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The Honorable Barry V. Holloway, Chairman
Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
96160 Nassau Place
Yulee, FL 32097

Re: Voting Module

Dear Mr. Holloway:

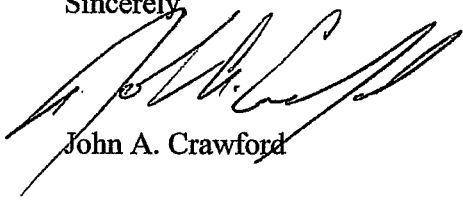
I am writing you regarding the Granicus voting module, which is a key part of the new minutes-maker audio and video archive system, purchased by the Clerk's office to be utilized during BOCC meetings.

The Granicus voting module provides the capability to memorialize all of the actions taken by you and the other commissioners, providing transparency and accuracy. However, I understand that you have determined that using the voting system is not necessary. I believe we owe it to the public to have a permanent, accurate record of how the BOCC votes on the issues that affect the lives of the citizens.

As you know, there have been recent requests by commissioners to change the voting record in the minutes after the fact. Just this week, another such request resulted in our verification of the audio and video indicating that the request was not in order. I am asking that you reconsider implementing this valuable electronic vote recording tool. The public's business and the public record of the conduct of that business must take top priority. As the recorder of the minutes of the board's meeting, the clerk's office makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of the minutes. We need your help and your support of the use of this electronic voting module to ensure accuracy.

I have heard you say many times that we are here to serve at the pleasure of the people. I agree, and I believe that this tool will accomplish much in helping to restore Nassau County's trust in its elected officials.

Sincerely,


John A. Crawford

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