



**GENTRY LOCKE**  
Attorneys

FOIA RELEASE

Jeffrey C. Southard

jsouthard@gentzylocke.com

C: (804) 402-2220

F: (540) 983-9400

February 14, 2024

***Via E-Mail***

Lonzo Lester, County Administrator  
Russell County  
137 Highland Drive  
Lebanon, Virginia 24266  
[lonzo.lester@russellcountyva.us](mailto:lonzo.lester@russellcountyva.us)

**Re: ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED**

Dear Lonzo:

Following *up* on our discussions yesterday and this morning, I wanted to provide some general guidance on the disclosure of information about the proposed private municipal solid waste landfill in the County.

As you know, materials Gentry Locke has prepared for you are Attorney Work Product and Attorney-Client Privileged and should NOT be discussed by you or Board members with others not on the Board. In addition, discussions Gentry Locke attorneys have had with you and Board members are privileged and confidential, and should not be shared.

In addition, the information prepared and submitted by NOVA is CONFIDENTIAL under Va. Code Section 2.2-3705.6.3. Similarly, it should not be disclosed. Other provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act may also apply.

As with any economic development proposal, discussions, positions and terms are very fluid. Consequently, I would encourage the Board members to respect this and recognize that something they discuss today could be very different tomorrow.

# FOIA RELEASE

February 14, 2024  
Page2

It is important to remember that the Board of Supervisors has not taken any action on the proposal; nor, has the Board received a formal briefing on the any final terms of the proposed project. Thus, it would be inappropriate for individual members of the Board to "represent" any terms or conditions, or purport to speak on behalf of the entire Board.

It is our understanding that the Board will hold a public meeting on the proposed project on March 8<sup>th</sup>. At that time there will be a full briefing on the status of the project and an opportunity for public comment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 804-402-2220.

Regards,

GENTRY LOCKE



Jeffrey C. Southard

JCS:jle