

Staff Report

Subject: Ratification of Consulting Services Amendment with Eavenson Consulting Group

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Department: County Manager

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Item Description: Consideration to approve the ratification of the Consulting Services Amendment with Eavenson Consulting Group

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends the approval of Consulting Services Amendment with Eavenson Consulting Group

Executive Summary/Background:

Effingham County entered into an agreement with Eavenson Consulting Group on August 20, 2024, to provide consulting services in connection with the County's water system expansion. The scope of services includes negotiating for water withdrawal rights from the Savannah River, securing easements for a 36-inch water main, and collaborating with affected cities and businesses on future water supply issues. The agreement, signed by County Manager Tim Callanan, covers a term of three months, ending November 20, 2024, with a provision for monthly renewal upon approval.

The agreement includes a monthly retainer of \$12,500, which covers all necessary services, meetings, and local travel. Eavenson Consulting Group is responsible for all related expenses, with no additional costs anticipated for the County.

The amendment increases the term another two months, ending January 20, 2025.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Ratify the Consulting Services Amendment with Eavenson Consulting Group.
2. Take no action.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: County Manager

Funding Source: Consulting Services, FY 25 Budget

Attachments: Consulting Services Agreement with Eavenson Consulting Group, and Amendment 1