

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: Jan. 16, 2008

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes ___ No x

Department: DISTRICT 3

Staff Contact Person: Tammy Malby

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: A RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROVIDE PROJECT OVERSIGHT TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT MANAGEMENT FOR THE FLORIDA KEYS

ITEM BACKGROUND:

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: N/A

BUDGETED: Yes ___ No ___

COST TO COUNTY: N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ___ No ___

AMOUNT PER MONTH ___ **Year** ___

APPROVED BY: _____

County Mayor, Charles "Sonny" McCoy

DOCUMENTATION: Included x

Not Required ___

DISPOSITION: _____

AGENDA ITEM # _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROVIDE PROJECT OVERSIGHT TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT MANAGEMENT FOR THE FLORIDA KEYS; PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO EVALUATE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES, EFFICIENCIES AND ECONOMIES OF SCALE.

WHEREAS, Monroe County (County) is authorized by Florida Statute Sec 125.01(1) to provide, assist in providing, and fund centralized wastewater treatment systems; and

WHEREAS, Section 6, Chapter 99-395, Laws of Florida, and the County's Comprehensive Plan requires that certain wastewater treatment levels be achieved by the year 2010, which levels can best be achieved by central wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, The Sanitary Wastewater Master Plan (the "Master Plan") for the Florida Keys was adopted by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners on May 18, 2000; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that sustaining accessible and adequate water supplies are essential to the people and economies throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the governments of the United States, the State of Florida, and Monroe County have recognized the need to initiate and fund projects for the design, construction, and operation of wastewater treatment systems within Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the funding sources and grants from local, state and federal sources to advance the provision of wastewater treatment facilities are limited in amount and availability; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, through the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) should provide project oversight in excess of their normal capacity to ensure that the money is spent in a way that maximizes environmental benefits and minimizes costs.

WHEREAS, the State has designated a number of entities in the Florida Keys to be the responsible parties for the sewerage of the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, this fragmentation of responsibility and authority has produced a proliferation of small, less than efficient systems; and

WHEREAS, the disparity in costs of excessive small plants in lieu of more centralized plants in the range of one-half to those approaching one thousand GPD is well documented; and

WHEREAS, the long term operation costs of these small plants will be borne by generations of the citizens of the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, it is in everyone's benefit to have one comprehensively engineered program for the sewerage of this unique archipelago; and

WHEREAS, there are finite water resources available and reuse is a logical source; and

WHEREAS, a well engineered, comprehensive wastewater treatment system for the Florida Keys will save this county initially and for generations to come; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MONROE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that:

Section 1: The County hereby expresses its support to provide wastewater treatment for the Florida Keys that is both cost effective and environmentally correct based upon the professional evaluation and design.

Section 2: The County requests that the State commit the resources of the DEP to serve as the entity to manage the funding, the design and the implementation to advance the provision of wastewater treatment facilities for the Florida Keys.

Section 3: In assessing potential sites and wastewater treatment management alternatives, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners will rely on the professional advice from experts considering the initial and long-term costs, environmental impacts, and system reliability associated with the implementation of such alternatives and all such activity should be considered within the purview of DEP when bond proceeds are utilized.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 19th day of December, 2007.

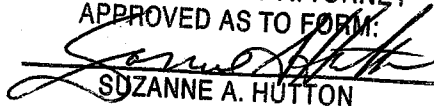
Mayor Charles McCoy _____
Mayor Pro Mario DiGennaro _____
Commissioner Sylvia J. Murphy _____
Commissioner George Neugent _____
Commissioner Dixie Spehar _____

ATTEST
DANNY L. KOLHAGE, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Mayor Charles McCoy

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

SUZANNE A. HUTTON
COUNTY ATTORNEY
Date 11-27-07