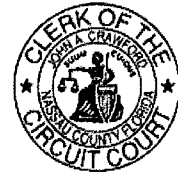




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**Nassau County**



October 13, 2005

To: Citizens' Budget & Finance Reform Committee of 2005

From: John A. Crawford, Clerk of the Circuit Court &  
Comptroller

Subject: Budget Policy Workshop October 18, 2005

Dear Committee Members,

First, I would like to thank all of you for all the hard work and dedication you have shown in developing the budget policy draft which has been considered by the County Commission. Bringing positive change to government has never been an easy task, but I am confident this committee's work has and will continue to make a difference in Nassau County's future.

As a reminder, listed below are the Committee's original goals to accomplish:

1. Assist the BOCC to resolve the County's immediate financial problems such as, downgraded bond rating, line of credit concerns, impact fee allocation and growth planning.
2. Provide a policy framework to prevent future financial crises to the County, particularly those caused by rapid growth.
3. Ensure that county financial summary information is simplified; performance measures are regularly disclosed, and easily obtainable by citizens, BOCC members and staff.

I can confirm that your final policy draft has exceeded these goals as established at the start of the Committee. We all fully understand that having a new and sound budget policy adopted (by ordinance) is the desired result.

I have just received notice, moments ago, that the Board has moved the Special Workshop scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> to October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. at the new Board Chambers located

at 96135 Nassau Place. Please note this new date and place for the meeting. The County Administrator today has provided me with a proposed policy document that he has been working on and which was provided to the Commissioners individually some time ago. It appears at first glance that Mr. Mahaney has incorporated many of your recommendations in his draft to the Board Members.

Let me thank you in advance for your contribution to Nassau County and urge you to be in attendance October 17<sup>th</sup> at the new Board Chambers to continue to assist the County Commissioners in their efforts to create a new budget policy. I commend the Administrator, the County Commissioners, and especially you for taking the initiative to improve the financial condition of Nassau County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John A. Crawford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John A. Crawford