

Board recognizes 50 years of dedicated service

Officials present Sheriff Roger Scott with pin, gifts for the anniversary

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DeKALB – “This is a big one.” That is what DeKalb County Board Chairman Mark Pietrowski Jr. said before DeKalb County Sheriff Roger Scott was recognized for serving 50 years in the county during the board’s meeting Jan. 16.

After the Andy Griffith TV show theme song played as Scott and DeKalb County Administrator Gary Hanson walked up to the lectern, Hanson presented Scott a commemorative pin for his 50th anniversary with the county and an Apple Watch that County Board members and county staff chipped in for.

“I’m not aware that this milestone has ever been reached before,” Hanson said.

Pietrowski also presented Scott four tickets to a Chicago Cubs baseball game

DeKalb County Sheriff Roger Scott said a few words after county officials presented him with a pin and gifts to commemorate his 50 years with the county’s sheriff’s office Jan. 16.

of Scott’s choosing and a 2016 Cubs World Series towel.

Scott, 71, who has spent 33 of those years as sheriff, had said there were 15 people on staff at the beginning of his career – far fewer than the 100 cur-

rently on staff. He said he had been married to his wife, Marcia, for six months before he began at the sheriff’s office and was told back then they would never make it as a couple because she would not put up with the

law enforcement life.

“Well, she really fooled them, because she’s still with me after 50 years,” Scott said.

Scott said his family could not make it to Jan. 16’s meeting. He said he was grateful for Marcia and is sure he wouldn’t have been there that day without her and the rest of his family, and that he appreciated the work of County Board members, past and present.

“Despite my disagreements and challenges that we’ve had to face together, I’ll always know that the County Board does try to do the best they could do for all of the officers in the county,” Scott said.

Scott received the 50-years pin and gifts after DeKalb County Coroner Denny Miller was recognized for 35 years with the county at the same meeting.

Despite whatever issues may come up, Miller said, it’s an honor to work for DeKalb County. He thanked his fellow workers and family for their help in reaching the milestone.

“Without their support and understanding, I wouldn’t be here for 35 years,” Miller said.



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