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With regard to the purchase of the Runbeck Mail Ballot Sorting System and (5) year Licensing and Service Agreement for the sum of 491 Thousand dollars, I think this proposal is outrageous. Why, all of a sudden, is this such a rush to judgement without proper vetting of the performance of this system? With a little research, I found this system has issues with shredding ballots, breakdowns, and rejected in other municipalities around the country. Also, despite what we found printed in the local newspaper, there are other reliable and more fiscally responsible purchases available. Why is Council not looking into other options? Why is this system cheaper for other regional municipalities? I believe it's time for a more conservative and responsible look at these options as well as the outrageous price tag. Where are the conservative and unbiased views that the people of this county elected? It's time to get your pencils out, sharpen them real good, and come up with a better plan.

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