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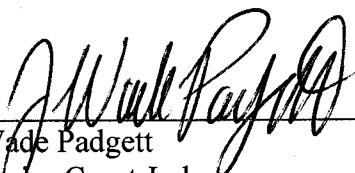
IN RE: GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT FOR THE SEPTEMBER TERM 2013

The Grand Jury having returned the attached general presentment for the September Term 2013, and the same having been reviewed and accepted by the Court on November 15, 2013, it is now,

ORDERED that the said presentment shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court for Richmond County, and that it shall be published once in the *Augusta Chronicle*, the legal gazette for said County; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the said general presentment shall be posted by the Director of Information Technology on the Augusta-Richmond County website for public access through the Internet (World Wide Web).

It is so ORDERED this 15th day of November 2013.



J. Wade Padgett
Superior Court Judge
Augusta Judicial Circuit

TO: The Honorable J. Wade Padgett
Judge, Superior Court

FROM: Richmond County Grand Jury
September Term 2013

DATE: November 15, 2013

RE: Grand Jury Presentment

We, the members of the Augusta-Richmond County Grand Jury for the September Term 2013, having been duly sworn by the Honorable James G. Blanchard, Jr. on the 16th day of September 2013, submit our presentment on the 15th day of November 2013, our last day as an official body of the Grand Jury.

To discharge our sworn duties, as prescribed by the laws of the State of Georgia, we met on nine (9) dates during our term and acted upon Bills of Indictments presented to us by the District Attorney's Office.

A Sub-Committee was formed to inspect the Charles B. Webster Detention Center; the report is attached.

The Grand Jury respectfully submits this presentment on the 15th day of November 2013 and requests that it is published.

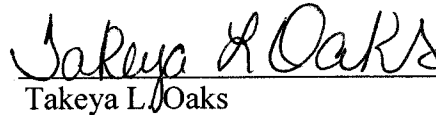


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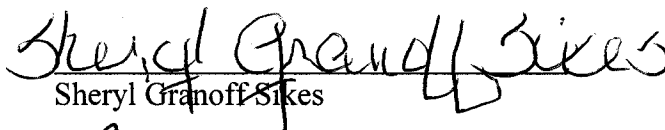


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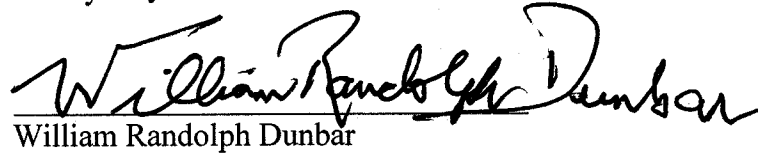
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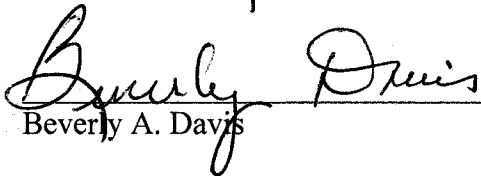
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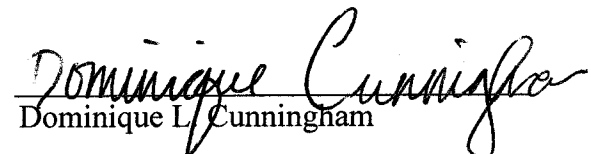
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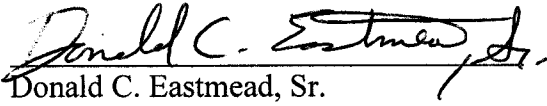
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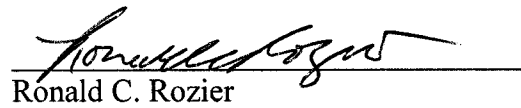
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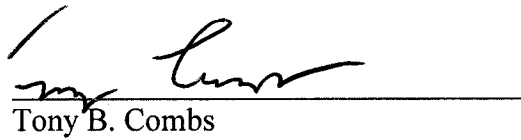
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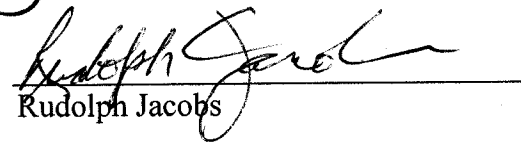
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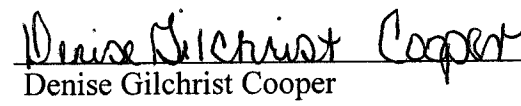


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SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SEPTEMBER TERM 2013 GRAND JURY
REPORT ON THE CHARLES B. WEBSTER DETENTION CENTER

A Sub-Committee of the September Term 2013 Grand Jury toured the Charles B. Webster Detention Center on October 1, 2013. Captain Chester Huffman was our guide and explained, due to the timing of our 2:15 p.m. arrival, that he was able to keep the Employee Dining Lounge open so we could experience the food served on a daily basis. Before entering the facility, we were issued visitor badges. Next, we walked to a security door which Captain Huffman explained has another security door on the other side. Many of the doors in the facility are paired as a security feature as well as for video surveillance. Only one door can be opened at a time so both doors must be closed before another is allowed to open. Once we went through this first line of security, Captain Huffman introduced the Sub-Committee Members to two deputy officers standing in a security office a few feet from the second door. The hallway leading to the Employee Dining Lounge was wide with a very tall ceiling; another security feature which allows the deputy officers working the Main Security Tower to have a clear view of all people traffic in the central corridors of facility.

