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STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF GORDON

The Gordon County Superior Court convened on Monday, September 10, 2018 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, 2018.

1. BRITTNEY WILSON, FOREPERSON

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| 2. EMILY SANDOVAL | 13. HANNAH M. BAKER |
| 3. OMEGA LOUISE CARR | 14. LINDSEY STANSELL |
| 4. DEBORAH JANE DUNN | 15. ANGELA W. PRATER |
| 5. MARSHA BROWN RHODES | 16. SHEILA A. CASEY |
| 6. WANDA SUE MOREHEAD | 17. LEE ANN AMICO |
| 7. JENNIFER L. GURTNER | 18. CANDY L. SMITH |
| 8. MARK D. MITCHELL | 19. SUSAN L. SHICK |
| 9. ALEXIS JANE CHAMLEE | 20. AMANDA F. ABERCROMBIE |
| 10. RAMONA OWSLEY | 21. GREGORY M. MCDARIS |
| 11. TAMMY DARBY MORAITAKIS | 22. DANNY S. LOWRANCE |
| 12. KYLE T. SMITH | 23. SELENA JANICE AVALOS |

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

- 1) BRITTNEY WILSON, FOREPERSON
- 2) ANGELA W. PRATER, VICE FOREPERSON
- 3) LEE ANN AMICO, CLERK
- 4) DANNY S. LOWRANCE, DOORPERSON
- 4) CLIFF ROBERTS & JIMMY GOBLE, GRAND JURY BAILIFFS

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 Bailiffs, Mr. Cliff Roberts and Mr. Jimmy Goble, for their service and courtesy to this body. We recommend that Mr. Roberts and Mr. Goble 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 75 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 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. Additionally, the other reports required by law were submitted by the Sheriff and County Administrator. We appreciate and thank these officials for the job each is doing.

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, October 1, 2018.

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 December 3, 2018, hereby select and appoint the following as members and alternates to our local Board of Tax Equalization for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2021;

Member: James Ware Alternate: Kim Lamb

Member: Richard Huie Alternate: Linda Diane Kirby

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, 2018.

5. Examine the increase and number of calls/complaints received by the Gordon County Sheriff's Office and evaluate the need for additional officers to meet the growing needs of this community.

6. Examine the procedures and protocols of transporting inmates to and from the courthouse in order to ensure safety and security for all community members.


7. The Courthouse and Courthouse Annex facilities need to be brought up to current code using the SPLOST funds to ensure we are ADA compliant.

8. 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.

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

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

This 26th day of November, 2018.



BRITTNEY WILSON
FOREPERSON



ANGELA W. PRATER
VICE FOREPERSON



LEE ANN AMICO
CLERK

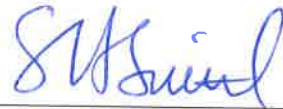


DANNY S. LOWRANCE
DOORPERSON

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 26th day of November, 2018.



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