

Memorandum



Date: March 3, 2026

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Recommendation for Ratification of an Emergency Contract for the Emergency Repairs of High Service Pump at the Preston Water Treatment Plant

Agenda Item No. 8(P)(9)

Executive Summary

This item is to ratify an emergency contract award for the Water and Sewer Department (WASD) for the emergency repairs of the switchgear serving two high service pumps at the Preston Water Treatment Plant (Preston WTP) in Hialeah. On July 4, 2025, the generator feeding two high service pumps and associated switchgear were operating under normal conditions when on-duty staff observed abnormal fluctuations in pump speed and frequency. Staff immediately inspected the High Service Pump Room and observed a fire in one of the electrical switchgear units. Electrical staff quickly mobilized on the evening of July 4th and extinguished the fire, but the damage rendered switchgear for two of Preston's largest pumps inoperable. Plant electricians made temporary repairs to restore electric service to one pump, but the second switchgear was catastrophically damaged. The two damaged pumps provide 40 million gallons per day of pumping capacity and are essential to meeting water demand for Preston WTP. Unfortunately, the damage was significant and required immediate repair of both electrical switchgear units to ensure reliable pumping operations. WASD proceeded with an emergency declaration to replace switchgear for Pumps No. 5 and 6. Without these replacements, WASD would compromise reliable pumping and our customers may have potentially experienced interruptions to both daily water needs and fire flow capacity, and the County potentially faced Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) compliance violations of its operating permit for the Preston WTP.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) ratify an emergency contract award, *Contract No. EC-385087, Emergency Repairs of High Service Pump at the Preston Water Treatment Plant* to Millo Electrical Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$613,250 for WASD.

Background

On July 4, 2025, WASD declared an emergency to procure immediate repairs for the high service pump switchgear at Preston WTP in Hialeah. Competitive bidding was not possible due to the urgent conditions and the critical need to restore pumping capacity. Preston WTP provides 195 million gallons per day (MGD) of high-service water pumping capacity, with High Service Pump No. 5 alone providing 45 MGD. During peak demand, the plant must deliver up to 120 MGD of water from the High Service Pump Station. With High Service Pump No. 5 and 6 out of service, the plant did not have adequate redundancy, creating an immediate life-safety concern for both potable water delivery and fire protection flows. The work was completed by September 2025.

To restore reliability, a contractor was required to replace the damaged switchgear and feeder cables, either permanently or temporarily, to return High Service Pump No. 5 and 6 to operation as quickly as possible. Emergency procurement was necessary to ensure that the plant could continue operating safely, maintain compliance with regulatory requirements, and protect the life, health, safety, and welfare of Miami-Dade County residents in accordance with Implementing Order 3-38. Additionally, per section 255.20(c)(1) of the Florida Statutes, this item seeks approval and ratification of an emergency project to repair an existing public building, structure, or other public construction works damaged or destroyed by fire and such damage or destruction creates an immediate danger to the public health or safety and an interruption of an essential governmental service.

Scope

Preston WTP is located within District 6, which is represented by Commissioner Natalie Millian Orbis; however, the scope of this item is countywide in nature.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The fiscal impact for the emergency contract is \$613,250 for a one-time purchase.

Department	Ratification Amount	Funding Source	Budgeted*	Contract Manager
WASD	\$613,250	Water Renewal and Replacement Fund	FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan, Program Water Treatment Plant – Replacement and Renovations, Program# 9650161, Page 123	Susan Pascual
Total	\$613,250			

*The Adopted Budget Book was not finalized at the time this item was drafted. Therefore, the budget information above is based on the Proposed Budget Book.

Track Record/Monitor

Manuel Jimenez of the Strategic Procurement Department (SPD) is the Procurement Contracting Manager.

Delegated Authority

The County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee will have the authority to exercise all provisions of the contract pursuant to Section 2-8.1 of the County Code and Implementing Order 3-38.

Vendor Recommended for Ratification

Vendor	Principal Address	Local Address	Number of Employee Residents	Principal
			1) Miami-Dade 2) Percentage*	
Millo Electrical Contractor, Inc. (SBE)	16511 SW 58 Terrace Miami, FL	Same	2 100%	Marlon Thureaux

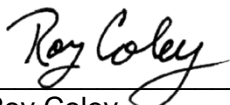
*Provided pursuant to Resolution No. R-1011-15. Percentage of employee residents is the percentage of Vendor’s employees who reside in Miami-Dade County as compared to the Vendor’s total workforce.

Due Diligence

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-187-12, due diligence was conducted in accordance with SPD’s Procurement Guidelines to determine contractor responsibility, including verifying corporate status and that there are no performance and compliance issues. The lists that were referenced included convicted vendors, debarred vendors, delinquent contractors, suspended vendors, and federal excluded parties. There were no adverse findings relating to vendor responsibility.

Applicable Ordinances and Contract Measures

- The two percent User Access Program applies.
- The Small Business Enterprise measures and Local Preference do not apply.
- The Living Wage Ordinance does not apply.



Roy Coley
 Chief Utilities and Regulatory Services Officer



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 3, 2026

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(P)(9)

Please note any items checked.

- “3-Day Rule” for committees applicable if raised**
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- Budget required**
- Statement of fiscal impact required**
- Statement of social equity required**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor’s report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____)** to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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3-3-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RATIFYING EMERGENCY CONTRACT NO. EC-385087, EMERGENCY REPAIRS OF HIGH SERVICE PUMP AT THE PRESTON WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO MILLO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$613,250.00 FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE COUNTY CODE AND IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-38

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board finds it is in the best interest of Miami-Dade County to ratify an emergency contract, Contract No. EC-385087, Emergency Repairs of High Service Pump at the Preston Water Treatment Plant, to Millo Electrical Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$613,250.00 for the Water and Sewer Department.

Section 2. This Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to exercise all provisions of the contract pursuant to section 2-8.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida and Implementing Order 3-38. A copy of the contract document is on file with and available upon request from the Water and Sewer Department.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman
Marleine Bastien
Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez
Danielle Cohen Higgins
Natalie Milian Orbis
Micky Steinberg
Juan Carlos Bermudez
Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Keon Hardemon
Vicki L. Lopez
Raquel A. Regalado

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of March, 2026. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Eduardo W. Gonzalez