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## **MCCORMICK COUNTY COUNCIL PARTNERS WITH CLEARWATER SOLUTIONS TO OPERATE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS**

MCCORMICK, S.C. - The McCormick County Council recently authorized Columbus M. Stephens, County Administrator to enter into an agreement with ClearWater Solutions (CWS) to provide the operations, maintenance, and management services for the County's water distribution and sewer collection systems.

CWS operates fourteen systems across South Carolina for clients such as the City of Pickens, Laurens County Water & Sewer Commission, Town of Pendleton, City of Belton, and the Town of Williamston. The company also has a state-of-the-art water/wastewater testing lab in Clemson.

"This partnership with ClearWater will be transparent and beneficial for both our county administration and our water & sewer customers," said the County's Administrator, Columbus Stephens. "ClearWater Solutions brings a depth of staff and many more resources that we desperately need to provide safe and reliable drinking water. A major strength of CWS is the capability to ensure the team has the most up to date training and credentials to deliver quality water & sewer service to McCormick County resident customers."

According to the company's CEO, Steve Cawood, ClearWater Solutions has already tapped a Project Manager to lead the team. "We have a highly experienced Project Manager, Jeremy Sponseller, who will manage the operations and the team on a daily basis. We are excited that all thirteen of the current McCormick County employees have agreed to continue in their present roles when we start work on October 1<sup>st</sup>."

The current contract term with ClearWater Solutions is for a six-month period that begins October 1 and is expected to save McCormick County money on its annual budget. Outside of the cost savings, additional advantages of contract operations include more resources available for emergency situations, in-house maintenance professionals, compliance expertise, competitive benefits for the employees, ongoing training, and career advancement opportunities.

ClearWater Solutions has approximately 480 employees located throughout its 12-state geographical footprint.



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