RESOLUTION # _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF RETIRED K9 PITCHER TO HIS HANDLER, DEPUTY MARK WHITTED

WHEREAS,   Pitcher, a seven year old male Belgian Malinois, has served in the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office's K-9 unit since 2016 and is ready to retire; and

WHEREAS,   Buncombe County Sheriff's Office's Deputy Mark Whitted has been Pitcher's handler for the past year or more of Pitcher's service, having normal custody and control of Pitcher during that time; and

WHEREAS,   N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-187.4 authorizes a County to transfer ownership of a retired service animal at a price and upon any other terms and conditions it deems appropriate to the officer or employee who had normal custody and control of the service animal during the service animal's public service if that individual agrees to accept ownership, care, and custody of the service animal.

WHEREAS,   in consideration of having Pitcher's ownership transferred to him, Deputy Whitted has agreed to accept ownership, care, and custody of Pitcher; and

WHEREAS   the Board of Commissioners finds that Pitcher should be retired and that ownership, care, and custody should be transferred to Deputy Whitted at no additional price other than Deputy Whitted's agreement to accept ownership, care, and custody of Pitcher.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That it hereby authorizes the transfer of ownership of Pitcher to Deputy Whitted in consideration of Deputy Whitted's agreement to accept ownership, care, and custody of Pitcher.

2. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

This the 18th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST   BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
                                                          COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

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Lamar Joyner, Clerk   Brownie Newman, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney