

**CHEROKEE COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT**

To:	Honorable Ellen McElyea Chief Judge, Superior Court Cherokee County, Georgia	Honorable David L. Cannon, Jr. Judge, Superior Court Cherokee County, Georgia
	Honorable M. Anthony Baker Judge, Superior Court Cherokee County, Georgia	Honorable Shannon Wallace Judge, Superior Court Cherokee County, Georgia

We, the members of the Grand Jury, chosen and sworn to serve the September 2024 Term of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, hereby submit the following report and recommendations.

We, the September 2024 Term Grand Jury, heard 201 Bills of Indictment, returned 200 True Bills and 1 No Bill.

Presentment 1

We, the September 2024 Term Grand Jury, commend Superior Court Bailiffs Pat Tanner and Linda Wolf 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 2024 Term Grand Jury, commend District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway, Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert G. Morton, III, Senior Secretary Mackenzie Lyvers, and every other Assistant District Attorney and staff member of the District Attorney's Office, as well as 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 2024 Term Grand Jury, express our thanks to the Honorable Ellen McElyea for her professionalism and informative empanelment of this Grand Jury.

Presentment 4

We, the September 2024 Term Grand Jury, commend Sheriff Frank Reynolds and his court staff for their excellent work in maintaining safety for jurors within the judicial complex.

Presentment 5

We, the September 2024 Term Grand Jury, express our sincere appreciation to Clerk of Courts Patty Baker and staff for an informative presentation on the operations of the Cherokee County Board of Equalization.

We, the September 2024 Term Grand Jury, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-5-311, having received notice from the Board of Equalization, and after publication by the Clerk of Superior Court in compliance with O.C.G.A. §15-12-81, received and reviewed the submitted applications for the vacant positions on the Cherokee County Board of Equalization. All applicants were thereafter interviewed by the Grand Jury on October 14, 2024.

We, the September 2024 Term Grand Jury, hereby reappoint Helmut Baxter to serve as a Regular Member of the Cherokee County Board of Equalization beginning January 1, 2025, and continuing through December 31, 2027.

We, the September 2024 Term Grand Jury, hereby reappoint Raymond Rollins to serve as Numbered Alternate Member of the Cherokee County Board of Equalization beginning January 1, 2025, and continuing through December 31, 2027.

We, the September 2024 Term Grand Jury, hereby reappoint Kim Smith to serve as a Numbered Alternate Member of the Cherokee County Board of Equalization beginning January 1, 2025, and continuing through December 31, 2027.

We, the September 2024 Term Grand Jury, hereby reappoint Doug Marr to serve as Additional Alternate Members of the Cherokee County Board of Equalization beginning January 1, 2025, and continuing through December 31, 2027.

Presentment 6

We, the September 2024 Term Grand Jury, express our sincere appreciation to Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Hines for her informative presentation on December 9, 2024 concerning the current Cherokee County Child Abuse Protocol and 2024 Annual Report, as well as the 2023 Cherokee County Child Fatality Review Committee Annual Report. We, the September 2024 Term Grand Jury, appreciate the hard work and dedication of each member of the Cherokee County Child Fatality Review and the Cherokee County Child Abuse Protocol Committees.

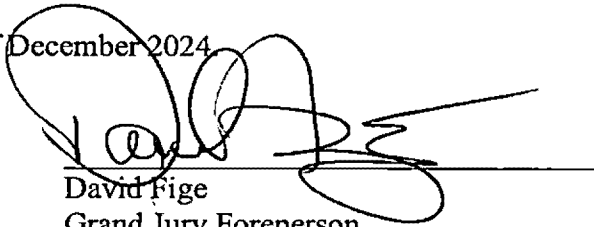
Presentment 7

We, the September 2024 Term Grand Jury, express our sincere appreciation to Clerk of Courts Patty Baker and staff for a presentation on December 9, 2024 concerning juror pay in accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-12-7. We, the Grand Jury, recommend that Traverse Juror pay remain at the rate of \$35 per day of service and that Grand Juror pay remain at the rate of \$50 per day of service.

Presentment 8

We, the September 2024 Term Grand Jury, express our sincere appreciation to Court Administrator Jody Overcash and staff for a presentation on December 9, 2024 concerning bailiff pay in accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-12-7. We, the Grand Jury, recommend that bailiff pay remain at the rate of \$125 per day of service.

Respectfully submitted this 9 day of December 2024

  
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David Fige  
Grand Jury Foreperson

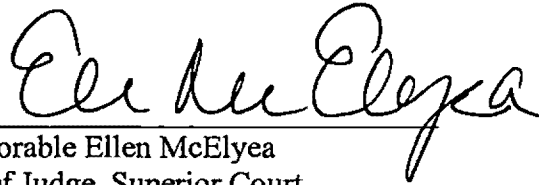
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ORDER

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 9 day of December 2024.



Honorable Ellen McElyea  
Chief Judge, Superior Court  
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit