

**13. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN EASEMENTS FOR WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS**

As you may be aware, our PPEA project necessitates the acquisition of some 15 water and sewer easements, beginning on Route 58 near the interceptor pump station and traversing to the new wastewater treatment plant. While obtaining the easements was our contractual responsibility under the Comprehensive Agreement, in the interest of time, Southampton County Infrastructure, LLC agreed to jointly fund the services of KDR Real Estate in obtaining the easements.

KDR Real Estate began making contact with the affected property owners just prior to Christmas, and at this writing, has obtained roughly 1/3 of the necessary easements. While I anticipate that most, if not all, of the easements will be obtained voluntarily, we are reaching the point where significant delays may begin to adversely impact the project schedule.

Accordingly, I've asked Mr. Railey to prepare for your consideration a resolution authorizing the use of eminent domain (only if necessary) and declaring the necessity of entering upon and taking such property prior to completion of condemnation proceedings.

**MOTION REQUIRED:** If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to adopt the attached resolution.