

Staff Report

Subject: Ratification of the Consulting Services Agreement with Eavenson Consulting Group

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Department: County Manager

Meeting Date: October 1, 2024

Item Description: Consideration to ratify the Consulting Services Agreement with Eavenson Consulting Group for negotiation services related to the County's water system expansion.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends the ratification of the Consulting Services Agreement 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.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Ratify the Consulting Services Agreement 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