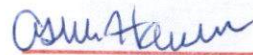
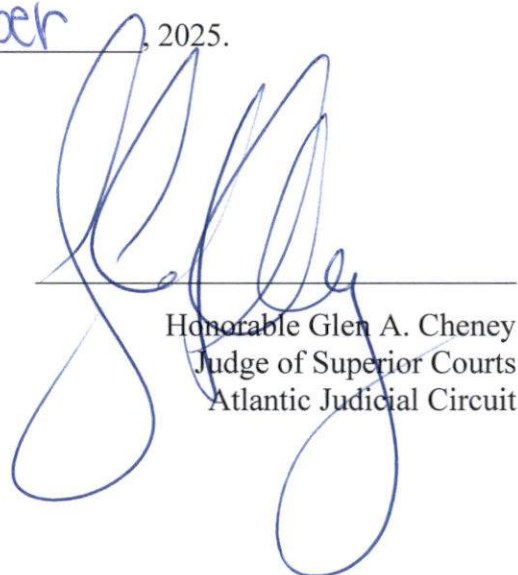


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CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK**ORDER FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION OF GRAND JURY
PRESENTMENTS**

The above and foregoing presentments of the Grand Jury for the September Term 2025, having been held on September 8th, 2025, September 9th, 2025, November 12th, 2025, and November 13th, 2025, of the September Term of the Superior Court of Liberty County. The Court hereby orders 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 the law for legal advertisements.

So ordered on this 15th day of November, 2025.



Honorable Glen A. Cheney
Judge of Superior Courts
Atlantic Judicial Circuit

To: The Clerk of Superior Court

Date: November 20, 2025

Subject: Grand Jury – Fall Term 2025

The Grand Jury reconvened on 12 November of the year 2025

November 12, 2025:

45 Cases were presented:

True Bills = 124 counts

No Bills = 1 count

November 13, 2025

7 cases were presented:

True Bills = 21 counts

No Bills = 0 counts

Grand Jury Officers

Foreperson: Timothy Beaty

Assistant Foreperson: Ralph Robinson

Clerk: Kimberly McManus

Assistant Clerk: Jennifer Coppock

Signed by Assistant Clerk, Jennifer Coppock on November 20, 2025



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Grand Jury Inspection of Liberty County Jail and Inmate Files

Performed September 9, 2025 at 11:30 am

Members of the committee in attendance:

Stephanie Bourgeois

James Bennett

Iris Cadiz

Michael Peyton

Kimberly McManus- Clerk

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We were met at the jail by Major Sascha Krumnow and 2 of his deputies who escorted us on the tour.

There were several issues we observed which need to be addressed:

1. The staff in the intake area are forced to utilize an approximately 8'x10' holding cell for both their restroom and break room. The coffee pot sits less than 1 foot from the toilet. The microwave is too close, as well. Paper file records are also stored in the small space, along one wall of the room. This is an unsanitary condition that needs to be rectified.
2. Employee lockers are located within the medical intake room, where more paper records are stored. If there is an intake going on, employees may not have access to their belongings.
3. Intercom buttons used to signal the deputy in the control room to unlock doors are not operational throughout the facility, with a single exception. Staff must carry walkie talkies to communicate the need for doors to be unlocked.
4. Inmate kitchen dining area has very old, degraded carpeting that is dirty. The area behind the table is being used to store cleaning equipment.
5. The air vents and surrounding ceiling tiles in the Tower 1 control area are filthy.
6. The circular staircase that is the only entrance and exit to Tower 1 control area is a hazard for anyone who uses it.
7. Many doors have repair hinges applied. Most of the doors we went through did not self-close and had to be manually pulled into the locked position.
8. Observed damage to the padding on the wall in the medical isolation padded room we were shown.
9. Only Tower 2 has the ceiling ventilation system as prescribed by law. It is lacking in the other parts of the jail where inmates are housed.
10. Major Kumnow assured us that there is adequate heating to all parts of the jail and the thermostat is computer controlled.
11. Old, degraded carpeting in Tower 2 is sticky to walk on.
12. The inmate's property is stored in hanging bags with labels. There are cameras outside of the room and the booking deputies who are on site 24/7 have a clear view of the door; however, there are no cameras inside that room.
13. We did inspect the files where the inmate records are kept in various places throughout the jail. They were all tidy and well marked. Because of the lack of storage, we were told that older records are stored in another location, off site. We did not see those records.

14. There is a noticeable lack of worship space for inmates.
15. There is a noticeable lack of space for educational classes to obtain GED or vocational training.
16. The exercise yards are concrete on 4 of 5 sides. There is no grass. Perhaps an in-house exercise plan that is safe enough to prevent lawsuits could help.
17. Mop buckets were stored along the side of one hallway. There is no storage area for this equipment.
18. The building's computer system is out of date and needs upgrading urgently.
19. The inmate laundry is an issue. Currently, bedding is washed every other week. Inmates are issued shorts, a tee shirt and a jumpsuit. Those items go to the laundry once a week. There are 2 washers and 3 dryers to serve the entire population. We suggest they need 6 washers and 8 dryers.

We also noted several things for which we commend Major Kumnow and his staff:

1. The kitchen area was very clean and had more than 1 sink with soap and paper towel dispensers.
2. The dishwashing area was very clean with chemicals to sterilize connected to the dishwasher.
3. Food items were observed in the freezer and walk-in cooler. There were dates on all stored items , which were very neatly placed on appropriate shelves. All food storage areas were very clean.
4. Throughout the facility, the hallways were all very clean and smelled faintly of disinfectant.
5. The staff were very courteous and professional.
6. The clinic was very small. The nurses made the best use of the too small space for the job they were doing.
7. Major Kumnow and his staff are doing the best they can within the set perimeters they have been allotted to work.

On behalf of the committee, we thank you for the opportunity to serve our community through the opportunity to perform this inspection.



Kimberly McManus, clerk

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November 10, 2025

Ms. Linda Dixon Thompson
Clerk of Superior, Juvenile, State and Magistrate Court
Liberty County Justice Center
102 South Main Street, Suite 1200
Hinesville, Ga. 31313



Re: Grand Jury Request for Increase Per Diem Pay

Dear Ms. Thompson:

I'm in receipt of the Liberty County Grand Jury's request for an increase in the juror's per diem pay. I discussed this issue with Chairman Donald Lovette, and he requested that staff survey adjoining counties. The attached document shows what we discovered from the survey. Staff discussed our findings with Chairman Lovette, and he stated that we would increase the per diem to **\$30.00** to be in alignment with the counties surveyed.

We had this discussion several weeks ago, and I apologize for not getting back with you sooner. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (912) 876-2164 or by electronic mail at Joseph.Mosley@Libertycountyga.gov.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Mosley, AICP
County Administrator

**REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN JUROR PAY
LIBERTY COUNTY GRAND JURY
September Term 2025**

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DATE: September 9, 2025

TO: Board of Commissioners,
Liberty County

FROM: The Liberty County Grand Jurors for the September Term 2025

RE: Request for Consideration of Increased Daily Compensation for Jurors Serving Civic Duty

The Liberty County Grand Jurors respectfully request that the Board consider increasing the daily compensation for individuals serving as jurors in our county courts, including grand juries, from \$25.00 a day to \$50.00 a day. This adjustment would better recognize the vital civic duty jurors perform and address the financial burdens they often face.

Jury service is a cornerstone of our justice system, ensuring fair trials and community oversight of government operations. In Liberty County, grand juries play a particularly important role, not only in reviewing criminal cases but also in conducting civil inspections of county agencies, records, and budgets under Georgia law (O.C.G.A. § 15-12-71). These duties require jurors' time, travel, and expertise, often for weeks or months, yet the current compensation has not kept pace with inflation or living costs. The juror per diem hasn't increased in over 40 years. An increase to \$50.00 per day would align with economic realities and encourage broader participation from working families, retirees, and others who might otherwise face hardship.

We the Liberty County Grand Jurors approve the increase and recommend that the Liberty County Board of Commissioners approve as recommended.

This 18th day of September 2025.



Signature of the Foreperson
of the Liberty County Grand Jury

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NOTICE OF REQUIRED GRAND JURY APPOINTMENTS

To: Liberty County Grand Jury
September Term, 2025

From: Linda Dixon Thompson
Clerk of Superior Court

Re: Board of Equalization Appointments Required During Term

Georgia laws required the Grand Jury to appoint members and alternate members of the Liberty County Board of Equalization (hereinafter referred to as "board" or "BOE"). There are two positions on the board for which appointments must be made during the current term of court, as follows:

Position	Name of Current Appointee
Member	Clarence McCray
Alternate Member 2	Karen L. Branson

Terms of offices of these members of the board will expire on December 31, 2025.

The following information is provided to aid you with the process of making appointments to the board.

Grand Jury Duties

Attached is a copy of applicable Georgia laws governing the establishment, composition, method of appointing and training members and alternate members, and duties of county boards of equalization. Provisions of Code Section 48-5-311 (c) (2) require the Grand Jury to appoint members and alternate members of the local Board of Equalization before December 15 of the year in which any member or alter member's term expires or whenever a vacancy is created on the board for any reason. The Liberty County Board of Equalization consists of three (3) regular members and nine (9) alternate members. Attached is a list of current members and alternate members and their positions on the board. All current members and alternate members have met the mandatory 40-hour training requirements provided for in O.C.G.A. § 48-5-311 (b)(2)(B).

Typical Methods for Making Appointments

As an independent statutory body, the methodology you employ for making appointments to the board of equalization is solely within your discretion. However, there are three methods that other grand juries have used for this purpose:

1. **Reappointment of current members.** A majority of grand jurors did not want to appoint new members or alternates to the board and concurred that current members should be reappointed to new terms of office.
2. **Recruitment of applications through advertisement.** Grand jurors desired opening the appointment process up to anyone who wanted to be considered for appointment. To get the word out about forthcoming appointments and to encourage citizens to apply for positions, the grand jury requested the clerk of superior court to run advertisements in the county legal organ encouraging interested individuals to submit applications (either in writing or on a form on the clerk's website at www.libertyco.com/services/BOE.html). A deadline was established for remittance of applications. The clerk provided copies of applications submitted to the grand jury in advance of a meeting called for the purpose of reviewing applications and deciding which individuals were qualified and should be appointed. Incumbent members and alternates were required to reapply for appointment the board of equalization.
3. **Appointment from within the ranks of the grand jury.** Grand jurors who were interested in serving on the board of equalization were unilaterally appointed by the grand jury as either a member or alternate member of the board without advertisement to the public.

If Option 2 is chosen, please contact me as soon as possible, so that I can facilitate advertisement of the notice in the Coastal Courier, the county legal organ. I will need to know the deadline for submittal of applications.

Upon making your appointments, please send me a list. A form is attached for this purpose.

Please contact me if you have additional questions or if you need assistance with this or any other matter.


In the Superior Court of Liberty County
State of Georgia

In Re: Appointment of Member and Alternate Members of Liberty County Board of Equalization

We, the Grand Jury chosen and impaneled for the September 2025 term of superior court of Liberty County, appoint the following member and alternate member of the Liberty County Board of Equalization for terms of office beginning on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2028:

Position	Appointee	Appointee's Address <i>(Mailing/Street, City, Zip)</i>
Member	Clarence McCray	404 Martin Road, Hinesville, GA 31313
Alternate 2	Karen L. Branson	212 S. Topi Trail, Hinesville, GA 31313

This 8th day of September, 2025.


Foreperson