

To the voters of Henderson County,

A detention center doesn't run on a title—it runs on leadership, training, and steady decision-making. For that reason, I am endorsing Lieutenant Anthony Willett for Henderson County Jailer.

My name is Ron Herrington, retired Henderson County Jailer. I have known Anthony for more than two decades. He started at the Henderson County Detention Center in December 2002, when I was Chief Deputy (Colonel) under Jailer Miles Hart. From the beginning, Anthony stood out as a hard worker who handled pressure well and approached corrections the right way.

Over the years, I watched him earn his way up to Major. In 2005, when Miles Hart retired, I was appointed Jailer, and in 2006 I ran for the office and was elected. During my time leading the jail, Anthony was trusted with significant responsibilities because he consistently proved he could be counted on. He served in key leadership roles and as a training instructor, helping shape both operations and expectations inside the facility.

Anthony understood what many people miss: running a jail is more than locking doors. It is keeping staff safe, maintaining order, enforcing standards, treating people fairly, and making decisions that stand up to scrutiny. He also understood budgeting and the importance of being disciplined with county dollars.

He made a lasting impact on training and preparedness. Anthony built the SERT team and helped establish a more structured training program for detention deputies—work that improves safety for staff, inmates, and the public.

In 2012, Anthony left the detention center with my support and respect. I asked him more than once over the years to consider running for Jailer. At the time he told me he wasn't ready, and I respected that honesty. I can say plainly that Anthony Willett was one of the best guard commanders I had at the Henderson County Detention Center.

Now that he has stepped forward to run, I am glad to support him. He has the experience, temperament, and proven leadership to lead the detention center with strong training, staff support, responsible budgeting, and professionalism.

I encourage you to vote for Anthony Willett for Henderson County Jailer.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Herrington". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a horizontal line at the end.

Ron Herrington

Retired Henderson County Jailer