

**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 January 2024 Term of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, hereby submit the following report and recommendations.

We, the January 2024 Term Grand Jury, heard 171 Bills of Indictment, returned 171 True Bills and 0 No Bills.

Presentment 1

We, the January 2024 Term Grand Jury, commend Superior Court Bailiffs Pat Tanner, Tina Ingall and Tom Owen 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 January 2024 Term Grand Jury, commend District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway, Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert G. Morton, III, each 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 January 2024 Term Grand Jury, express our thanks to the Honorable Judge M. Anthony Baker for his professionalism and informative empanelment of this Grand Jury.

Presentment 4

We, the January 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.

We, the January 2024 Term Grand Jury, additionally express our thanks to Sheriff Frank Reynolds, Captain Kevin Cox and Major Olen Boughner for hosting an informative tour of the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center. We, the Grand Jury, inspected the roll call room, back sally port, booking/intake area, laundry, kitchen, staff dining, and day room, as well as male and female housing units. Overall, we found the areas we visited to be clean, orderly and effectively managed. We, the Grand Jury, additionally found the assortment of programs offered to inmates to be more than adequate to support the needs of the facility.

Presentment 5

We, the January 2024 Term Grand Jury, express our thanks to Clerk of Courts Patty Baker for providing a tour of the Clerk's Office. We, the Grand Jury, express our sincere appreciation to Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk Julie West and Deputy Clerk Ronnie Reece for an informative presentation on the operations of the Clerk's Office.

Presentment 6

We, the January 2024 Term Grand Jury, express great concern regarding the lack of parking at the Cherokee County Justice Center. We, the Grand Jury, strongly encourage county officials to take swift action to ensure that all visitors have access to adequate parking when conducting business or serving as jurors at the Justice Center.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of April, 2024.


Logan Garner
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 April, 2024.



Honorable M. Anthony Baker
Judge, Superior Court
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit