

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: July 7, 2008
SUBJECT: Sidearm Request – Benjamin Whitaker
ATTACHMENT(S): Letter from Sheriff Davis

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office requests that the service sidearm of Officer Benjamin Lee Whitaker be given to him in recognition of his retirement from the Henderson County Sheriff's Office.

Officer Whitaker has served the Sheriff's Office and the people of Henderson County for nearly 29 years. He began his career at the Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff on February 25, 1984. Prior to that he worked with Henderson County EMS, beginning employment there in 1979. Officer Whitaker has moved through the ranks within the agency, and has been instrumental in solving crimes in Henderson County through the years.

Officer Whitaker'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 Officer Benjamin Whitaker 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 Officer Benjamin Whitaker.

RICK W. DAVIS
SHERIFF



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HENDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

June 10, 2008

Bill Moyer, Chairman
Henderson County Sheriff's Office
Old Courthouse
Main Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Reference: Benjamin Lee Whitaker – Sidearm

Dear Chairman Moyer,

Benjamin Lee Whitaker is planning to retire from the Henderson County Sheriff's Office effective August 1, 2008. He began his career at the Sheriff's Office on February 25, 1984 as a Deputy Sheriff. Prior to this, he worked with the Henderson County EMS, beginning employment there in 1979. Lee has moved through the ranks within the agency and has been instrumental in solving crimes in Henderson County through the years. The citizens of Henderson County have been well-served by Officer Lee Whitaker through his many years of self-sacrifice and dedication in our community. To honor him, I intend to present his service weapon upon retirement pursuant to G.S. 20-187.2.

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

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