

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 8/8/2007
Bulk Item: Yes No

Division: BOCC
Department: District 3

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AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

Approval of a Resolution for the Monroe County Board of County Commissioner to serve as the Sewer Coordinator for the Florida Keys.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____ **BUDGETED:** Yes No

COST TO COUNTY: _____ **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty OMB/Purchasing Risk Management

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____
Commissioner Charles McCoy DISTRICT 3

DOCUMENTATION: Included Not Required

DISPOSITION: _____ **AGENDA ITEM #** _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE AS THE SEWER COORDINATOR FOR THE FLORIDA KEYS; PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO IMPLEMENTING ADVANCED WASTEWATER SYSTEM INSTALLATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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, State legislative authorizations of entities in the Florida Keys may be reconciled through legislation at such time as the State issues bonds or otherwise provides funding for wastewater projects; and

WHEREAS, Section 6, Subsection (4), 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, the Master Plan identified and acknowledged the benefits to Monroe County, its residents, visitors and environs from the installation of regionalized central sewer systems and identified areas and projects which should be given priority attention, referred to as "Hot Spots;" and

WHEREAS, the creation of a few regionalized central sewer systems are typically more cost effective than numerous smaller systems; and

WHEREAS, the creation of regionalized central wastewater treatment facilities allows for the production of economically feasible reclaimed water for reuse and wastewater recycling; 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, Monroe County and the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority have entered into an Inter Local Agreement and subsequent lease relationship to provide for the installation, operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment systems in unincorporated Monroe County, and

WHEREAS, Monroe County and the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District have entered into an Inter Local Agreement to provide property for a treatment plant, environmental mitigation monies, operating and construction start-up funds to complete advanced wastewater projects within the service limits of the district, and

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

WHEREAS, recent evidence shows that the impact to Monroe County's natural reef system is far more detrimental than first speculated and the extra time necessary to complete these systems with local funding alone will cause irreparable harm to the State's environment and soon thereafter the State's economy, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is considering bonding of at least \$200 million for the construction of wastewater treatment systems within Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is seeking a single entity to serve as a coordinating local government entity to work with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to develop a plan to ensure that a comprehensive cost-effective process of project implementation maximizes environmental benefits and minimizes costs, and

WHEREAS, the county has a fully functional wastewater treatment department and other staff as well as County Commissioners that have specialized skills and competencies to meet this challenge, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Charles McCoy has formal education and training in the field and local construction knowledge having designed projects throughout Monroe County and the Caribbean, and has multi-state registry, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner McCoy, as Mayor of Key West enacted operation of advanced wastewater treatment systems prior to DEP and State of Florida mandates; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe County Board of 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 current, competent engineering evaluation and recommendation.

Section 2: The County hereby commits to serve as the single government entity to coordinate and work with DEP to accomplish the Interim Project provided by the State of Florida to advance the provision of wastewater treatment facilities for the Florida Keys.

Section 3: Monroe County shall function as the Florida Keys Wastewater Coordinator; and Commissioner McCoy, due to his professional background, shall chair discussions and actions of the Board of County Commissioners concerning wastewater projects and serve as the County's liaison to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and such other governmental entities as necessary to accomplish the Interim Project.

Section 4: The Board hereby commits to support in a professional manner wastewater treatment alternatives that maximize environmental benefits and minimize project and operating costs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida at a special meeting of said Board held on the 8th day of August 2007.

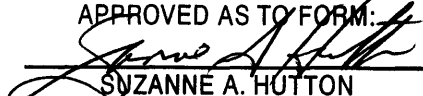
Mayor Di Gennaro _____
Mayor Pro Tem Spehar _____
Commissioner George Neugent _____
Commissioner Charles McCoy _____
Commissioner Sylvia J. Murphy _____

ATTEST
DANNY L. KOLHAGE, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Mayor Mario Di Gennaro

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

SUZANNE A. HUTTON
COUNTY ATTORNEY
Date 8/01/07