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Grant Walraven
Clerk

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF GORDON

The Gordon County Superior Court convened on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., with the Honorable Suzanne H. Smith, Judge, Cherokee Judicial Circuit presiding. After Court was called to order, the following persons were selected as Grand Jurors for the September Term, 2016.

1. THOMAS E. MALLINDINE, FOREPERSON

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| 2. MICHAEL DUFFIE | 13. LOIS LINDA JOHNS |
| 3. DEBORAH F. QUARLES | 14. PATRICIA G. NEBEL |
| 4. JOHN PAUL WHITE | 15. DONALD LEE JONES |
| 5. BENJAMIN J. TALLEY | 16. CINTHIA S. RODRIGUEZ |
| 6. JESSICA E. CASH | 17. JUDITH ORTEGA |
| 7. GARY SMITH | 18. JAMES LOUIS WOODALL |
| 8. RICHARD T. O'MAHONY, SR. | 19. MEGAN E. BUNCH |
| 9. ANGELA Y. JUNKINS | 20. LARS G. PIERSON, III |
| 10. MILDRED ELLIS | 21. JOHNNY LEE ANDERSON |
| 11. PATTY P. LEATHERWOOD | 22. BRANDON KELLEY |
| 12. WILLIAM D. BRAKE | 23. SUSAN S. CARTER |

The following persons were elected to serve as officers for this Grand Jury:

- 1) THOMAS E. MALLINDINE, FOREPERSON
- 2) LARS G. PIERSON, III, VICE FOREPERSON
- 3) PATTY P. LEATHERWOOD, CLERK
- 4) BRANDON KELLEY, DOORPERSON
- 4) CLIFF ROBERTS, GRAND JURY BAILIFF

Judge Suzanne H. Smith charged and instructed the Grand Jury which followed District Attorney, Rosemary M. Greene, administering the statutory oath to both the Foreperson and then to all other members of this Grand Jury, as well, as the required oaths to this grand jury's bailiffs.

We thank District Attorney Rosemary Greene and her Assistant District Attorneys for their legal opinions and the whole staff for the assistance in the proceedings as to criminal cases presented to this Grand Jury. Also we commend our law enforcement personnel for the excellent

job they do and also commend the officers who appeared before this body from all the different local agencies for their efficiency, appearance and professionalism. Finally, we thank our Bailiff, Mr. Cliff Roberts, for his service and courtesy to this body. We recommend that Mr. Roberts be paid an additional day's pay for his performance and all extra duties and services that he provided this body. Additionally, we would like to thank Hon. Grant Walraven, Clerk of Court for providing breakfast and we appreciate his generosity.

1. We have examined all criminal cases presented by the District Attorney's Office and reported 36 True Bills and 2 No Bills.
2. In accordance with our statutory duties (O.C.G.A. § 36-1-7) on the first day of this term, this body received the written financial reports of the following county officials who voluntarily appeared and reviewed each report:

- (1) Hon. Mitch Ralston, Sheriff of Gordon County along with Chief Deputy Robert L. Paris, Major Pat Bedford and Captain Shane Parrott;
- (2) Hon. Scott Clements, Tax Commissioner;
- (3) Hon. John R. (Richie) Parker, Judge of Probate Court;
- (4) Hon. Grant Walraven, Clerk of Court; and
- (5) Mr. John King, Administrator, Gordon County Board of Commissioners.

All financial reports have been examined and all are accepted as submitted. We appreciate and thank these officials for the job each is doing.

We thank Sheriff Mitch Ralston and his officers and staff for the tour of the new jail and offices and also for the Sheriff's Auxiliary in preparing a lunch following the tour.

3. We acknowledge that Hon. J. Lane Bearden, Judge of Juvenile Court of this county in his capacity as Chairman of our local Child Abuse Protocol committee has submitted the report required by O.C.G.A. §19-15-2(h) and addressed the Grand Jury during their meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016.

4. In accordance with O.C.G.A. §48-5-311(c), this Grand Jury for said County which is impaneled at the term immediately preceding November 14, 2016, hereby select and appoint the following as member and alternate to our local Board of Tax Equalization for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2017, and ending December 31, 2019;

- 1) Member: Gary White
- 2) Alternate: Stephanie Jones

We the Grand Jury for said Term, further request the Clerk of Superior Court and the Sheriff of our County to comply with the statutory deadline in issuing and serving the required precepts on all those named above as our appointees to said Board of Equalization in order that each will be administered his prescribed oath by said Clerk and be charged by the Presiding Judge of Gordon Superior Court with the law and duties relating to their offices as appointed to prior to December 15, 2016.

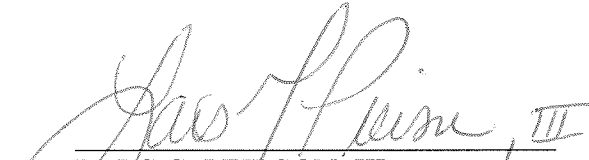
5. We recommend to the Board of Commissioners when they begin consideration on the budget for the next fiscal year that the per diem and pay for bailiffs and jurors remain the same.

6. We authorize Thomas Mallindine, our Foreperson to call this Grand Jury back into session any time during our appointed term, if he warrants it to be necessary.

7. We recommend these presentments be spread upon the minutes of the Court and be published in the legal organ of Gordon County.

This 14th day of November, 2016.


THOMAS E. MALLINDINE
FOREPERSON


LARS G. PEIRSON, III
VICE-FOREPERSON



PATTY P. LEATHERWOOD
CLERK


BRANDON KELLEY
DOORPERSON

ORDER OF THE COURT

Presented in open court, let the same be filed and spread upon the minutes of the Court. Let these presentments be published in the legal organ of Gordon County.

This 14th day of November, 2016.



Hon. Suzanne H. Smith
Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee Judicial Circuit