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STATE OF GEORGIA

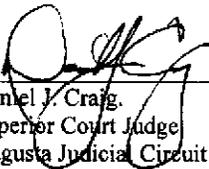
IN RE: GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT FOR THE JANUARY TERM 2019

The Grand Jury having returned the attached general presentment for the January Term 2019, and the same having been reviewed and accepted by the Court on March 15, 2019, 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 March 2019.



Daniel J. Craig,
Superior Court Judge
Augusta Judicial Circuit



TO: The Honorable Daniel J. Craig
Judge, Superior Court

FROM: Richmond County Grand Jury
January Term 2019

DATE: March 15, 2019

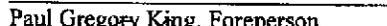
RE: Grand Jury Presentment

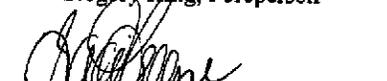
We, the members of the Augusta-Richmond County Grand Jury for the January Term 2019, having been duly sworn by the Honorable R. Ashley Wright on the 22nd day of January 2019, submit our presentment on the 15th day of March, 2019, our last day as an official body of the Grand Jury.

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.

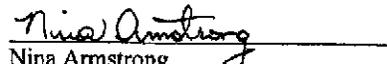
A Sub-Committee was formed to inspect the Finance Department, Utilities Department, Charles B. Webster Detention center and the Procurement Department. The applicable report is attached.

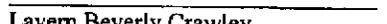
The Grand Jury respectfully submits this Presentment on the 15th day of March 2019 and requests that it is published.

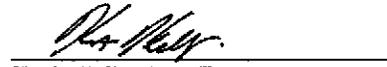

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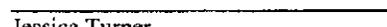

Traci Greene, Secretary


Christy Howard


Nina Armstrong


Lavern Beverly Crawley

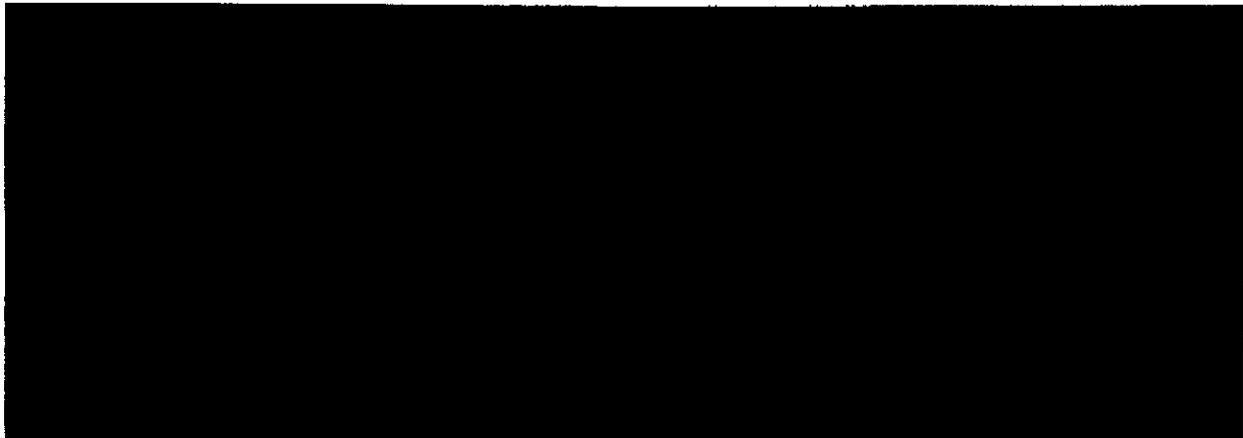

Kevin Kelly, Asst. Foreperson


Jessica Turner


Marilee Gupton


Lottie Black


Dorothy Scott Franklin



George Cooper
George Cooper

Danielle Hall
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Susanne Jones Fordham

Valerie Stevenson

Warren I. Davis Jr.

