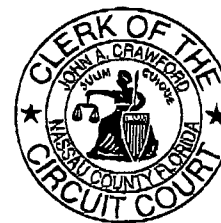


John A. Crawford  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Nassau County



June 12, 2007

The Honorable Jim B. Higginbotham, Chairman  
Nassau County Board of County Commissioners  
Post Office Box 1010  
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Dear Chairman Higginbotham and Commissioners:

This is to update you on two issues of great importance to continue to improve the fiscal outlook for Nassau County.

First, I am happy to report that the Board's actions have led to the successful refinancing of the Public Improvement Revenue Bonds, yielding the taxpayers approximately \$1.2 million in savings. As you recall, this is part of the funding needed to either match grant awards for the Emergency Operations Center or could be used toward funding needed for the Sheriff's Administration Facility. With strict fiscal discipline, you can meet the goal of opening the doors of the new EOC facility with no mortgage attached. This will be a real benefit for the taxpayers and is the approach we should use from now on in construction of new facilities, that is, without debt.

The second opportunity before you is to complete the strategy that you have begun in finally solving the fiscal mess at the landfill. As you recall, you authorized the payoff of the approximate \$13 million of debt on the landfill. The second component of your landfill fiscal solution strategy requires you to immediately develop and let a Request for Proposals for your landfill operations. The RFP you have authorized your attorney to draft should result in the full funding, over time, of closure costs of the existing landfill as well as the permanent elimination of landfill residential assessments. My recommendation is that the RFP have very few restrictions in it so as to

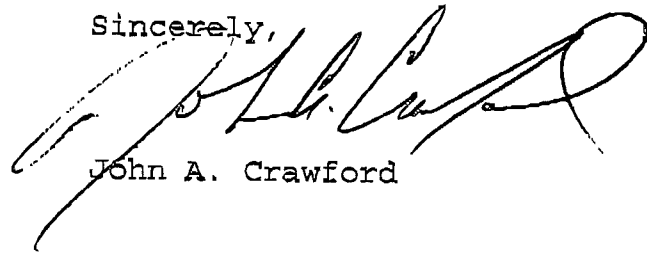
encourage responses that give you the most options and the taxpayers the most benefits.

I commend your payoff of the landfill debt. That is a tremendous achievement on behalf of the taxpayers. Additionally, taxpayers have greatly benefited, approximately \$1.2 million, by your wise decision to refinance the Public Improvement Bonds at a substantially lower interest rate without increasing the mortgage or the payoff period.

Now, with all parties working together diligently to create a new, more fiscally sound landfill solution, Nassau County can move rapidly toward the goal of eliminating the landfill residential assessments. This could be achieved for the taxpayers prior to the 2007/2008 budget cycle.

Please let me know how my staff can assist you in your continued successes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Crawford", written over a faint dotted line.

John A. Crawford