

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: October 4, 2021
SUBJECT: Sidearm Request – Deputy Ryan Hendrix
PRESENTER: Sheriff Lowell S. Griffin
ATTACHMENT(S): No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office requests that the sidearm of the late Deputy Ryan Hendrix be given to his father, Mr. Donald Hendrix in recognition of his service and sacrifice in the Line of Duty for the citizens of Henderson County and the Henderson County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Ryan Hendrix joined the Henderson County Sheriff's Office as a benefit-eligible employee in June of 2012 and served until his death on September 10, 2020. Deputy Hendrix held the ranks of Detention Jailer, Deputy, Patrol Investigator, Field Training Officer and was a member of the SWAT team. He spent his adult life serving first our country as a Marine, and then our community and agency. To honor Deputy Hendrix and show the gratitude of the Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Griffin intends to present his service sidearm to Mr. Hendrix.

Sheriff Lowell S. Griffin 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 Lowell S. Griffin and the Henderson County Sheriff's Office to present Mr. Donald Hendrix with his son's service sidearm at no charge.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move the Board allow Sheriff Lowell S. Griffin to present the service sidearm as a token of appreciation to Mr. Donald Hendrix.



Resolution Honoring Deputy Ryan Hendrix



For His Service and Sacrifice in the Line of Duty for the Citizens of Henderson County and Awarding His Sidearm to His Father: Donald Hendrix

WHEREAS, Deputy Ryan Hendrix joined the Henderson County Sheriff's Office as a benefit-eligible employee in June of 2012 and served until his death in the line of duty on September 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Hendrix held the ranks of Detention Jailer, Deputy, Patrol Investigator, Field Training Officer and as was a member of the SWAT Team; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Hendrix spent his adult life serving first our country as a Marine, and then the Henderson County community and agency; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 20-187.2 provides that retiring officers of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office may receive, at the time of their retirement, the badge worn or carried by them during their service with Henderson County; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 20-187.2 further provides that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners may, in its discretion, award to a retiring officer the service sidearm of such retiring officer at a price determined by the Board of Commissioners, upon securing a permit as required by N.C.G.S. 14-402 et seq; and

WHEREAS, On September 10, 2020, Deputy Ryan Hendrix valiantly responded to the call for assistance from a resident of Henderson County who was the victim of a violent robbery. Tragically, Deputy Hendrix was killed during the subsequent encounter with the suspect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. Sheriff Lowell Griffin is hereby authorized in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. 20-187.2 to transfer to Donald Hendrix the service sidearm worn by Deputy Ryan Hendrix while employed with the Henderson County Sheriff's Office; and
2. Sheriff Griffin is hereby authorized in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. 20-187.2 to transfer to Donald Hendrix his service sidearm at no cost to him and upon him securing a permit required by N.C.G.S. 14-402.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners recognizes the sacrifice made by Ryan Hendrix and his dedicated service to Henderson County and its citizens.

Adopted this the ____ day of _____ 2021.

William Lapsley, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Denisa Lauffer, CLERK TO THE BOARD