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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF RICHMOND COUNTY**

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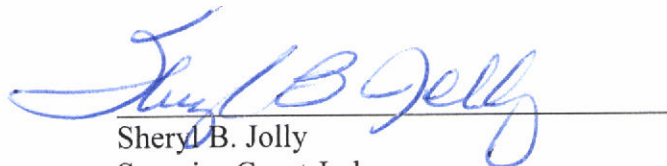
IN RE: GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT FOR THE NOVEMBER TERM 2014

The Grand Jury having returned the attached general presentment for the November Term 2014, and the same having been reviewed and accepted by the Court on January 16, 2015, 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 16th day of January 2015.



Sheryl B. Jolly  
Superior Court Judge  
Augusta Judicial Circuit

TO: The Honorable Sheryl B. Jolly  
Judge, Superior Court

FROM: Richmond County Grand Jury  
November Term 2014

DATE: January 16, 2015

RE: Grand Jury Presentment

We, the members of the Augusta-Richmond County Grand Jury for the November Term 2014, having been duly sworn by the Honorable J. Carlisle Overstreet on the 17th day of November 2014, submit our presentment on the 16th day of January 2015, 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 eight (8) dates during our term and acted upon Bills of Indictments presented to us by the District Attorney's Office.

Sub-Committees were formed to inspect Animal Services and the Charles B. Webster Detention Center; the reports are attached.

The Grand Jury respectfully submits this presentment on the 16th day of January 2015 and requests that it is published.

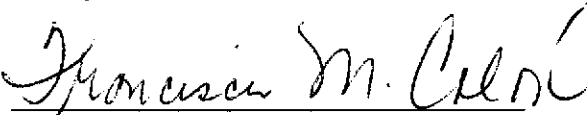
  
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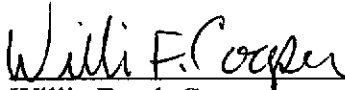
  
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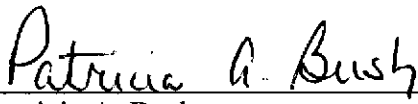
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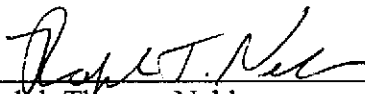
  
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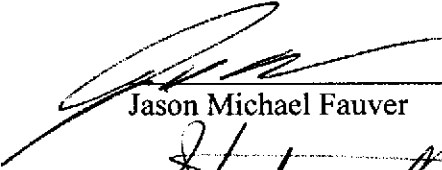
  
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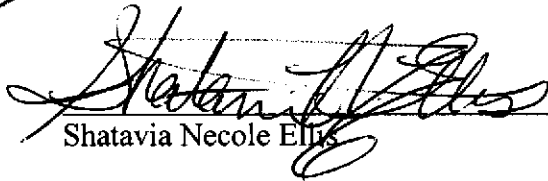
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**SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE NOVEMBER TERM 2014 GRAND JURY  
REPORT ON ANIMAL SERVICES**

A Sub-Committee of this Term's Grand Jury visited Animal Services on December 16, 2014. We met with Director Broady, Kennel Operations Manager Crisler and Field Operations Manager Jefferson. We were very impressed by the dedication they express in their work.

Sub-Committee Members walked the entire grounds with the three in charge. Again, we were impressed by the professional system they have in place. However, with approximately 10,000 animals coming through this facility, it is understaffed and extremely undersized. 70% of the animals have to be euthanized, mainly for these two reasons. The location at 4164 Mack Lane is not easy to find and has little exposure to the public. We were also shocked to learn the annual starting salary is \$19,500.00. After very little research, we determined this salary is almost \$8,000.00 below the standard.

We feel Augusta-Richmond County Commissioners should personally take the same tour we did. The current staff is doing an incredible job with what they have to work with.

Animal Services needs more trucks on the road, a bigger building and the dogs off the concrete. Employees need incentive to stay. Also, more exposure could get the attention of more foster groups. This has been a problem for years.

It was hard to look at all those pleading animals knowing that most of them are doomed.

This Sub-Committee's recommendations to the Augusta-Richmond County Commission include:

- Commend the staff, they deserve it.
- Pay them more.
- Provide a better location.
- Provide a bigger building.
- Provide positive exposure.
- Save these animals.

Respectfully submitted,

Sub-Committee Members

Angela Aikens

Bilal Abdul Qadir Bozeman

Ralph Thomas Nehlsen

## **SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE NOVEMBER TERM 2014 GRAND JURY REPORT ON THE CHARLES B. WEBSTER DETENTION CENTER**

On December 2, 2014, a five-member Sub-Committee of the November Term 2014 Grand Jury inspected the Charles Webster Detention Center.

Upon arriving at 1:52 p.m., we were met by Captain Bill Reeves and our tour began with lunch in the dining hall. The inmates served us a delicious meal of baked chicken, lemon-pepper wings, lima beans, broccoli casserole, cornbread and an assortment of salads. Sub-Committee Members had an opportunity to begin a question-and-answer session and all questions were satisfactorily answered.

As our tour began, we were informed that the Detention Center is the second largest in the state and there is ample perimeter room for expansion, if necessary. On any given day, the Detention Center provides full service to 1,000 inmates with a capacity of 1,050. Accreditation with the American Corrections Association was underway. ACA Accreditation is vital in securing grant funding. Opportunities are available for fair advancement of jailers whose starting annual salary of \$29,000.00 will increase to \$30,000.00 upon certification.

The inmates are treated fairly and humanely. Inmates receive two days off of their sentence for each day of good behavior. The inmates are easily identified based on their clothing, i.e. solid orange = non-violent males, orange stripes = violent males, solid pink = non-violent females and pink stripes = violent females. Inmates don't move without leg irons and handcuffs. As well, when a door is open, the jailer requesting access is checked via video camera and doors are only opened when the previous door is closed. This same procedure is followed when an inmate is processed for release. Such security measures ensure the safety of both the inmate and jailer. This attention to detail in the out-processing of inmates ensures no false releases. The issuance of Tasers to jailers has drastically cut down on inmate misconduct. The medical treatment facility is adequately staffed and has up-to-date medical equipment to service inmates. Our tour concluded at the visitor's center. First rate in its operation, the visitor's center uses monitors where the inmates and visitors converse via video; this cuts the trafficking of contraband from visitations.

Upon leaving the Charles B. Webster Detention Center, Sub-Committee Members were thoroughly convinced that Major Robert Leverett and Captain Bill Reeves run a secure Detention Center that warrants the full support of Richmond County. Inmates are treated fairly and provided more than adequate necessities to sustain healthy living conditions.

Recommendations offered by this Sub-Committee includes supporting the accreditation process of the Detention Center so as to secure grant funding that would not affect the taxpayers and aggressively recruit qualified and vetted personnel to lower the inmate-to-jailer ratio.

Respectfully submitted by the  
Sub-Committee Members