

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
PURCHASING DIVISION

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**DATE:** January 17, 2024

**TO:** BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THROUGH:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator  
Kristin Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget  
Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

**FROM:** Shelby Ball, Purchasing Specialist

**SUBJECT:** Third Extension and Amendment to Agreement for Operations of the Biosolids Dewatering Facility, Sludge Dewatering and Hauling (Bid 2021021)

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**BACKGROUND:**

On February 16, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners awarded Bid 2021021 for the operation of the Biosolids Dewatering Facility located at the County Landfill located at 1350 74th Ave. SW, Vero Beach to Synagro South, LLC (“Synagro”). The facility receives domestic residuals, septage and grease from Indian River County wastewater treatment facilities, local septic tank haulers, and recreational vehicles. The Contractor will operate the Biosolids Dewatering Facility, haul sludge from the three County owned wastewater treatment facilities to the facility and be responsible for dewatering the sludge and disposing of it in the County Landfill.

The first extension and amendment of the agreement was approved by the Board on February 1, 2022, and the second extension and amendment of the agreement was approved by the Board on February 13, 2023, and will expire on February 28, 2024. A single, one- year extension is available, subject to vendor acceptance, satisfactory performance, and staff’s determination that renewal is in the best interest of the County.

**ANALYSIS:**

Staff have been satisfied with the service provided by Synagro and would like to exercise the third renewal to the agreement.

Article 4 of the Agreement provides an opportunity for Synagro to request a price increase in writing by January 1 of each year, to be effective for the upcoming term. Synagro has submitted a request to adjust the pricing in accordance with the CPI index (South), effective March 1, 2024, as reflected in the following table. The amounts of the requested increases match the increase to CPI. The Synagro request for an increase is on file in the Purchasing Division.

## CONSENT AGENDA

To date and estimated costs are shown in the table below.

Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Change	Actual costs Oct-Dec 23	Est. Cost Jan-Feb	Est. Cost Mar-Sep	Est. FY23/24 Annual Cost	Total Amount Allocated to PO
Hauling	\$0.0322/gal	\$0.0334/gal	+3.60%	\$119,954	\$79,969	\$289,968	\$489,891	\$490,000
Processing/Dewatering	\$248.99/dry ton	\$257.95 /dry ton	+3.60%	\$112,297	\$74,865	\$271,460	\$458,622	\$435,000

### **FUNDING:**

Funding will come from the Utilities operating funds, which are derived from water and sewer sales. Hauling from the Wastewater Treatment Plants will come from the Utilities Operating Fund/Wastewater Treatment/Sludge Removal (47121836-044730) account, and processing and dewatering costs will be paid from the Utilities Operating Fund/Sludge/Other Professional Services (47125736-033190) account. As detailed in the table above, cost estimates through the end of the fiscal year suggest that we may not have enough funds within the existing purchase orders (POs) to cover the costs associated with the amended contract. Funds to accommodate any unbudgeted costs will be obtained by a budget amendment, if necessary, and will be presented to the Board at a later date.

Account Number	Account Description	FY 23/24 PO Amount
47121836-044730	Utilities/Wastewater Treatment/Sludge Removal	\$490,000
47125736-033190	Utilities/Sludge/Other Professional Services	\$435,000

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board approve the third extension and amendment to the agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute it, after review and approval by the County attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

Third Amendment and Extension