

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **HENDERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** May 19, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Surplus Property Request

**ATTACHMENTS:** April 4, 2006 Letter from Commander Eddie Watkins

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

As noted in the attached letter from Commander Eddie Watkins of the Henderson County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff George Erwin will be retiring effective June 1, 2006. Sheriff Erwin has served with the Henderson County Sheriff's Department since October 20, 1978. It is being requested that action be taken to surplus Sheriff Erwin's duty weapon in order for Sheriff Erwin to be able to obtain the weapon. It should be noted that this is common practice for retiring law enforcement officers and has been a common practice in Henderson County.

#### **COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED:**

Recommend Sheriff Erwin's duty weapon be placed in County surplus in order for Sheriff Erwin to be able to obtain the weapon.

# HENDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

GEORGE H. ERWIN, JR.  
SHERIFF



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April 4, 2006

Mr. Steven Wyatt  
Henderson County Manager  
100 N. King Street  
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Reference: Sheriff George H. Erwin, Jr. – Sidearm

Dear Mr. Wyatt,

As you are probably aware, Sheriff Erwin will be retiring effective June 1, 2006. He has worked for Henderson County since October 20, 1978, except for the year of 1994, while he was campaigning for the Office of Sheriff. He has been Sheriff of Henderson County since December 5, 1994. Sheriff Erwin began his career with the Sheriff's Office as a Dispatcher and worked his way up through the ranks to Captain of Criminal Investigations prior to being elected Sheriff in 1994.

Henderson County has been blessed to have Sheriff Erwin as our top law enforcement officer for the past 11-1/2 years. He is a true servant to the citizens of our county and has a deep compassion for his fellow citizens. To honor Sheriff Erwin, I am requesting that you consider allowing him to obtain his duty weapon upon retirement per Henderson County's policies.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need to contact me, please call me at 694-2701.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddie Watkins', written over a white background.

Commander Eddie Watkins  
Chief Deputy  
Henderson County Sheriff's Office

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