

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** July 15, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Service Badge and Sidearm Request –Master Deputy Christopher Stepp

**PRESENTER:** Sheriff Lowell S. Griffin

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

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office requests the service badge and sidearm of Master Deputy Christopher Stepp be given to him in recognition of his retirement from the Henderson County Sheriff's Office.

Master Deputy Christopher Stepp began his career with the Henderson County Sheriff's Office on December 27, 2001, and has held the ranks of Deputy, Senior Deputy, and Master Deputy during his tenure of 25 years. To honor him and show gratitude, the Sheriff's Office intends to present to him his service badge and service sidearm.

Sheriff Griffin makes this request on behalf of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 17F-20.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to allow Sheriff Lowell S. Griffin and Henderson County Sheriff's Office to present Master Deputy Christopher Stepp 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 Master Deputy Christopher Stepp.*



# Resolution Honoring Christopher Stepp

## For 25 Years of Law Enforcement Service and Awarding His Badge and Sidearm



- WHEREAS,** Officer Stepp joined the Henderson County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy on December 27, 2001, and held the ranks of Deputy, Senior Deputy and Master Deputy; and
- WHEREAS,** Master Deputy Stepp's service and dedication to the Henderson County Sheriff's Office and accomplishments in the field of law enforcement during his 25 total years of service are hereby recognized and commended; and
- WHEREAS,** N.C.G.S. 17F-20 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. 17F-20 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; and
- WHEREAS,** Officer Stepp has served as a member of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office for a period of more than 25 years and is retiring from the Henderson County Sheriff's Office on April 30, 2026.

**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. 17F-20 to transfer to Officer Stepp 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. 17F-20 to transfer to Officer Stepp his service sidearm at no cost to the officer.

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

Adopted this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2026.

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WILLIAM LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN  
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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DENISA A. LAUFFER, CLERK TO THE BOARD