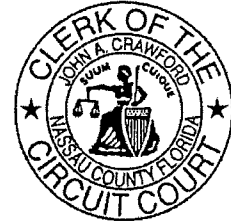




John A. Crawford
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Nassau County



July 24, 2007

The Honorable Jim B. Higginbotham, Chairman
Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 1010
Fernandina Beach, FL 32035-1010

Dear Chairman Higginbotham and Commissioners:

To follow up on our discussion at last evening's Board meeting, I wanted to briefly outline goals to be achieved relative to the landfill for the benefit of the taxpayers of Nassau County. The first step in this process of finally solving the landfill's fiscal mess that has plagued the taxpayers of Nassau County in recent years was to pay off the debt. That action freed up \$2 million a year in debt service that can now be used for better purposes. As we have discussed over the past nine months, the second part of this process must be to accomplish the following:

- Identify "permanent closure" funding sources,
- Eliminate the on-going operational deficits,
- Identify "post closure" funding sources,
- Eliminate the residential assessment now imposed on the citizens.

As I urged last night, time is of the essence. Much is to be accomplished prior to the finalization of the 07/08 budget. In accordance with my promise to you last evening, my staff and I met with your administrative staff today to discuss the various elements of the recommendations my office has made to the Board. We are looking forward to discussing those recommendations in greater detail with you at the Board meeting tomorrow, July 25th at 1:00 p.m.

On behalf of the taxpayers, I commend you on your continuing efforts to solve the landfill problems for the benefit of the taxpayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Crawford".

John A. Crawford
Clerk/Comptroller