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**Subject:** Article today on 175k tax funds for hurricane that never hit

We need more investigative reporting on this. This does not tell the story, and makes the chamber look honest which is a lie. The Island packet has an obligation to tell the entire story not just the chamber side. Where is my side and facts?

This is another scam. Where are all the invoices and receipts for not just this 175 k , but past money given for other hurricanes over 300k ? Ms Korkal did you Foia this like we did ?

Where are all the receipts and accounting on reported 60 million over last 25 years handed to this chamber to rob us blind and not use the Dmo Atax money for its stated purposes? All approved by local officials.

Imagine with technology, local news, local search, smart phones, social media and Facebook post of many local residents, do we really need to hand 175k to this chamber to tell the Hurricane did not hit Hilton Head. Ms Korkal did you see all the receipts and invoices ? Did you see the results ?

Verb interactive is a Canadian company the chamber has paid over 1m caused by local bid rigging to develop an illegal chamber app and website that upsells our community advertising in complete illegal use as a Dmo and private chamber. Where are all the receipts from all the change usage of millions of Atax money ?

Ms Korkal you and the Island packet are chamber members why have you not asked Bill Miles for all chamber accounting????

Everyone Wake up and accept my facts and reality. The fraud and tax scams to pay Mr Miles a 400k Salary and 1.7 million home, lavish living, world travel to cut ribbons and what we don't know he is stealing, from his ongoing secret use of millions of tax money is outrageous.

Where is the Island Packet reporting on all this?

Ms Korkal why don't you or Mr Lauderdale apply for the Chamber Executive director job, it's easy, you hire 25 employees at 87,500 each average to do all the illegal work and pay yourself 400k to cut ribbons.

Ms Korkal I assume the Packet does not pay you 87,500 per year ? Also why don't you and Mr Lauderdale report the Chamber is illegally competing with the Island packet and all local businesses by selling advertising, paying no lrs Ubit taxes and buying key words on google. This chamber is a masterful fraud, scheme and lrs tax scam.

Ms Korkal do you debate or deny my facts ?

Does Anyone dent my facts including the FBI ?



Sent from my iPhone excuse all typos and misspellings

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**Subject:** Re: Myrtlebeach Chamber And Charleston Cvb acting Dmos for all public Atax accounting from the Town Councils.

Mayor Bethune/ Mayor Tecklenburg, this is your official request for all Atax accounting issued to the Myrtle Beach Chamber and Charleston Cvb as the citys' acting Dmo. This includes copies of the year end audits, business plans, all receipts, invoices on how each dollar of the millions of Atax was spent and used by Brad Dean. Cities of Hilton Head, Beaufort and Bluffton already foiaed.

Please note: the hiring of the city Dmo was a violation of SC procurement laws, Dmo has misused the Atax funds for private profit by selling advertising and not the intended purposes of just marketing and promotion of the city destination and the city is in violation of allowing this current Dmo to use Atax funds to own an app, website, magazines etc. The City and taxpayers should own this since funded with public tax money and the Dmo is also violating Irs Ubit taxes from profiting privately from this unlawful control of these Dmo assets.

The FBI needs to question the following people with my information that will lead to gathering helpful additional information that will lead to arrest, convictions and imprisonment for some.

1. Scott Brandon —Brandon Advertising who works with city chambers Cvb Dmos to develop their illegally operated websites/ apps in Myrtle Beach, Beaufort, Daytona etc., also lost the bid for the secretly operated SCPRT 58m state Dmo 5 yr contract and program issued to a Bluffton company BFG ad agency, run by Kevin Meany. This was a result of Duane Parrish, head of SC PRT and Local State Representatives Weston Newton and Bill Herbkersman. Also Ed Rigges Head of SC Terc.

2. Duane Parrish, head of State of SC PRT (parks recreation and tourism) and all his secret use and issuing of tens of millions of tax money to Chambers Cvb city Dmos and 58 m to BFG ad agency and refusing SC Foia and transparency on how this money was used. Tied to SCPRT Committee members and State Representatives Weston Newton and Bill Herbkersman, who are friends with local ad agency owner Kevin Meany. Also sits on Helen Hill Charleston Cvb Dmo board, who once she is forced to show what she has done and bought with all the Atax money, will be facing prison. Her husband Hill Construction, is involved and seems bid rigging for contracts tied to Helen Hill. It's reported Helen Hill has bought welcome centers, controls airport advertising, controls the Restaurant association, reported buying a bus station with illegally used Atax money. Also reported got an illegal tax money loan from the city with a transaction tied to a church and welcome center downtown.



3. Helen Hill Charleston Cvb Dmo, have many questions and local Whistle blowers have stepped forward to provide info to the FBI confidentiality

4. Brad Dean, past head of Myrtle Beach chamber needs to be questioned in Puerto Rico. Once he is, he will be arrested and convicted for his misuse and laundering of millions.

5. Bill Miles, Hilton Head Chamber many questions and will be facing prison

6. Kevin Meany, BFG ad agency questioned and forced to turn over all accounting on 58m issued to him under a 5 yr state Dmo type contract by SCPRT, Explain the website discoversouthcarolina.

