

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** May 17, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Service Badge and Sidearm Request – Sergeant Paul Blackwell

**PRESENTER:** Sheriff Lowell S. Griffin

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Yes  
1. BOC Resolution

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office requests that the service badge and sidearm of Sergeant Paul Blackwell be given to him in recognition of his retirement from the Henderson County Sheriff's Office.

Sergeant Paul Blackwell began his career with the Henderson County Sheriff's Office October 3, 1994 and held the ranks of Deputy II, Deputy III, Corporal and Sergeant. for over 28 years in the Sheriff's Office. To honor him and show my gratitude, the Sheriff's Office intends to present him service badge and service sidearm to him.

Sheriff 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 Sergeant Paul Blackwell with his service badge and sidearm at no charge.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*I move the Board allow Sheriff Lowell S. Griffin to present the service badge and sidearm as a token of appreciation to Sergeant Paul Blackwell.*

# Resolution Honoring Sergeant Paul Blackwell



## For 28 Years of Law Enforcement Service and Awarding His Badge and Sidearm



**WHEREAS**, Officer Blackwell joined the Henderson County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy on October 3, 1994 and held the ranks of Deputy II, Deputy III, Corporal and Sergeant.

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Blackwell service and dedication to the Henderson County Sheriff's Office and service, dedication and accomplishments in the field of law enforcement during his 28 total years of service are hereby recognized and commended; 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 the 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**, Officer Blackwell has served as a member of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office for a period of more than 28 years and is retiring from the Henderson County Sheriff's Office on December 30, 2022, and

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

1. Sheriff Griffin is hereby authorized in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. 20-187.2 to transfer to Officer Blackwell the badge worn by him during his service 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 Officer Blackwell his service sidearm at no cost to the officer and upon his securing a permit required by N.C.G.S. 14-402.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners recognizes and thanks Officer Staton for his dedicated service to the Henderson County and its citizens.

Adopted this the 17th day of May, 2023.

CHAIRMAN  
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

CLERK TO THE BOARD