Threshold Wins Recycling Contract Extension

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The Kodiak Island Borough Assembly voted unanimously to approve a six-month extension of Threshold Services' current contract with the borough to provide community recycling services, which was set to expire January 1st. KMXT's Erik Wander has more.

The Kodiak Island Borough's landfill enterprise fund is financed through user fees, residential and commercial garbage fees and fees charged at the landfill for varying wastes. The funds cover costs for the solid waste collection contract, landfill operational disposal costs and

community recycling efforts. The Borough contracts with Threshold Services Inc. to provide recycling services.

Borough assembly member Chris Lynch is also the president of Threshold Services.

-- (Lynch 1 50 sec "Threshold is providing ... to continue to provide recycling.")

Assembly member Judy Fulp highlighted the importance of recycling services for a community like Kodiak.

-- (Fulp 1 23 sec "We can't just truck... hopefully it'll come back up.")

Assemblyman
Dave Kaplan said Threshold provides an important service to the community, not only in terms of solid waste collection and recycling.

-- (Kaplan 1 37 sec "I also applaud ... financing Threshold.")

Threshold's extended contract for the additional six-month period is estimated at a cost of 100,000 dollars. In order for the landfill budget to cover the cost, the borough estimates that residential rates will increase seven dollars per month, for a total of 38 dollars per month. Threshold is a non-profit organization whose primary mission is to provide work and training for people with disabilities or who are chronically not employable. I'm Erik Wander.

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