Chaquana Yancy

Janice Dunlap

Linda Herrington

Mary Dawson
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William Lambert
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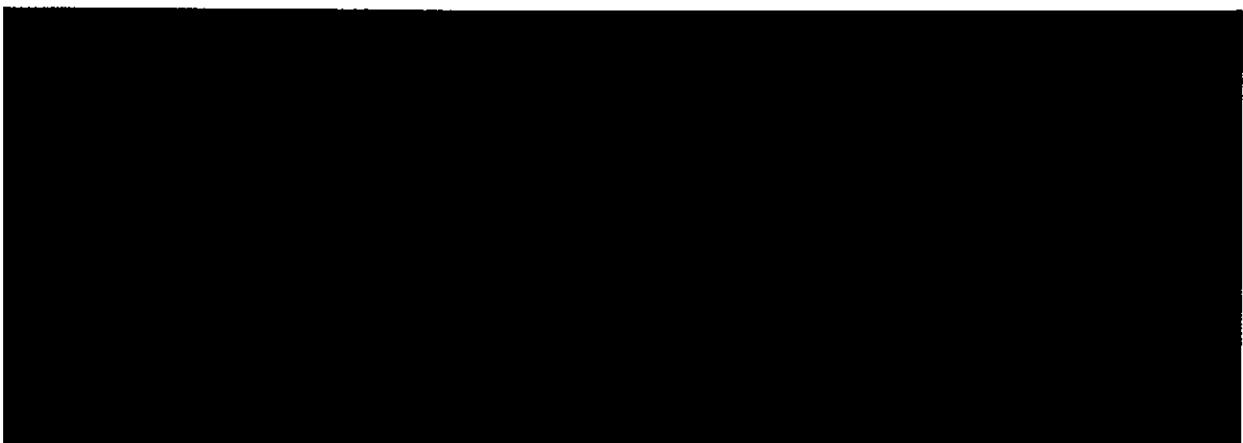
Charles Cadle

Alvin Lowe
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John B. Coleman, Alternate

Brandy Ann Adams, Alternate

Eula Mae Woodruff, Alternate



SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE JANUARY TERM 2019 GRAND JURY

Finance Department 02/05/19

Meeting with Timothy Scroer and Dianne Walker

Sales Tax (8%)

State receives all and dispenses back to the city:

4% kept by state, 1% local option rollback, 1% BOE (East Blost), 1% SPLOST-
Augusta uses for projects (sheriff cars, building renovations, etc)

1% TIA

Talked about lights on ~~Riverwalk~~ RIVERWATCH, etc

*State Funds (have to use projects)

*lights are not closer than others in the city. Appears closer because of the
straight line

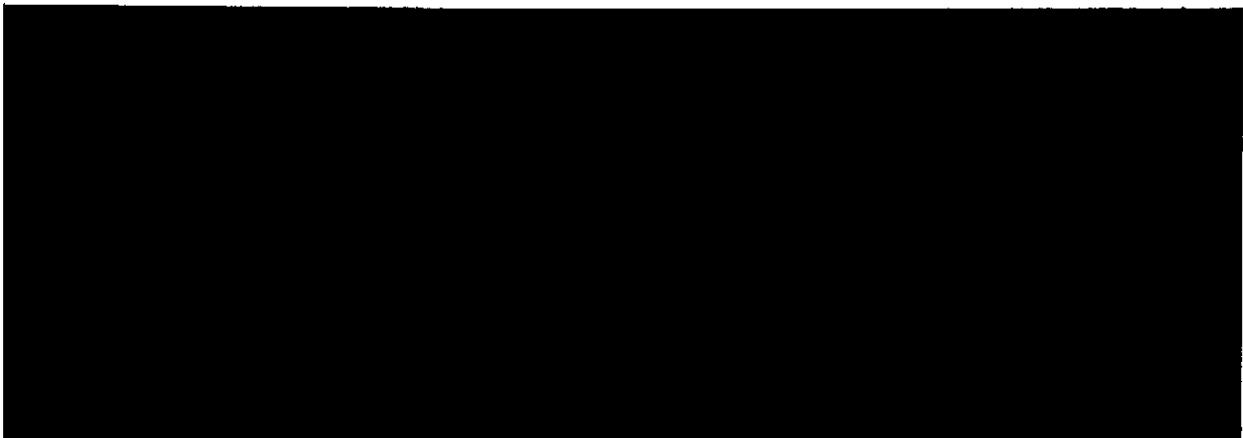
Talked about storm water fee – what projects have been done and what future
projects. Since this was not under their jurisdiction could not answer. Asked them
to suggest to water works to give an update in the bills once or twice a year of
how the funds are being used.

Audits for past 3 years nothing found outside compliance

William Lambert

Marilee Gupton

Lottie Black



SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE JANUARY TERM 2019 GRAND JURY

