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Grant Walraven
Clerk

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF GORDON

The Superior Court of Gordon County convened on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., with the Honorable D. Scott Smith, Chief Judge of the Superior Courts for the Cherokee Judicial Circuit, presiding. After court was called to order, the following persons were selected as Grand Jurors for September Term, 2025.

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| 1. Angela Cochran, Foreperson | 14. Deisi Quenia Rios |
| 2. Autumn Sutton | 15. Tina Fowler |
| 3. Tuesdae Jade Anderson | 16. David Hosker |
| 4. Tyler Bennett | 17. Mercedes West |
| 5. Issac Johnson, Jr. | 18. Heidi Belteton |
| 6. Scott Snow | 19. Brandon Valencia |
| 7. Kala Helton | 20. Burton Zane Fox |
| 8. Brian Keith Asherbranner | 21. Joshua Andrew Johnson |
| 9. Joan Smith | 22. Thomas Dathan McDaniel |
| 10. Joshua Carnes | 23. Arnold Garcia-Benites |
| 11. Lamar Tinch | 24. Jonathan Boling, Alternate |
| 12. Nicholas Lemmermann | 25. Rodney Leroy Thompson, Alternate |
| 13. Roy Thomas Payne | 26. Candace Jean Lucille Adams, Alternate |

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

- 1) Angela Cochran, Foreperson
- 2) Nicholas Lemmermann, Vice Foreperson
- 3) Autumn Sutton, Clerk
- 4) David Hosker, Doorperson
- 5) Dwight Gentry, William Tyner, and Barry Brock, Bailiffs

Judge Scott Smith charged and instructed the Grand Jury, and District Attorney Erle J.

Newton III administered the statutory oaths to the Foreperson, to all other members of this Grand Jury, and to this Grand Jury's bailiffs.

We thank District Attorney Newton and his Assistants for their legal opinions and the whole staff for the assistance in the proceedings as to criminal cases presented to this Grand Jury. Mr. Newton's patience and understanding were much appreciated. We also commend 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, William Tyner, and Barry Brock, 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 43 True Bills and -0- No Bills.
2. In accordance with our statutory duties (O.C.G.A. § 36-1-7), this body received the written financial reports of the following county officials 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. We appreciate and thank these officials for the job each is doing.

3. We acknowledge that Whitney A. Law, Chief Assistant District Attorney and 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 our meeting on Wednesday, September 24th, 2025.

4. In accordance with O.C.G.A. §48-5-311(c), Tax Equalization Board Appointments, the Clerk of Superior Court notified this body that the following member and alternate is filled for the upcoming term.

Member: T. Joseph Campbell

Alternate: Joey English

5. We reviewed the juror and grand juror per diem which was recently increased and recommend for the next fiscal year that pay for bailiffs and jurors remain the same.

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

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

This 19th day of November, 2025



Angela Cochran, Foreperson



Nicholas Lemmermann, Vice Foreperson



Autumn Sutton, Clerk

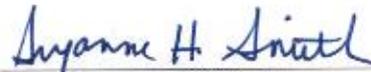


David Hosker, Doorperson

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 20th day of November, 2025



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