WHEREAS, Joseph Pierce is retiring from the Buncombe County Sheriff’s Office after 22 years of service; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-187.2 authorizes Boards of County Commissioners to award to a retiring member of a law-enforcement agency with countywide jurisdiction, such as a Sheriff’s Office, or surviving relatives of such a member, upon request, the service side arm of such deceased or retiring members, at a price determined by such governing body, upon determining that the person receiving the weapon is not ineligible to own, possess, or receive a firearm under the provisions of State or federal law, or if the weapon has been rendered incapable of being fired.

WHEREAS, it is the practice of this Board to provide a member of the Buncombe County Sheriff’s Office who retires through the North Carolina Local Government Retirement System with ten (10) or more years of service with said Office, or who retires due to medical disability, and who meets the qualifications of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-187.2, with the service side arm used by the member at the time of the member’s retirement at a price of zero ($0) dollars; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the individual named above carried, at the time of the individual’s retirement, a service side arm more particularly described as a Glock Model 17, serial number RSV162 and that the individual named above has requested and is entitled to receive said service side arm in working order at a price fixed by this Board.

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

1. That pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-187.2, the individual named above is hereby awarded the service side arm described above for a price of zero ($0) dollars.

2. That the County Manager or her designee is authorized to undertake any action(s) necessary to transfer the service side arm described above to the individual named above.

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

This the 7th day of May, 2024.

ATTEST

STACEY WOODY, INTERIM CLERK

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIR

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney