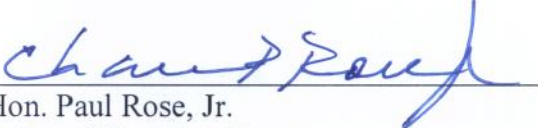


**ORDER FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION OF GRAND JURY
PRESENTMENTS**

The above and foregoing presentments of the Grand Jury for the February Term, 2012, of the Superior Court of Liberty County having been presented to the Court, it is hereby ordered that said presentments shall be filed by the Clerk of Superior Court and published in the legal organ of said county in the manner provided by law for legal advertisements.

So ordered on this 7th day of September, 2012.


Hon. Paul Rose, Jr.
Judge of Superior Court,
Atlantic Judicial Circuit of Georgia

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We the Liberty County grand Jury for the February 2012 term convened on February 13, 2012 at the Liberty County courthouse. After having been duly selected and impaneled, the body was sworn in by Judge Paul Rose. Judge Rose instructed the Grand Jury of its duties and responsibilities. The jury consisted of twenty- three members, whose names are contained in Exhibit A herein.

On February 13th and 14th, as well as, May 3rd and 4th 2012, the Grand Jury heard the presentation of 99 indictments by the Atlantic Judicial circuit District attorney's office. The Grand Jury returned True Bills on ninety-four of the indictments and and No Bills on five of them.

On March 14, 2012, eight members of the Grand Jury visited and inspected the office of the County Commissioners and the Tax Commissioners office of Joey Brown. County Manager, Joey Brown gave us a presentation of future plans and goals for Liberty County. After this presentation, the grand Jury asked that a second meeting be scheduled to look at various financial records as required by our examination and inspection checklists.

After the meeting with Joey Brown, we then had a presentation by the Tax Commissioner, Mr. Vigil Jones. He thoroughly explained to us the duties of his office and answered various questions regarding how these duties were carried out. We then also asked to meet with him to follow up to examine the necessary financial documents.

The Grand Jury returned to the County Commissioner's office on May 21, 2012 to examine the list of compliance items outlined in the Georgia Code. Joey Brown had the Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Kim McGlothan to give us a breakdown of the financial operations of the Commissioner's office. Upon completion of this presentation, Tax Commissioner Virgil Jones presented the requested compliance items listed in the Georgia Code. After this presentation, we took a tour of the Tax Commissioner's financial department.

Respectfully Submitted,



Reba M Seagroves
Foreperson

EXHIBIT A

The 2012 February – September term panel of the Liberty County, Georgia Grand Jury.

Reba Seagroves (Foreperson)	DeLisa Espada (Secretary)
Pamela Miness Henderson (Asst. Foreperson)	Mattie brown (Assistant Secretary)
Faye Beasley	Joe G Brett
Gregory J Cochrane	Stephen P Coleman
Danny M Creasy	Paul A Crowley
Janice Hearn	Sylvester Fuller, Jr.
Toney Jones, Jr.	David A Jelks
Glenda F Layton	John A Keinath
Gregory Richardson	Charles David Purser
Victor H Shanks	Jason M Rogers
Jeffrey R Struble	Jerome E Standard

On March 14, 2012, eight members of the Grand Jury visited both the Liberty County Commissioners' office and the Liberty County Tax Commissioner. Mr. Joey Brown, County Administrator, extended a delightful welcome and provided a general overview of the commissioners' responsibilities, completed projects, active projects and future endeavors. Since a more in-depth examination of all undertakings was needed, we agreed to complete the review at a future meeting. We next visited the Liberty County Tax Commissioner's office where Mr. Virgil Jones warmly greeted the members. Mr. Jones provided basic information of the day-to-day operations of the tax office including the receipt and dispensation of taxes. Points concerning the relationship between the Tax Commission and County Commission were clarified. In order to examine several documents and receive clarification on other matters of the Tax Commission, another visit was scheduled. Following these meeting and interviews, the Grand Jury met to examine information from the meeting and to prepare for the meeting on May 21, 2012.

On May 21, 2012, seven members of the Grand Jury returned to examine specific documents of the Liberty County Commissioners and the Liberty County Tax Commissioner. Mr. Joey Brown provided was prepared to give a detailed review of all county projects. Kim McGlothlin further explained the financial operations and statements and answered other relative questions. Mr. Brown's knowledge of all projects was exceptional. The challenges faced by the county in meeting the needs of our ever evolving and expanding community were a point of great interest. Presently, the county is examining ways to maintain a balance and move forward in the face of new regulations, a freeze on property taxes, decreased reserve, the elimination of jobs, and a need for additional emergency services throughout the county.


The Grand Jury continued its visit with Mr. Virgil Jones, Tax Commissioner, who gave a spirited tour of the renovated office. Even though the office seemed to have limited space for its operations, Mr. Jones appeared appreciative of the expansion that had recently been made. Following the tour of the office, Mr. Jones invited Tianne Whited to give an account of vouchers, expenditures, dockets, and cashbox receipts. The members were then given an explanation of each of the tax office's major operations- tax collection, disbursements, and the process for handling delinquent taxes. Mr. Jones identifies one of the greatest challenges of his office to be the number of properties for sale that are not generating tax revenue

and developers. Both visits generated many questions and concerns about the great responsibilities of both offices. Most important, the visits provided an education for the Grand Jury, and a glimpse into the jobs being done by those entrusted with handling important matters for the citizens of Liberty County. Indeed, the cooperative attitudes, preparation, and willingness to accommodate the Grand Jury, were impressive. Most noticeable, was the exemplary manner in which each office in managing the work before it.

On June 11, 2012, seven members of the Grand Jury, under the guidance of Mr. Joey Brown, toured the renovated old courthouse building which will house several county agencies. Even though the work was incomplete, the product could easily be seen. The building will allow easy access too many services, but most importantly, the needs of the juvenile justice system will be more efficiently met.

The Grand Jury met on June 11, 2012 to review notes for its final report.

Respectfully submitted,



Reba M. Seagroves

Foreperson