

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-151

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPLEMENTING ITS RESOLUTION NO. 2007-117 SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER FERRY AND REQUIRING A REVERTER CLAUSE IN ANY TRANSFER TO THE JACKSONVILLE PORT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has previously adopted Resolution No. 2006-163 and Resolution No. 2007-117 supporting the continued funding of the St. Johns River Ferry; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the St. Johns River Ferry service is vital to the economy and tourism industry and discontinuing the St. Johns River Ferry service would have a detrimental impact on the businesses that benefit from travelers who use scenic State Road A1A to Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, discontinuing the St. Johns River Ferry service would discourage many motorists who would use alternate routes instead of A1A from Nassau County, through Mayport to Neptune Beach, Jacksonville Beach, Ponte Vedra and St. Augustine since the continuity of scenic A1A would be broken; and

WHEREAS, State Road A1A uses the St. Johns River Ferry to continue traffic flow and closing the ferry would result in increased congestion and increased travel for the citizens of Nassau County to travel to the Jacksonville Beach area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has been informed of a possible transfer of the St. Johns River Ferry to the Jacksonville Port Authority; and

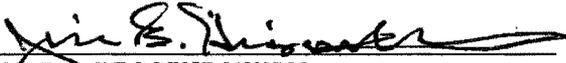
WHEREAS, a reverter clause in such a transfer would provide additional protection of the citizens that would preclude sale of this valuable property to private interests; and

WHEREAS, such a reverter clause is an accepted and commonplace method to accomplish said protection of the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 8th day of August 2007 that:

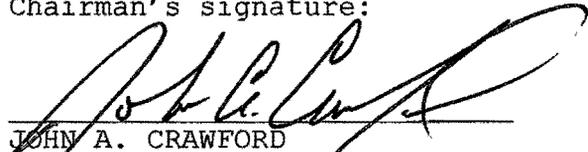
1. The Board of County Commissioners supports and requests the inclusion of a reverter clause in any transfer of ferry operation/property to the Jacksonville Port Authority (JPA). The reverter clause would provide for the return of the ferry operation/property to the City of Jacksonville should the operations cease for any reason.
2. The Board of County Commissioners requests that a copy of this Resolution be provided to Mayor John Peyton and members of the Jacksonville City Council.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



JIM B. HIGGINBOTHAM
Its: Chairman

ATTEST as to
Chairman's signature:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

REVIEWED BY GENE KNAGA
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER
 DATE 8/8/07

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:


DAVID A. HALLMAN