Resolution #: _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO COOPERATE WITH SOUTHEASTERN CONTAINER AND PARTICIPATE IN THE NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUILDING REUSE GRANT PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, Southeastern Container Inc. is a North Carolina limited liability company, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as “Southeastern Container”) is an injection molding and blow molding manufacturer that is located in Buncombe County;

WHEREAS, Southeastern Container currently employs 96 people and produces bottle preforms and pallets;

WHEREAS, Southeastern Container desires to expand its operations in Buncombe County by investing over $31.3 million and creating 12 new full-time project related jobs that pay an average wage of $32.90/hour, not including benefits ("Project"); and the Project includes renovations and improvements to existing facilities located at 1250 Sand Hill Rd, Enka NC, 28728 (the "Facility");

WHEREAS, in parallel with Southeastern Container's request that the County provide economic development incentives to induce it to make these capital investments and to create these new full-time project related jobs at the Facility, Southeastern Container has been negotiating with the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Infrastructure Authority for a Building Reuse Grant in the amount of $100,000 for general purposes related to the preservation of the Facility and the creation and retention of jobs in the course of completing the renovations and construction;

WHEREAS, the Building Reuse Grant Program requires a local government host to apply for such a grant, provide a 5% local match ($5,000), and act as guarantor for completion of projects and distribution of grant funds;

WHEREAS, Southeastern Container has requested the assistance of Buncombe County to obtain this funding; and

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of Buncombe County to facilitate this Building Reuse Grant for the Project.

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

1. The Recitals set forth above, along with the definitions of certain terms, are incorporated herein by reference as if fully restated.

2. The County Manager is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute an application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Infrastructure Authority for a Building Reuse Grant in the amount of $100,000 for the Southeastern Container

Project as described above provided that no County funds are pledged or appropriated without separate and express authority of this Board.

3. The County Manager is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all other acts and to execute any and all other documents, which they, in their discretion, deem necessary and appropriate in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, except that none of the above shall be authorized or empowered to do anything or execute any document which is in contravention, in any way, of the specific provisions of this Resolution.

4. All acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

5. This Resolution is effective upon its adoption.

This the ___ of August, 2026

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

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Sarah Gross, Clerk

By: _____

Amanda Edwards, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney

Exhibit A

See attached Economic Development Agreement