Next, Captain Huffman guided Sub-Committee Members past the Main Security Tower to the Employee Dining Lounge. Sub-Committee Members did not expect the food to be all that appetizing; however, we were pleasantly surprised to find the Employee Dining Lounge clean with well cared for dining furnishing. The menu items were impressive for a county jail facility and included a choice of fried, baked or barbecued chicken, French fries, sweet potatoes, cabbage, a few dessert options, and typical drink options such as sweet and unsweet tea, water and lemonade. The meal was very good and Sub-Committee Members were wondering how much the food cost. Captain Huffman asked each of us to provide him with the cost to feed the facility's staff and inmates. After a few minutes of wrong answers, Captain Huffman advised the cost per meal is \$0.84. Sub-Committee Members agreed this represents a tremendous cost-savings for Richmond County tax dollars. Captain Huffman explained the Kitchen was built to handle the food needs of the staff and inmates for the continued expansion of facility.

Walking past the Main Security Tower in the opposite direction of the Employee Dining Lounge, Captain Huffman led us down a newly-constructed hallway to the Medical Service Department; a modern marvel with all the technology required leading them into the next ten years. As the door opened, it looked as if we were entering a community emergency department at a local hospital. The difference being inmates were patients necessitating three locked waiting rooms. The deputy officer working in the clinic area has the responsibility to unlock the waiting room door and direct an inmate to the correct clinic exam room. There were about eight, fully-furnished exam rooms and a computer for their medical record management needs. Captain Huffman explained the contract bid included a requirement that there be a computerized medical record system.

The medical service provider, Corrections of America, brought with them a computerized medical records system called E.R.M.A.; a tool which drastically reduced the paper management requirements needed to provide medical services to all facility inmates. Furthermore, the Medical Service Department was designed and built for 2025 expected service usage so the space is larger than current needs call for. Thus, current construction in progress is preparing the facility for 2025 with 2013 dollars; another savings to the taxpaying residents of Richmond County.

The Infirmary Unit, connected to the clinic area, houses sick inmates requiring 24 hours of direct medical services, every day, until discharged and returned to the general inmate population. The Infirmary Unit was the most modern inmate housing unit in the facility during this phase of construction. All of the inmate rooms and common areas have the newest amenities. Each housing unit has an inmate phone and an electronic ordering kiosk with direct access to store privilege items and services. The inmate common area was huge and ultra clean for a correctional facility. The on-duty deputy officers can see through the clear security glass into all units and the officer assigned to the Center Security Booth had a 360-degree view of all units. This officer also has the responsibility of controlling the mechanical operations of doors, security cameras, intercom system and flushing the toilets. In regard to the latter, this is correct; the officer working the Center Security Booth has the ability to remotely flush a toilet in any mental health holding cell. The mental health holding cells are also video monitored 24 hours a day. During a shift, one officer is in the security booth and two officers are walking around the security atrium area. The atrium area was separate from the inmate housing areas with the center security booth in the middle.

We exited the Infirmary Unit by way of two security doors, a building design to keep the very sick inmates separate from those utilizing the medical clinic area. Overall, Sub-Committee Members were very impressed with the modern service offerings with regard to the inmates' medical and dental needs.

Upon entering the main corridor to the first regular housing unit, Captain Huffman warned Sub-Committee Members to prepare for a big difference in that there may be smells or inmates doing inappropriate things in this male housing unit. Walking into the unit, we noticed the dated construction design and non-glossy paint throughout. This housing unit was much older than the two medical service units at the other end of the corridor. There were no touch screen computers so the doors are controlled with electronic gears, switches and push buttons. Everything in this unit was also smaller in size as compared with the floor and ceiling space of the newer medical service units. After leaving the male housing unit, the tour continued into the female housing unit which had similar building features. All the housing units had their own activity yards fenced in with barbed wire reinforcement as an added measure of security.

The tour concluded with the Sub-Committee Members walking back up the long corridor to the front of the facility. Captain Huffman took special pride in the new wall color scheme in all newly-constructed areas from the staff training/shift meeting room to the changes in color along

the length of this main corridor. As we walked back into the front waiting area of the facility, Sub-Committee Members returned their visitor badges. Captain Huffman advised that construction taking place in this area was going to provide space for an on-site court provision with Tela-Court connectivity if needed in the future. This construction feature will decrease the travel requirements between the facility and the Richmond County Judicial Center located in Downtown Augusta.

In closing, the deputy officers were very professional and respectfully of the inmates' basic needs. Additionally, all major concepts of the new construction seemed well planned and thoroughly designed. The Sub-Committee Members were very impressed with the entire operation.

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