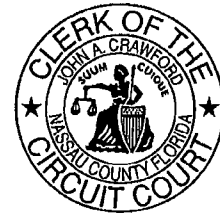




John A. Crawford
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Nassau County



April 16, 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:

As an update, \$12,585,019.00 was transferred on your behalf on March 29, 2007 for the purpose of retiring the landfill debt. The next critical step to be accomplished to maximize the benefit to the taxpayers is to identify the permanent closure costs. Clerk's Finance staff is currently working on possible options to fund that cost in the near future, thus affording the Board the opportunity of beneficial financial options for the remaining life of the landfill.

It is my recommendation, that you budget for the transfer of current landfill employees to other county positions in accordance with your agreement with them so as to be prepared for all opportunities which may be presented to you. In the event that an alternative landfill operations opportunity does not present itself in the 07/08 budget cycle that would necessitate the transfer of those employees, you will have the benefit of adding those funds set aside for their employment elsewhere in your budget.

We will keep you apprised as we develop new options for the permanent closure funding.

Sincerely,

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

John A. Crawford

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