



WHEREAS, Captain William P. Downey retired from the Gaston County Police Department on February 1, 2026 after serving 28 years with Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, Captain William P. Downey has requested that he be awarded the service side arm, Glock, Model 45 MOS, Serial Number BRTV401 and badge worn during his service with Gaston County Police Department pursuant to NCGS 17F-20(a), and Board Resolution #259 dated October 27, 1983.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The badge worn by Captain William P. Downey and his service side arm, Glock, Model 45 MOS, Serial Number BRTV401 be declared surplus equipment.
2. The badge worn by Captain William P. Downey be given to him as a remembrance of his service with the Gaston County Police Department.
3. The service side arm, Glock, Model 45 MOS, Serial Number BRTV401 be permanently retired by the Gaston County Police Department and offered to Captain William P. Downey for a purchase price of \$1.00.
4. The Chief of the Gaston County Police Department is directed to award Captain William P. Downey with the service side arm and badge as specified and worn by him during his service to Gaston County, in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes and the policy of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners expresses their sincere gratitude for the dedicated service of Captain William P. Downey and wishes him the best in his retirement.

Chad Brown, Chairman

Jim Bailey

Bob Hovis, Vice-Chairman

Cathy Cloninger

Tom Keigher

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Scott Shehan

To be Adopted the 26th Day of February 2026