<[https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fdiscoversouthcarolina.com%2f&c=E,1,hvZpMDX4pzB\\_mbwz41h3Mduj1REVIjTpiTqjSI3VKlouKLI7dOubvL2EVApRs9poo\\_b9pOmcTGsHkd9W\\_9eGiWut1nnY1rbC9JRKAK9xyMg,&typo=1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fdiscoversouthcarolina.com%2f&c=E,1,hvZpMDX4pzB_mbwz41h3Mduj1REVIjTpiTqjSI3VKlouKLI7dOubvL2EVApRs9poo_b9pOmcTGsHkd9W_9eGiWut1nnY1rbC9JRKAK9xyMg,&typo=1)> com (not .gov) and who owns the tax funded website etc and how all this works !

7. State representatives Weston Newton, Bill Herbkersman who sits on SCPRT Committee who approves the millions of tax money to City DMOs and the 58 m to their friend in Bluffton.

9. SC Chamber Ted Pitts tied to Lawyer David Tigges and refused Skip Hoagland membership.

10. David Tigges and Paula Bethea who control the Hilton Head Chamber with Bill Miles.

11. Accountants Ray Deal, Ray Warco and Bobby Creech tied to Hilton Head chamber.

12. Lawyer David Jennings tied to Charleston Cvb and Helen Hill.

13. All Dmos in all SC major cities.

14. My list of SC media owners and SC press association on the unfair competitive practices caused by the misuse of Atax funds by city Dmos.

15. SC Irs and DOR on the Irs Ubit tax violations by City Dmos.

16. Hilton Head Council members Tom Lennox, Bill Harkins and John McCann for their fraudulent accounting inspection and corrupted Dmo contract. Also add past Mayor David Bennett, David Tigges, Gregg Alford and Brian Hulbert.

17. Council woman Kim Likins and Lawyer Gregg Alford and Steve Riley illegal criminal misuse of tax money and a fraudulent illegal banking loan from the Town coffers in violation of state and federal banking laws. Should all be arrested, convicted, disbarred and face prison.

18. Steve Riley, Town Manager, illegal use of public tax money to join the private Hilton Head chamber with all council members quid pro quo, conflicts and fraudulently recognized as Chamber Citizen of the year. Funded 500 k in tax funds for hurricanes with no receipts/ no accounting to the Hilton Head Chamber.

Much of this type corruption going on in many SC cities.

Read this explanation written by a professional, explaining more on this misuse of Atax funds in SC and specifically on Hilton Head as an example for others in our state and law enforcement to follow.

I can not cover all the illegal criminal misuse of tax money allowed by Mayors, Town managers and town lawyers in a 3 min public comment to Town council.

I'm here to discuss the ATAX allocations the town gives to the HHI Chamber as the Designated Marketing Organization, known as the DMO.



The problems began when the town did not create and retain ownership of their own HH marketing website and app. And they should not have allowed this Chamber DMO to create their own HH DMO website and app with ATAX monies. However, the terms of ownership were never spelled out and the Chamber, not the town, owns this valuable asset. And the Chamber will continue to own it even after they are no longer the town's DMO. This is wrong because the Chamber should not be able to profit from something they didn't pay for once they are no longer the town's contracted 1-2 DMOs.

A DMO's sole mission is to market a town by advertising in all types of media outlets, mainly the internet, social media etc. The sole purpose of promoting the Town of Hilton Head with a DMO is to benefit everyone, so 100% of the ATAX money given to the city DMO must be spent to market Hilton Heads tourism industry and nothing else.

Instead, what this Chamber does is operates as both a private member only Chamber business league, and a publicly funded City DMO, at the same time. Chamber took the proper lawful receipt of 1m in ATAX monies to Canada, used these tax monies for the HH DMO website and app to upsell advertising and keep all the revenue. Worse, instead of this website and app promoting the Hilton Head tourism industry generically, this Chamber DMO website and app competes directly against the legitimate tourism companies the Chamber DMO was not contracted to do, and only supposed to promote the entire community. The chamber by up selling advertising, is illegal and misuse of tax funds for a Dmo purpose.

The DMO website and app has been used and seized illegally by this chamber and generates untold amounts of secret and untaxed revenues. These revenues go directly to the Chamber, then co-mingled with their own private Chamber members monies so it remains undiscovered by Irs and FOIA. And by hiding money this way, the Chamber avoids paying taxes on it. These are called UBIT taxes (Unrelated Business Income Tax). UBIT is a tax on unrelated business income that has nothing to do with the Chamber's 501-c6 non profit related members dues income.

So the Chamber is profiting right under the Town's nose, the website and app misused to compete directing and illegally against local tourism companies the Chamber DMO was not contracted to do!



So Hilton Heads tourism businesses have no idea they are in direct competition with a taxpayer financed website and app out of the town's oversight, ownership and control. run by the very Chamber DMO the Town entrusts to promote the Island's tourism industry, not businesses the chamber up sells advertising to.

