

TERM OF COMMISSION: June Session of the April 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  
Senior Buyer Liz Palazzolo  
Director of Purchasing Melinda Bobbitt  
Deputy County Clerk Jodi Vanskike

**Conference Call Information:**

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

Public Present: Peter Stiepleman, Michelle Baumstark, Jennifer Ruckstad, Helen Porter – Columbia Public Schools ; Tyree Byndom – Urban University

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm.

**Commission**

**1. First and Second Reading: PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DR. PETER STIEPLEMAN**

Commissioner Atwill stated Dr. Peter Stiepleman is present today to be recognized with a proclamation, as he is departing his position with the Columbia Public School System after many years of outstanding service. Commissioner Atwill stated he recalls a walk in the park on a trip to Japan last year with Dr. Stiepleman, who coordinated the trip. Commissioner Atwill stated the place they visited was amazing, like stepping into a movie set, and hopes the

discussions continue so that students from this area will be able to visit. Commissioner Atwill then asked Commissioner Aldred to read the Proclamation below:

**Proclamation Honoring  
Dr. Peter Stiepleman**

- Whereas,* Dr. Peter Stiepleman began his career with Columbia Public Schools (CPS) as a volunteer and continued to impact the lives of students as he worked as a third-grade teacher at Derby Ridge Elementary School. Through his hard work and dedication to education, he advanced through leadership roles, first as the assistant principal, then as principal of West Boulevard Elementary School, then assistant superintendent for elementary education, and finally as superintendent, where he has spent the last seven years serving students, families, district employees, and the community; and
- Whereas,* through exemplary leadership and service to CPS, Dr. Stiepleman was instrumental in creating a variety of opportunities throughout the school community, including a partnership with Moberly Area Community College, which allows students to earn a high school diploma while also earning an associate's degree free of charge; reigniting a sister-city relationship with Hakusan, Japan, to further expand enrichment opportunities and cultural partnerships for students; creating the Boone County Nature School, which gives students across Boone County a place for outdoor learning; and establishing COMOEd, a pipeline for locally-educated CPS students to become teachers in CPS; and
- Whereas,* during Dr. Stiepleman's tenure, the school district and the community experienced significant student growth and demographic shifts. Seeing the need for expansion of both buildings and services, he worked to support voter approval of \$80 million in bonds to eliminate classroom trailers; build a new middle school; add on to multiple school buildings; and make improvements to existing facilities. He also supported a 65-cent levy to maintain excellence and support the district's growth, recruitment and retention of high-quality employees, and continued access to enrichment opportunities that impact student achievement districtwide; and
- Whereas,* Dr. Stiepleman demonstrated his devotion to the ideals of inclusion, diversity, and equity through his tireless work on tackling educational issues related to poverty and equity, and his efforts to break the cycles of generational poverty in CPS. Under his leadership, equity became one of the top priorities of the school district and CPS established the themes of achievement, enrichment, and opportunity, which unite CPS staff around the idea that every child in Columbia must have access to a quality education, great curriculum, and skilled teachers in a nurturing environment within a system that eliminates barriers. Dr. Stiepleman recognized the importance of every student having equal access to experiences that enhance their learning such as field trips for each grade level, quality arts experiences, place-based science learning, and no-fee-required activities; and

*Whereas,* the lives of thousands of students have been positively impacted by Dr. Stiepleman during his 23 years in public education. His investment in students and commitment to their progress shone through as he developed resources and supports, implemented systems, and created access to opportunities for all students in CPS. His unwavering commitment to working with community partners to ensure all students can be college-ready, career-ready, and life-ready has left a lasting impact on CPS and our community; and

*Whereas,* Dr. Stiepleman has earned the admiration and respect of students, colleagues, and community members for his commitment, collaborative spirit, integrity, enthusiasm, professionalism, compassion, grace, empathy, and hard work.

*Therefore,* we do hereby recognize the significant professional achievements of Dr. Peter Stiepleman, and herewith express our sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to Columbia Public Schools and our community.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** this 10th day of June 2021.

Dr. Stiepleman stated as the Commissioners already know, not one person does this alone. Dr. Stiepleman stated people like Jenn Ruckstad, Helen Porter, Michelle Baumstark and all the people of Columbia Public Schools make this happen. Dr. Stiepleman stated “Thank you for the recognition but thank you for recognizing all of us, I really appreciate it”.

Commissioner Atwill seconded the motion.  
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #250-2021**

**2. First Reading: Co-Op Contract CC201981004 Law Enforcement Safety Gear & Supplies with Dana Safety for Boone County**

Senior Buyer Liz Palazzolo read the following memo: Purchasing requests permission to use contract CC201981004 – Law Enforcement Safety Equipment/Gear and Supplies established by the State of Missouri Office of Administration with Dana Safety Supply of North Little Rock, Arkansas as a cooperative contract. This contract is the fourth of four that the County wishes to use for Law Enforcement Safety Equipment/Gear and Supplies that will be set up as a Countywide Term and Supply contract, but will be primarily used by the Sheriff’s Office and the Office of Emergency Management. A wide variety of equipment and gear is available. The contract with Dana Safety Supply provides Duty Gear, Duty Tools, First Responder & Emergency Medical Gear and Supplies, Restraint Gear, SWAT Team Gear, and Police Vehicle Equipment & Accessories.

The contract period runs June 01, 2021 through April 30, 2022. There are two (1) one-year renewal options available.

This is a Countywide Term and Supply contract.

