

# REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

## HENDERSON COUNTY

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**MEETING DATE:** May 5, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Sidearm Request – Eddie Watkins  
**ATTACHMENT(S):** Letter from Sheriff Davis

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

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office requests that the service sidearm of Commander Douglas Eddie Watkins be given to him in recognition of his retirement from the Henderson County Sheriff's Office.

Commander Watkins has served the people of Henderson County for approximately 30 years. He began his law enforcement career at the City of Hendersonville and later transferred to the Sheriff's Office on December 5, 1994, at which time he was appointed as Chief Deputy. Following the retirement of Sheriff Erwin in June, 2006, Commander Watkins was sworn in as Sheriff of Henderson County, and served in that position until the election of Sheriff Davis.

Commander Watkins's service to the people of Henderson County is greatly appreciated and will be remembered.

Sheriff Davis makes this request on behalf of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 20-187.2(a).

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to allow Sheriff Rick Davis and the Henderson County Sheriff's Office to present Commander Watkins with his service sidearm at no charge.

#### **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*I move the Board allow Sheriff Rick Davis to present this service sidearm as a token of appreciation to Commander Douglas Eddie Watkins.*

RICHARD W. DAVIS  
SHERIFF



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HENDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

April 9, 2008

Bill Moyer, Chairman  
Henderson County Commissioners  
Old Courthouse/Main Street  
Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792

Reference: Sidearm

Dear Chairman Moyer,

Commander Douglas Eddie Watkins plans to retire from Henderson County effective May 1, 2008. The Commander began his law enforcement career at the City of Hendersonville and later transferred to the Henderson County Sheriff's Office on December 5, 1994. At that time he was appointed by Sheriff George H. Erwin, Jr. as his Chief Deputy (Commander). After Sheriff Erwin retired, in June 2006, Commander Watkins was sworn in as Sheriff of Henderson County. He served in that position until the upcoming election and handed the office over to the new Sheriff, Rick W. Davis.

Commander Watkins has served the citizens of Henderson County through his law enforcement career with both the Hendersonville Police Department and the Henderson County Sheriff's Office for approximately 30 years. He has been instrumental in achieving one of the most professional Sheriff's Offices in North Carolina. The citizens of this county have been well-served by Commander Eddie Watkins through the years. To honor him, I am requesting that you allow us to present his duty weapon to him upon his retirement.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick W. Davis".

Rick W. Davis,  
Sheriff, Henderson County

RWD/dfw