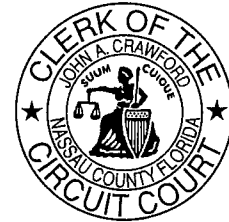




John A. Crawford
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Nassau County



July 26, 2006

The Honorable Tom Branan, Chairman
Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
Post Office Box 1010
Fernandina Beach, FL 32035

Dear Chairman Branan:

I am writing to you to apprise you of my concerns related to the continual design modifications to the proposed Sheriff's Administration Building/911 and Emergency Operations Center.

My concern is that you have no formalized agreement with your architect in place related to the additional design modifications to the plans for these facilities. The Board could possibly face hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional architectural fees as well as millions of additional dollars in construction costs based on these apparent modifications. On April 26, 2006, the Clerk's office notified the County Attorney that our records indicated that the Board of County Commissioners was previously billed and paid for 100 percent complete schematic design, design development, and construction documents for both buildings. For this reason you were not required to competitively select an architect for this project. Additionally, at your July 24, 2006, Board meeting you further amended the design of this project by choosing Option 3 (redesign to two story) as prepared by County staff. It appears from your actions at the meeting that you will now incur, again, even more additional costs to complete the design of this building.

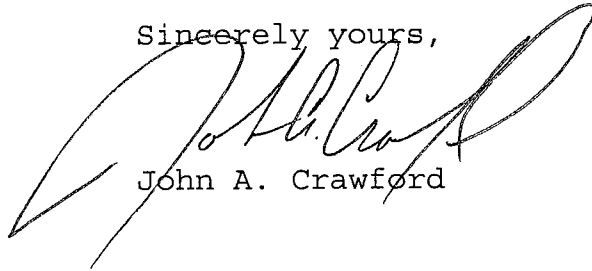
Without direction from the Board, the design costs for modifications could continue to grow while the tax payers have not had the benefit of the use of the competitive purchase process. It is imperative that the Board, before continuing additional modifications and incurring additional costs, lock the architectural design costs down.

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I know you share my concern that, in the best interest of the taxpayers, the Board must take control of these design costs, reach a formalized agreement with an architect for modifications, and assure compliance with your purchasing ordinance.

Please let me know how my staff can assist you in completing your project goals.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Crawford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "C".

John A. Crawford

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