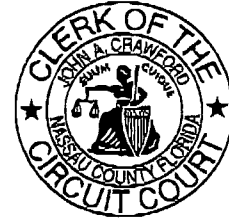




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Dear Mike:

Thank you for meeting with me today regarding your discovery that documentation required for payment for the construction of County Road 121 may not have been present at the time payment was requested on behalf of the County Commission. It appears from your discovery that Board staff responsible for certifying documentation has attested to its certification in error. The proper documentation did not exist; however, payments were still requested. In other words, it appears that payments were authorized by Board staff for which documentation was essentially falsified. Subsequent to your visit, my staff brought to my attention that the signature of the Engineer is not on any of the four mentioned applications for payment.

We released funds totaling approximately \$2 million for four payments based on the understanding that required documents were properly reviewed and signed by Board staff. Apparently, formal CEI Daily Inspector notes were neither prepared nor reviewed by Board staff prior to certifying same. Clerk Finance staff, carrying out their due diligence and pre-audit responsibility prior to releasing payments on behalf of the County Commission depends on the truthfulness, accuracy, and completeness of the information that those signatures certify.

Based on the information you have provided, I am notifying the County Commission that the Clerk's Office cannot release further payments on this project until the Board takes clear and decisive steps ensuring that signed documents we depend upon to release the payment of Nassau County Taxpayers' money are absolutely truthful. I am sure that you agree that nothing less can be accepted. Please know that I appreciate your diligence in bringing this issue to my attention and that we stand ready to assist you in this endeavor.

Respectfully,


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