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## **Commission awards three construction contracts totaling \$4 million**

The Sarasota County Commission Tuesday approved construction contracts for a deep injection well at the Venice Gardens Water Treatment Facility, restoration of the historic Edson Keith Farmhouse at Phillippi Estate Park and rehabilitation of a sanitary sewer pipeline for the Dorchester sewer basin. The three contracts totaled \$4,069,044.

Awarded were:

- A \$3.4 million contract with All Webbs Enterprises Inc. of Jupiter for a Class 1 industrial deep injection well at the Venice Gardens Water Treatment Facility. The current facility has an outdated and failing well for disposal of brine concentrate from water production. The new deep injection well will serve this facility and also be a backup for brine disposal and wet weather reclaimed water disposal from other facilities. Drilling and construction are scheduled to begin in late April and to be completed before May 2011. The project includes installation of temporary walls for sound suppression and most of the work will be done during the day. Funding will be primarily from the Utility Revenue Bond Series 2007.
- A \$411,543 contract with Willis A. Smith Construction Inc. of Sarasota to restore the Edson Keith Farmhouse at Phillippi Estate Park, 5500 S. Tamiami Trail. Built by the Keith family in 1916, the farmhouse and the Edson Keith Mansion, also located on the 60-acre park, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The two-story wood frame farmhouse needs repairs to replace the failing foundations and restore the exterior of the building. The project also includes raising the building, constructing new concrete and masonry foundations, carpentry, painting, and electrical and plumbing work. All work will follow the U.S. Secretary of the Interior standards for rehabilitation of historic structures. The project is targeted for completion in January 2011. Funding will be provided through the county's Capital Improvements Fund and the North Park Construction Fund.
- A \$220,904 contract with Insituform Technologies Inc. of Missouri to rehabilitate the sanitary sewer pipeline in the Dorchester Sewer Basin. Rehabilitating the aging pipeline will reduce inflow and infiltration of groundwater into existing infrastructure, which decreases the amount of water treated at one of the county's regional treatment facilities. Funds are available from utility rates.

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