

GEORGIA

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY

It is ordered that the foregoing presentments of the Grand Jury empanelled for the 2017 July Term of the Superior Court of Athens-Clarke County be entered on the minutes of the Court and published at the expense of the County in the official organ of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia. Exhibits are not to be published, but shall be available for inspection and reproduction in the Office of Clerk of Superior Court Athens-Clarke County,

This 3rd day of October, 2017.



**Eric W. Norris, Judge
Superior Court Athens-Clarke County
Western Judicial Circuit**

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**General Presentments and Reports
Athens-Clarke County Grand Jury
July Term 2017**

On Monday, July 10, 2017, twenty-five (25) jurors, including two alternates were selected to serve as members of the Grand Jury for the Athens-Clarke County Superior Court for the July Term 2017. The jurors were administered the oath and charged with their responsibilities.

The jurors elected **Willie Casseus** as Foreperson, **Elizabeth Harnden** as Assistant Foreperson, **Jan Neubauer** as Secretary and **Susanne Alford** as Assistant Secretary.

The remaining jurors were: Carolyn Laraine Andradszki, Henry Herbert Cobb, III, Cedric Warren Cooper, Daniel Richard Cottar, Robert Allen Cunningham, Matthew Zachary Head, Stacy Herndon Inoko, Paulette Joy Johnson, Juliette Geer Kennedy, Philip John Kieffer, Edwin Eugene Maddox, Sandra Metts, Jemeka Joanna Moon, Juanita Page, Russell Reed Parham, Terrell Dean Piotrowski, Richard James Scheall, Mark Standard Warren, Ashley Marie Welbourn, Kurt William Wood and Timothy A Wright.

I. Criminal Functions

In the capacity of the criminal functions of the Grand Jury, **184** cases were brought before the Grand Jury for indictment. Of these cases **178** were returned as **True Bills**, **5** were returned as **No Bills**, and **1** was returned as **Split Bill**.

II. Civil Functions

The July Grand Jury undertook two civil functions:

- A. Review the revenue and expenditure statements of the Probate Court, Clerk of Superior Court, Athens-Clarke County Finance Department, and Office of the Sheriff (O.C.G.A § 36-1-7).**

Finance Committee Report

As required by O.C.G.A 36-1-7, we, the Grand Jury during the July Term 2017, formed a committee to review the financial statements from the Athens Clarke County Finance Department/Treasurer, Probate Court, Office of the Sheriff, and Superior Court Clerk. After review of financial reports provided by each department, the committee formed of Willie Casseus, Richard Scheall, Mark Warren, and Kurt Wood, note the findings listed below with no further recommendations.

Findings

1. The amounts listed in the statements are mathematically accurate.

2. The statements provided by each department accurately represent the revenues and expenditures of the departments, to the best of our knowledge.

B. Appoint members to the Tax Equalization Board

This Grand Jury was charged with the responsibility of appointing or reappointing one (1) regular member and three (3) alternate members to the Board of Tax Equalization for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018. A Committee was established to interview any applicants for the Board, including several current members who wished to reapply for appointment. The Committee consisted of the following Grand Jurors: Chairperson Sandra Metts, Henry Cobb, Terry Piotrowski, Richard Scheall and Mark Warren.

In addition to the necessary legal advertisement, a public service announcement requesting applicants was made through the normal Athens-Clarke County public information outlets. After interviews were conducted of the applicants, the Committee recommended to the Grand Jury as a whole to make the following appointments to the Athens-Clarke County Board of Tax Equalization for the three-year term beginning January 1, 2018: Regular Member: Ron Schwartz; First Alternate: Patton O'Neill; Second Alternate: Linda Smith; and Third Alternate: Nancy Burk.

On October 3, 2017, the Committee presented its recommendations to the Grand Jury. The Grand Jury voted to endorse the recommendations of the Committee and hereby makes these appointments to the Athens-Clarke County Board of Tax Equalization as set forth above.

III. Acknowledgements

We, the Grand Jury, thank District Attorney Ken Mauldin for guidance and support during the term.

We, the Grand Jury, thank the Assistant District Attorneys for their tireless patience and presentations of the cases, and legal explanations.

