~B~~ B. Numbered Alternate Member
✓ C. Additional Alternate Member B 12/10/19

NAME: Kim Smith

to the Board of Tax Equalization of Cherokee County for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021. This appointment is to complete the term of Dennis K. McIntire, an additional alternate member who resigned from the board in 2019.


Foreman


Clerk

SO ORDERED this 10 day of Dec, 2019.


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