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

**3. First Reading: Amendment #1: EC07-18 - 9-1-1 Equipment & Emergency Notification (TXT2 911 Service)**

Director of Purchasing Melinda Bobbitt read the following memo: Contract EC07-18 - 9-1-1 Equipment and Emergency Notification (TXT2 911 Service) was approved by Commission for award to West Safety Services, Inc. on December 18, 2018 Commission order 552-2018.

This amendment changes the name from West Safety Services, Inc. to Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corporation. It also clarifies that maintenance is \$4,140.00 annually with the final term ending on June 14, 2025. This is an annual term & supply service contract for Information Technology.

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

**4. First Reading: Amendment One to 21-01MAY18 - Large Truck Repair Services**

Buyer Robert Wilson read the following memo: Contract 21-01MAY18 – Large Truck Repair Services was approved by commission for award to Columbia Freightliner Sales on June 21, 2018, commission order 311-2018. This amendment is for an Agreement and Consent to Assignment of Contract from Columbia Freightliner Sales (FEIN 48-0862574) to Premier Truck Group (FEIN 46-2758677).

Invoices will continue to be paid from department 2042 – Road & Bridge Fleet Maintenance Operations, account 60200 – Equipment Repairs/Maintenance.

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

**5. Second Reading: First Reading: Amendment #1 Contract 02-25MAY 16 - Detainee Commissary Goods for the Boone County Jail (First Read 06.08.21)**

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve Amendment #1 to Contract 02-25MAY16 for Detainee Commissary Goods and Services for the Boone County Jail – Boone County Sheriff’s Office with Summit Foodservice, LLC, awarded August 17, 2017 (Commission Order 363-2017).

All other terms and conditions, including the commission of the original agreement remain unchanged.

This is a revenue only contract that is reported using Department 1255 – GF Detention Operations Account 3550 - Commissions.

Commissioner Atwill seconded the motion.  
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #251-2021**

**Commission**

**6. Public Comment**

Commissioner Atwill opened and closed the public comment. Tyree Byndom from Urban University stated he is here today to discuss figuring out a strategic way as a County to be synchronized throughout the various institutions. Mr. Byndom stated he knows all the cities throughout Boone County have their own strategic processes, and he isn’t sure what the plan is for them to complete their own strategic planning and get the information to the Commission. Mr. Byndom stated one problem he has found is many counties in the United States don’t have a regional strategic plan that’s connected to all the other institutions. Mr. Byndom stated he has found that most counties don’t track data on indigenous Native American, Black, Latino or Asian Americans, and then have no data on how their community demographics are changing year to year. Mr. Byndom stated his company can give the county agencies and institutions access to all their local data on their communities, down to looking at the city within the city and neighborhoods as to where the troubled areas are, and figure out how to create a plan for those areas. Mr. Byndom stated his company is able to provide a comprehensive report that creates a metro strategy. Mr. Byndom stated it takes three to six months to start the process, noting that his company has just started business with MU Health Care two months ago. Mr. Byndom stated his company is one of the first black owned businesses to invest in and join REDI, they are current members of the HUB and he is contemplating joining the Boone County Chamber. Mr. Byndom stated how he spoke with John Glascock with the City of Columbia who stated he was interested in his plan but was concerned with the pricing. Mr. Byndom stated he thinks this process is necessary as we try to reset this community and provide something tangible to engage the public so they will know how to contribute to the local community themselves. Commissioner Atwill stated the process for a service like this with the County

would be a contract. Commissioner Atwill stated the first step in the process is for the County Commission to determine that it needs to embark upon an effort to develop a strategic plan. Commissioner Atwill stated the Commission would need to have discussions about what it is that a strategic plan would contain and what the goal would be in having a strategic plan. Commissioner Atwill stated Boone County’s strategic plan is very old and they could use a new one for roads, businesses and developments across the county and while they may be close to the point of needing one, they aren’t there yet on that part of it. Commissioner Atwill stated if the Commission decided to pursue any strategic plan, the first step would be to issue a set of requirements that they would have for submission of bids, and Mr. Byndom would be eligible to submit a bid. Commissioner Atwill went on to say the Commission hasn’t even done step one of the process which is to decide they need a strategic plan of any kind and they can’t move to accepting bids until that step is complete. Commissioner Aldred spoke, stating his concern is, even if the County agreed to this, whether the outer communities and villages would sign on to it. Mr. Byndom stated he has good relationships with the leaders in some of the small towns around Columbia and thinks that if they communicated with the County leaders, everyone could figure out how to grow that base. Commissioner Aldred asked “This is \$25,000.00?” Mr. Byndom stated “Yes.” Commissioner Aldred stated “you mentioned you have already talked with John Glascock with the City of Columbia, and he was putting forth some amount of money. Are you also asking the other communities for that same buy in?” Mr. Byndom stated, “I’ve got funding, money’s not the issue. I’m just a member of this community who has a skillset at strategic management and global human resource management. I’m trying to help people and this is just a tool to assist.”

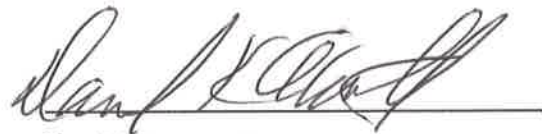
**7. Commissioner Reports**

None.

Attest:



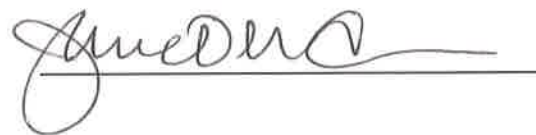
Brianna L. Lennon  
 Clerk of the County Commission



Daniel K. Atwill  
 Presiding Commissioner



Justin Aldred  
 District I Commissioner



Janet M. Thompson  
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