

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**  
**HENDERSON COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** December 4, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Review of Public Officials' Bond

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §58-72-20 (and the Board’s Rules of Procedure), the next order of business at the Board’s annual organizational meeting is the annual review and approval of the size and issuer of the bonds for county public officials for the coming year.

Under §58-72-20:

The bonds of the officers named in G.S. 58-72-10 shall be carefully examined on the first Monday in December of every year, and if it appears that the security has been impaired, or for any cause become insufficient to cover the amount of money or property or to secure the faithful performance of the duties of the office, then the bond shall be renewed or strengthened, the insufficient security increased within the limits prescribed by law, and the impaired security shall be made good; but no renewal, or strengthening, or additional security shall increase the penalty of said bond beyond the limits prescribed for the term of office.

The following are the current bond amounts, all of which meet the requirements of the General Statutes:

<b>PUBLIC OFFICIAL</b>	<b>BOND AMOUNT</b>	<b>BOND COMPANY</b>
Lowell Griffin, Sheriff	\$25,000.00	Fidelity and Deposit Co.
Lee King, Register of Deeds	\$50,000.00	Fidelity and Deposit Co.
Harry Rising, Tax Collector	\$1,000,000.00	Fidelity and Deposit Co.
Deputy Tax Collectors	\$250,000.00	Fidelity and Deposit Co.
Samantha Reynolds, Finance Director	\$1,000,000.00	Fidelity and Deposit Co.

The Sheriff’s bond may not exceed \$25,000, pursuant to N.C. Gen Stat. §162-8. The other bonds have been set by previous Boards of Commissioners, and are in your discretion.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approval of bonds. If the Board is so inclined, the following motion is suggested:

***I move that the Board approve the public officials’ bonds as proposed.***