

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 9/19/07

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes No

Department: DISTRICT FIVE

Staff Contact Person/Phone #:

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AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Approval of a resolution to encourage the Florida Keys
Wastewater Assistance Foundation in its mission.

ITEM BACKGROUND: None

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: None

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: 0

BUDGETED: Yes No

COST TO COUNTY: 0

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

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

APPROVED BY: County Atty _____ OMB/Purchasing _____ Risk Management _____

DOCUMENTATION: Included _____ Not Required 0

DISPOSITION: _____

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RESOLUTION _____ - 2007

A RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA KEYS WASTEWATER ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION, INC. IN ITS KEYSWIDE MISSION.

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys are a 130-mile island chain, south of mainland Florida and the nation's largest water quality restoration project, The Everglades, at the center of a federally protected National Marine Sanctuary and the nation's largest barrier coral reef; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys are home to 74,000 citizens and 4 million annual visitors who deposit sewage that is state mandated to be collected in centralized sewer systems to standards four times stricter than the United States Clean Water Act by June 30, 2010 or suffer severe financial penalties from the State Departments of Health and Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Wastewater Assistance Foundation was formed April 16, 2007 as a Florida non-profit corporation to fill a critical need for federally designated Rural Monroe County Florida community, its homes, businesses and policy makers; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation purpose is two-fold: (1) to educate Keys and Florida publics as to why by State mandate and law we must eliminate cesspits and leaking septic tanks and treat sewage to Advanced Wastewater Standards and what will happen if we don't; and (2) to alleviate the sewer hook up needs of our low income, elderly and disabled who make up a higher-than-average percentage of our population; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation's mission is to be a forum for Keyswide communication on critical water quality issues and a seeker of integrated and cooperative solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation is a voice for unity but *in no way* a competing or conflicting group which interferes with the sovereignty or values of any civic, social, educational, governmental or non-profit Keys entity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, Monroe County, Florida, that the Florida Keys Wastewater Assistance Foundation be encouraged to be:

1. A clearinghouse for information and research.
2. A forum to bring diverse groups together and encourage innovative solutions.
3. A facilitator of financial resources to the financially challenged and disabled.
4. An ally in the effort to promote open communication between and among all private and public entities related to wastewater and its impact on water quality restoration.

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

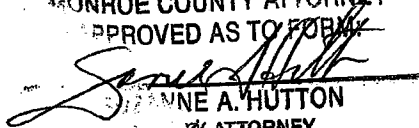
Mayor Mario DiGennaro _____
Mayor Pro Tem Dixie M. Spehar _____
Commissioner Charles "Sonny" McCoy _____
Commissioner Sylvia Murphy _____
Commissioner George Neugent _____

(SEAL)
Attest: **DANNY L. KOLHAGE**, Clerk

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By _____
Deputy Clerk

By _____
Mayor/Chairman

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM

JANINE A. HUTTON
COUNTY ATTORNEY
Date 9/05/07