

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LIBERTY COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

**GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS**

September Term, 2012

We, the Liberty County Grand Jury for the September 2012 term convened on September 10, 2012 at the Liberty County Courthouse. After having been duly selected and impaneled, the body was sworn in by Judge Paul Rose. At which time Judge Rose instructed the members of the Grand Jury in its duties and responsibilities. The jury consisted of twenty-three members whose names are contained in EXHIBIT A hereto.

On September 10 as well as November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Grand Jury heard presentation of a number of indictments by the Atlantic Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office. The Grand Jury returned True Bills on a number of the indictments.

During the month of October 2012, the Grand Jury met to discuss inspection committees and to make a decision whether to retain or appoint new members to the Board of Equalization – the decision was to retain current members. The Grand Jury also conducted inspections of the Liberty County Sheriff's Office including the Liberty County Jail, the Liberty County Probate Court, and the Liberty County Clerk's Office. Each inspection was inspected by eight Grand Jurors including the Foreperson.

Upon arriving at the Sheriff's Office, we were met by Sheriff Steve Sikes, who then gave us a tour of the new Sheriff Office. Sheriff Sikes explained the day to day operations and a guided tour of the different offices and personnel. After speaking with Sheriff Sikes, we then proceeded to the Liberty County Jail, where we were met by Warden Doug Franks and his assistant Bruce Duncan. The day to day operations were explained and the Grand Jurors were introduced to the staff. The Grand Jurors were informed that there was a dire need for more officers, that the medical facility was too small, more monitors were needed and also upgraded (too old), more camera needed as there are still some black-out spots, and converting the old courtroom into the medical facility would garner the space needed to accommodate inmates. The Grand Jurors did not detect any deficiencies within the personnel nor deputies. The Grand Juror did meet Keith Moran, who informed the jurors that he was retiring soon.

The Grand Jury next inspected the Liberty County Clerk's Office and was greeted by F. Barry Wilkes, Clerk of Superior Courts, who commenced to give us a tour of the Clerk's Office and the day to day operation and its personnel – there were no deficiencies to report all went well.

The Probate Court was the final inspection for the Grand Jury, and upon entering, the Grand Jurors were met personally by Judge Nancy Aspinwall, she was very informative and

packets were handed out the juror, so that they may prepare their own wills. The Grand Jury felt Judge Aspinwall was and is very passionate about her job. There were no other issues to report other than the normal day to day operations of the Probate Court and its personnel.

The September 2012 Term of the Grand Jury met for the final time on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 at which time another decision was made regarding the Board of Equalization – members were retained again and to discuss any other information regarding term.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Virginia Thompson-Taylor  
Foreperson

## EXHIBIT A

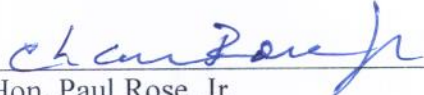
The September 2012 – February 2013 term panel of the Liberty County, Georgia Grand Jury.

Virginia Thompson-Taylor (Foreperson)	William D. Darsey (Asst. Foreperson)
Krystal M. Lindsey (Clerk)	Sandra D. Flournoy (Asst. Clerk)
Margaret A. Alvin	John R. Breen Jr.
Michael L. Brown	Amy L. Butler
Kaitlin E. Cifka	Boniface C. Duffy
Steven A. Elias	Bryan A. Gilbert
Carmen G. Gonzalez	Celestine L. Graham
Tisha N. Jones	Malissa I. Linville
William C. Lydic	Richard S. Mehaffey
Gertrude P. Ratliff	Robert L. Robinson
Yong H. Szczech	Shelia R. Thomas
Heather N. Welch	

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

The above and foregoing presentments of the Grand Jury for the September 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 11th day of February, 2013.

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