

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF GORDON

The Gordon County Superior Court convened on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., with the Honorable Suzanne H. Smith, Judge, Superior Courts, Cherokee Circuit presiding. After Court was called to order, the following persons were selected as Grand Jurors for the June Term, 2023.

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| 1. Tressa Grantham, Foreperson | 14. Doug Sexton |
| 2. John Bradley | 15. Frank Bowen |
| 3. Charlotte Rose | 16. Paul O'Loughlen |
| 4. Jo Beth Briner | 17. Dianne G. Williams |
| 5. Todd Stephens | 18. Angel Michelle Nicholson |
| 6. Michael Duane Bridges | 19. Antonia Nelson |
| 7. William Green | 20. Katherine Bowman |
| 8. Ryan Jason Bishop | 21. Weston Penny |
| 9. Keisha Causby | 22. Kimberly Alred |
| 10. Tiffany Kidd | 23. Doug Edmondson |
| 11. Donna Kay Pasley | 24. Hancel Davila, Alternate |
| 12. Mary Katherine Adams | 25. Russell Stanley, Alternate |
| 13. Robert Kean | 26. Bradford James O'Mahony, Alternate |

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

- 1) Tressa Grantham, Foreperson
- 2) Katherine Bowman, Vice Foreperson
- 3) Kimberly Alred, Clerk
- 4) Weston Penny, Doorperson
- 5) Dwight Gentry & William Tyner, Bailiffs

Judge Suzanne 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 and the required oaths to this grand jury's bailiffs.

We thank District 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. We also comment our law enforcement personnel for the excellent job they do and

thank the officers who appeared before this body from all the different local agencies for their efficiency, appearance and professionalism. We thank our Bailiffs, Dwight Gentry and William Tyner for their service and courtesy to this body and we recommend that they be paid an additional day's pay for their performance and all extra duties and services that they provided this body.

1. We have examined all criminal cases presented by the District Attorney's Office and reported 102 True Bills and 4 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:

- (1) Hon. Mitch Ralston, Sheriff of Gordon County along with Chief Deputy Robert L. Paris & 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. In accordance with O.C.G.A. 48-5-161(d), this Grand Jury was designated as the one to conduct the annual inspection of the Execution Docket and Cashbook of the County Tax Commissioner. The inspection committee consisting of William Green, Paul O'Loghlen, Bradford O'Mahony and Kimberly Alred, inspected our tax commissioner's Execution Docket and issued the following report:

When visiting with Tax Commissioner Clements, we observed the general execution docket that was used many years ago to track all taxes in Gordon County which was done by hand in a ledger. Now in 2023, of course all of the taxes are kept electronically on software which makes things much easier. While completing the inspection, we as jurors saw no issues to report. Commissioner Clements was very professional and knowledgeable about what goes on in the county.

It was very present how much Mr. Clements enjoys what he does and wants what is best for the people of Gordon County. 99.7% of 2019 taxes have been collected; 99.3% of 2020 taxes have been collected; 99% of 2021 and 97.6% of 2022 taxes have been collected.

4. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 15-12-71(b)(1), this Grand Jury was designated as the one to conduct the annual inspection of the conditions and operations of the Gordon County Jail. The inspection committee members were Keisha Causby, Angel Moore, Antonia Nelson and Diane Williams. Our report is as follows: We all thought everything we saw was fine and the jail is very clean. The staff acted like they really care about their jobs and the inmates. We all thank the staff for doing a great job. We thank them for taking the time to do the tour which was great.

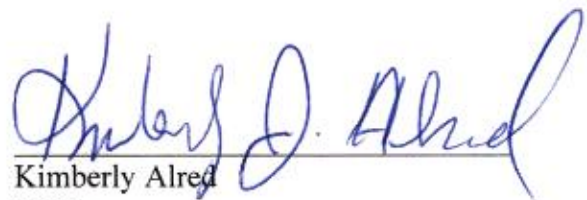
5. We authorize our Foreperson to call this Grand Jury back into session any time during our appointed term, if she warrants it to be necessary.

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


This 16th day August, 2023.



Tressa Grantham
Foreperson



Kimberly Alred
Clerk



Katherine Bowman
Vice Foreperson



Weston Penny
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 17th day of August, 2023.



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