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Grant Walraven
Clerk

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF GORDON

The Gordon County Superior Court convened on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., with the Hon. 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, 2022.

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| 1. James Brexley Wyatt, Foreperson | 14. Tyler Tipton |
| 2. Kaitlyn Morrell | 15. Elexius Goodwin |
| 3. Deena Banister Walker | 16. Richard A. Hall |
| 4. Makayla Smith | 17. Dakota Jones |
| 5. Suly Barrios | 18. Sandra Miller |
| 6. Roy Kinsey | 19. Audrey Bowling |
| 7. Angela Denise Reynolds | 20. Marsha Ann Smith |
| 8. Hilda Carter | 21. Marvin Gregory Medley |
| 9. Kimberly M. Smart | 22. Justin Montgomery |
| 10. Sandy Harding | 23. Ranzie Jones |
| 11. Alexandria Dunham | 24. Connor Hook, Alternate |
| 12. Vincent A. Lloyd | 25. Emily Jones, Alternate |
| 13. Evie M. Markcum | 26. Jason Benites, Alternate |

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

- 1) James Brexley Wyatt, Foreperson
- 2) Kimberly M. Smart, Vice Foreperson
- 3) Angela Denise Reynolds, Clerk
- 4) Vincent A. Lloyd, Doorperson
- 5) Dwight Gentry & Jim Johnson, Bailiffs

Judge Suzanne H. Smith charged and instructed the Grand Jury which followed District Attorney, Samir J. Patel, 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 Samir Patel and his 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 Bailiffs, Mr. Dwight Gentry and Mr. Jim Johnson, for their service and courtesy to this body. We recommend that they be paid an additional day's pay for their performance and all extra duties and services that he provided this body.

1. We have examined all criminal cases presented by the District Attorney's Office and reported 55 True Bills and 1 No Bills.

2. In accordance with our statutory duties (O.C.G.A. § 36-1-7), this body received the written financial reports of the following county officials and reviewed each report:

- (1) Hon. Mitch Ralston, Sheriff of Gordon County along with Chief Deputy Robert L. Paris and Major Pat Bedford;
- (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) Jim Ledbetter, 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.


3. We acknowledge that Cindy Gregg, 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 Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

4. In accordance with O.C.G.A. §48-5-311(c), Tax Equalization Board Appointments, the Clerk of Superior Court notified this body that the following alternates have been reappointed for the upcoming year.


T. Joseph Campbell 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2025 Alternate Member
Joey English 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2025 Alternate Member

5. We recommend to the Board of Commissioners that juror and grand juror per diem be increased to Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per day for the next fiscal year and pay for bailiffs and remain the same.
6. We authorize Kimberly M. Smart, our Vice Foreperson to call this Grand Jury back into session any time during our appointed term, if she 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 9th day of November, 2022.



Kimberly M. Smart
Vice Foreperson



Angela Denise Reynolds
Clerk



Vincent A. Lloyd
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.

2022 S.P.

This 10th day of November, ~~2023~~.



Hon. D. Scott Smith
Chief Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee Judicial Circuit