Procurement Visit 02/26/19

Meeting with Geri Sams and Sheila Paulk

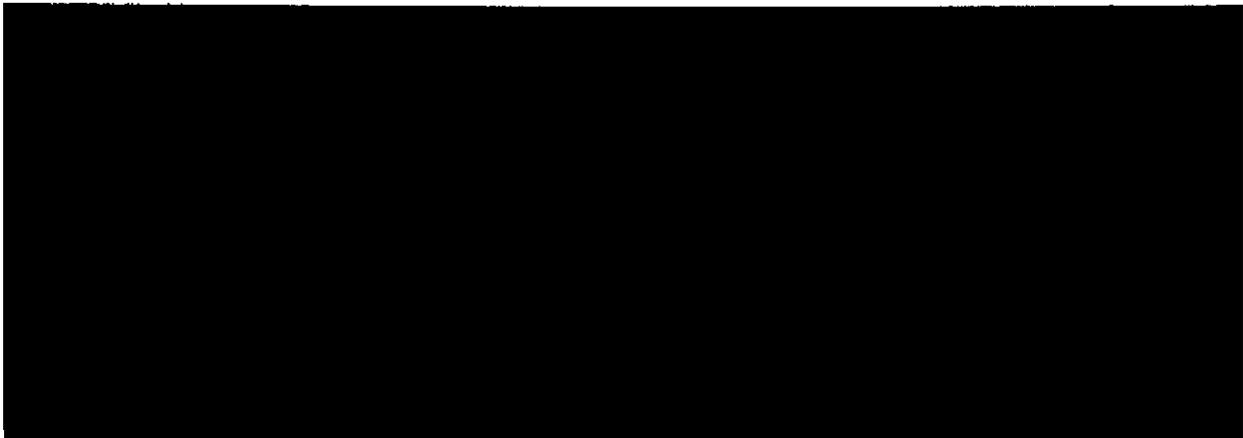
We were given a general description of what this department does for our city and how it uses our local small and large business before getting outside contracts for projects. Explained when state funds are used, they have to use state guidelines. This department is number 1 in the state and have saved the city 19m within a 10 year period. Introduced us to other employees in the department and they explained their duties.

Lottie Black

Janice Dunlap

William Lambert

Linda Herrington



Mary Dawson

SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE JANUARY TERM 2019 GRAND JURY

Grand Jury Jail visit

We visited the jail on 1/29/19. The jail was found to be very clean and organized. From the perspective of the grand jury, security protocols were followed. The cafeteria was clean. The kitchen was well organized and also found to be clean. The food was very palatable. The medical quarters were clean and well attended. Staff was attentive to the inmate/patient population. The jail dorms for prisoners were found to be clean and well monitored. Staff was polite and respectful of questions from the lay public grand jury. The visitors center was clean and provided private booths for video visitation. The grand jury in attendance has no recommendations at this time.

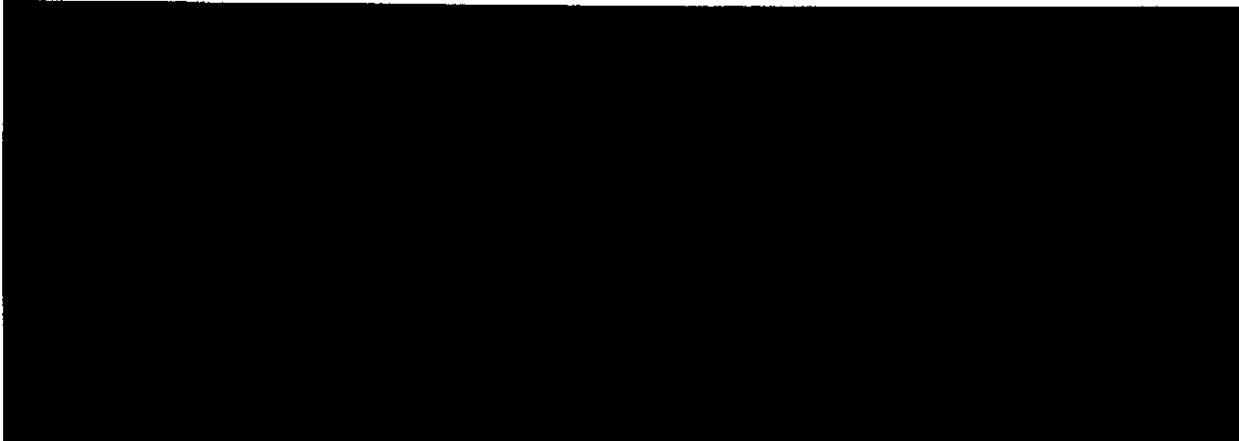
Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Dunlap – Grand Jury

Warren Davis Jr. – Grand Jury

Lottie Black – Grand Jury

~~There were 2019 members of the Grand Jury present at the visit~~
~~and they were not~~



Utilities Sub Committee

On February 12, 2019, members of the Utilities Subcommittee met with Mr. Wiedmeier and several department heads. The members were given an overview of each department, it included the current and recent initiatives completed. Mr. Wiedmeier introduced the group the new rate structure which simplifies how bills are calculated and eliminates the fluctuation in sewer bills. Additionally, it was recommended that when property owners will be gone for extended periods of time that they disconnect their utilities and reconnect upon return for a nominal fee. All department heads were very knowledgeable of their departments strengths, and the community concerns which was a relief as a concerned citizen. Overall, the visit was a very pleasant experience.

Submitted By,

Linda Herrington

Tracie Greene