We, the Grand Jury, thank the Bailiffs and other court staff for providing our accommodations and ensuring we had everything we needed to proceed with our duties each week.

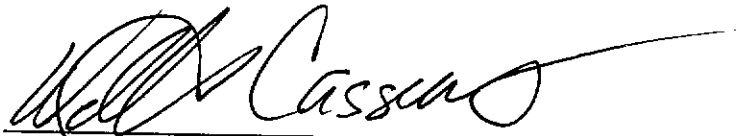
We, the Grand Jury, sincerely thank the professionals of the Athens-Clarke County Police Department and Sheriff's Department, University of Georgia Police Department, and other local law enforcement agencies for their hard work and honest testimony.

IV. Closing Remarks

The Forewoman and Secretary would like to graciously thank this panel of jurors. Grand Jury appointment is a part of our civic duty that each member was willing, able, and honored to perform. At a time when diversity does not always mean congeniality and decision-making isn't always cooperative, this particular group of individuals represented the very best of both. We are grateful for your ongoing spirit of mutual respect, kindness, stamina, and patience throughout each session of this process. Your humored balance to these serious issues, and your sense of responsibility made our chores manageable.


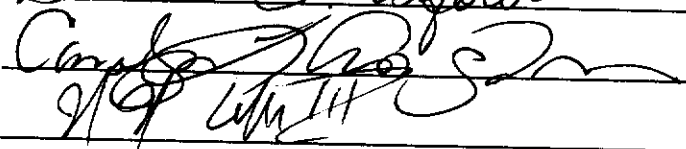
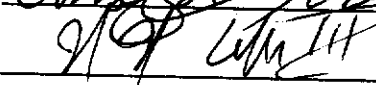

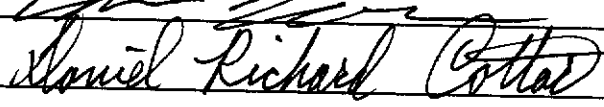
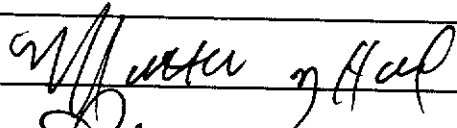

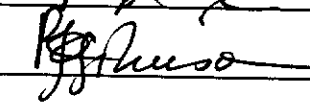
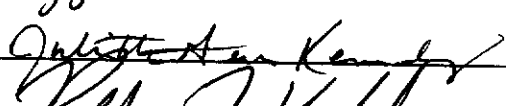

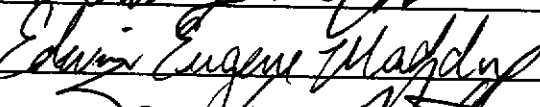

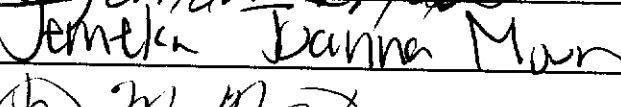
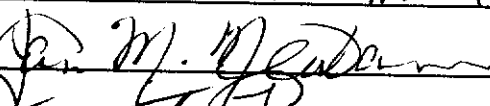
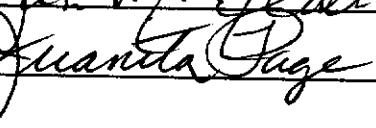
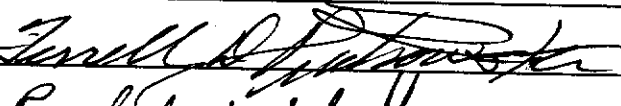
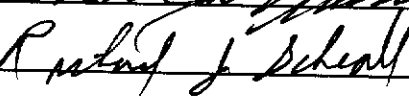
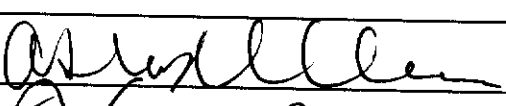
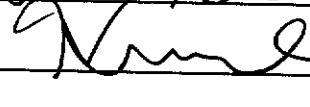
Our appreciation is extended to all members of the Grand Jury, the court, and the local community for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted, this **3rd of October, 2017**

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Willie Casseus, Foreperson

GRAND JURORS' SIGNATURES:

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