

TERM OF COMMISSION: September Session of the July Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Roger B. Wilson Boone County Government Center
Conference Room 301 / Conference Call

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Daniel Atwill
District I Commissioner Justin Aldred
District II Commissioner Janet Thompson
Buyer Robert Wilson
Deputy County Clerk Jodi Vanskike

Conference Call Information:

Number: 425-585-6224 Access Code: 802-162-168

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

Purchasing

1. First Reading: Cooperative Contract: 9/2021 - Fencing Repair, Maintenance, and Installation Services

Buyer Robert Wilson read the following memo: Purchasing requests permission to utilize the City of Columbia cooperative contract 9/2021 to purchase fencing repair, maintenance, and installation services from Central Fence, LLC.

This is a county-wide term and supply contract and will have an initial term through August 31, 2022 with four (4) optional one-year renewals.

Commissioner Atwill stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk schedule this item for a second reading at the next available commission meeting with appropriate order for approval.

2. First Reading: Co-Op Contract CC200147002 for Ammunition w/ Precision Delta Corp. for Boone County Sheriff

Buyer Robert Wilson read the following memo: Purchasing requests permission to use contract CC200147002 for Ammunition established by the State of Missouri Office of Administration with Precision Delta Corporation of Rulerville, Mississippi as a cooperative contract. The contract is intended for purchases made by the Boone County Sheriff's Office.

The contract period runs September 23, 2021 through November 18, 2021.

Payments will be made from the following Department/Account codes:

- 1251 – GF Sheriff Operations/23200 - Ammunition: \$17,500.00
- 1255 – GF Detention Operations/23200 - Ammunition: \$750.00
- 2901-LEST Sheriff Operations/23200 - Ammunition: \$18,000.00

Commissioner Atwill stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk schedule this item for a second reading at the next available commission meeting with appropriate order for approval.

3. Second Reading: Contract 33-31AUG21 - Pre-Printed Envelopes for the Boone County Collector (First Reading 09.16.21)

Commission Aldred moved now on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the Request for Bid 33-31AUG21 for Pre-Printed Envelopes for the Boone County Collector.

The County is preparing to award the contract for Pre-Printed Envelopes to Cenveo Worldwide Limited of Villa Ridge, Missouri as the lowest priced responsive bid presenting compliant sample envelopes and positive past experience.

The contract period will run from September 21, 2021 through September 20, 2022.

Payment will be paid from the following Department 1150 - Collector/Account 23001 - Printing for \$13,192.50.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #403-2021**

Commission

4. Public Comment

No public on the phone or in person. Commissioner Atwill closed Public Comment.

5. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Atwill stated he would like to address the courthouse murals. Commissioner Atwill stated he has received a lot of input from the public regarding them, and stated he thinks maybe there is a different way to approach this issue. Commissioner Atwill stated it seems to him that one avenue is that they need more information in the county courthouse, not less, and states he feels that idea has been very supported by the information he has received from the public. Commissioner Atwill stated he thinks one way to address that would be to create a third mural with information that would satisfy some of the concern of the lack of proper treatment in the murals that exist. Commissioner Atwill stated in his view, he thinks this option should be carefully considered. Commissioner Atwill stated if that would be the direction the Commission was going to go, it would take the need for a public hearing or further discussion for now, off the table. Commissioner Atwill asked Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Aldred if they had any interest in that kind of approach. Commissioner Aldred stated he thinks the public would be incredibly upset if the Commission removed the September 28th public hearing at this point. Commissioner Atwill stated if the Commission announced that they were not taking action to remove the murals, but are pursuing additional murals, they could do that this week. Commissioner Atwill then asked if Commissioner Aldred has received a lot of feedback that people want them down. Commissioner Aldred stated he has received a mix of both. Commissioner Thompson stated she has had the same. Commissioner Thompson stated she understands where Commissioner Atwill is coming from, she wonders though, if another mural were put up, whether people would believe that mitigates the presence of the other two. Commissioner Thompson stated she thinks the real question for most people is, it's not a comparison of art, it's the presence of that art in that space. Commissioner Thompson stated no one has talked about a different piece of art, but they are concerned about what's depicted in that space, not as works of art, but that particular art in that particular space. Commissioner Atwill stated there will never be a consensus on that subject, the Commission will have to make that decision and if you were to approach it from a different way, that decision could be made after the creation of the third piece if that were possible. Commissioner Atwill stated if the other two Commissioners wanted to go ahead and have the public hearing, as it's already scheduled, they would do that. Commissioner Thompson stated, at first, she wasn't in favor of the public hearing but now, since it has been published, concurs that it should happen. Commissioner Thompson stated, the way she understands it, the court believes the murals are a distraction from the primary purpose of the work of the courthouse, which is to dispense justice in a nonbiased and non-arbitrary fashion, and even the appearance of bias is something that would cause a judge to have to recuse. Commissioner Thompson stated the Court has said to the Commission, "Take them down". Commissioner Atwill stated "So neither of you has any interest in exploring a third piece of art? Is that what needs to be on the record?" Commissioner Aldred stated he has no interest at this time, and it would be improper to comment on it before the public hearing on the 28th. Commissioner Thompson stated she doesn't know that another

piece of art added to what's there alleviates the concern of the Court or the people who have talked about it. Commissioner Thompson stated there are going to be a lot of people who will probably talk on the 28th and who knows what they will put on the record and maybe this idea will alleviate the concerns of the Court and the people. Commissioner Atwill stated that Commissioner Thompson was putting a lot of emphasis on the opinion of the majority of the judges. Commissioner Thompson stated there was one judge who disagreed. Commissioner Atwill stated at some point, the question of what is the courthouse for, who owns the courthouse and who owns the art work needs to be asked. Commissioner Atwill stated it's not that the judges have control over it, or the lawyers have control over it, it's what the people want to have in their courthouse. Commissioner Atwill stated since there will be some division over that, the decision will land back with the Commissioners with their determination of what to do with those. Commissioner Atwill stated that if the art is to be changed, the art should not be destroyed. Commissioner Thompson stated Boone County Historical Society Executive Director Chris Campbell told her if the decision is that the murals are to come down, and they are rolled up, he can find a place for them in his vault. Commissioner Thompson stated according to art historians, rolling the art up does not damage it and it will be able to be stored in a safe place. Commissioner Atwill stated it's clear to him that if they are rolled up and stored away from public view, that's a forever thing in his opinion. Commissioner Aldred stated he has heard from a lot of the public but has not heard anyone say they wanted the artwork destroyed.

Attest:

Brianna L. Lennon
 Clerk of the County Commission

Daniel K. Atwill
 Presiding Commissioner

Justin Aldred
 District I Commissioner

Janet M. Thompson
 District II Commissioner