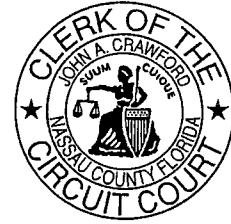




John A. Crawford
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Nassau County



September 7, 2007

The Honorable Jim B. Higginbotham, Chairman
Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
Post Office Box 1010
Fernandina Beach, FL 32035

Dear Chairman Higginbotham and Commissioners:

In response to the effort your staff is making to establish a sound gate rate at the landfill, I think it is additionally necessary for you to consider carefully other options that are available to you. As you know, it has been my recommendation to eliminate the use of one-cent sales tax revenues to cover operational deficits at the landfill.

In the current (FY 2007) fiscal year you budgeted \$5 million of one-cent sales tax to be used at the landfill. In Fiscal Year 2008, based on the level you decide to set the tipping fee, you will still be required to spend millions of dollars of one-cent sales tax at the landfill that could otherwise be used for the capital projects you must complete.

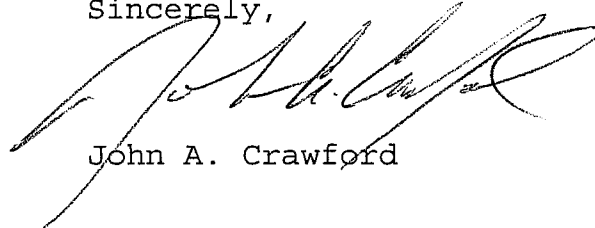
One-cent sales tax is your most reliable and least burdensome revenue source for funding your required capital improvement plan. Therefore, it is my recommendation that you adopt a solid waste plan that does not include the use of one-cent sales tax revenues. Concurrent with your consideration of the Request for Proposals due to be opened September 21, I recommend that you authorize immediate negotiations with regional landfills for the acceptance of Nassau County waste beginning on or after October 1, 2007.

Excepting that a successful RFP gives the Board the ability to stop the operational expenditure hemorrhaging at the landfill, it is my recommendation that you plan to cease acceptance of waste at the West Nassau Landfill by October 1, 2007.

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I will be prepared to speak with you in more detail
this coming Monday night at your regularly scheduled Board
meeting.

Sincerely,

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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