Instead, this unscrupulous and illegal conduct puts local companies out of business because they cannot compete against this Chamber DMO controlled website and app, that is secretly financed with endless amounts of free public money and worse all revenue produced tax free.

In other words, the Chamber is running this scheme like the Mob. The Chamber DMO (the "organization") gets clean money, in the form of ATAX funds, from the Town of Hilton Head. Then they use this clean money to sell advertising on this website/ App where the dirty profits are generated. These dirty profits are then "laundered" when they are co-mingled with the Chamber's private member league dues and other non-DMO monies, so they try and hide from FOIA by citizens or scrutiny by the town, Irs UBIT tax avoidance and other criminal fraud violations.

The town has been made an unwitting party to this tax evasion and fraud, upwards of tens of millions of dollars over the last 30 years, because council-members/ chamber members have never seen all of the books that include this laundered advertising revenue and other monies.

Thanks

On Sep 2, 2018, at 6:52 PM, Skip Hoagland <shoagland@me.com  
<mailto:shoagland@me.com> > wrote:

David, thanks great article, my victory is yours, and all of SC !!!

First I want to make a confession our team tricked the Supreme Court

We new the Supreme Court would protect the Chambers with a corrupted decision , this is not unusual for SC justice. The SUPREME Court is controlled in many ways by SC politicians. Does not function like the FBI lrs should.

They played right into our hands to make it even easier to now get the info direct from the Town governing issuing bodies. There is no path left to corrupt and escape transparency and prison for many.

Plus we tied in the fact that council members are also chamber members and received free memberships and some even used tax money to join the chambers. Another lawsuit. Plus allowed chambers to use our Atax money to sell ads and profit their private pockets, another lawsuit for unconstitutional misuse of public tax funds for private purposes and much worse private profit for few pockets

We now get access to not just Atax but all access under the sc non profit corporation act of sc.

Show me the money !!!!

By Businesswoman Ann Dunham

SAID CHAMBER WATCHDOG SKIP HOAGLAND, who filed the FOIA request heard by the S.C. Supreme Court, "We are coming after the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce next."

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**Subject:** FW: Week 11 Meetings List  
**Attachments:** (PDF) Week 11 - Meetings List (March 15) v1.pdf; Week 11 - Meetings List (March 15) v1.docx

FYI.

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Good afternoon,

Please see attached the Week 11 Meeting List. We will update and resend this list Tuesday morning if new meetings are added or changes are posted.

Thanks,

Cecilia

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**To:** sbedenbaugh@sc.rr.com  
**Subject:** Summary of 2018 FOIA REQUESTS  
**Attachments:** 2018 Tracking.pdf; ATT00001.txt

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**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2019 7:34 PM  
**To:** Berg, Herbert M  
**Subject:** Re: More high school classes to be offered to Beaufort County middle-schoolers | Hilton Head Island Packet

That would be my honor, sir.

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JoAnne: you can work for me anytime you choose!! Herb

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From: Orischak, Josephine A <josephine.orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us  
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Sent: Saturday, March 23, 2019 2:18 PM  
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And Bluffton High School saw similar spikes:

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2018 - Good

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<mailto:Herbert.Berg@beaufort.k12.sc.us> >

Subject: Fwd: More high school classes to be offered to Beaufort County middle-schoolers | Hilton Head Island Packet

Herb,

Please find the attached news article. Former BCSD superintendent, Valerie Truesdale, received quite a bit of pushback in 2009 when she removed some high school



course offerings from our middle schools. Truesdale used the excuse that these course offerings were leading to undesired “early graduation”. However, FOIA requests later revealed that Truesdale’s primary intent was to improve our high school ratings. And it would appear, this had merit. Here are HHIHS’ report card ratings found on the SC Dept of Ed website. Notice the spike up in ratings not long after these reg changes took hold:

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Let me know if you have any questions.

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More high school classes to be offered to Beaufort County middle-schoolers

The Beaufort County School District will offer more high school-level classes -- including science and English -- in the middle schools, reinstating a program discontinued five years ago.

Physical science, which most students take in ninth grade, will be offered in middle schools starting in the 2014-15 school year. An English writing class will follow in 2015-16.

Some high school-level math and several foreign languages classes are already offered to eighth-graders.

"The concept is that the earlier students get some high school courses out of the way, the more opportunities they will have as upperclassmen," chief instructional services officer Dereck Rhoads said.

High school English, science and math classes were first offered to middle-schoolers in 1996. The Beaufort County Board of Education, at the urging of then-superintendent Valerie Truesdale, changed its policy in 2009 and removed the English and science credits.

Truesdale and others were concerned that since many seniors had enough or nearly enough credits to graduate before their senior year they didn't make the most of their final year in high school. Some even graduated after their junior year.

However, board member JoAnn Orischak, who was not on the board at the time, said she and many parents were upset by that decision because students couldn't take as many International Baccalaureate or advanced placement classes in high school. She said she is pleased high school classes will be offered again at the middle schools.

Rhoads said the expectation now is that seniors will use their final year for advanced courses, technical education or apprenticeships.

The high school classes offered in middle school will be honors-level courses.

Those courses aren't for every middle school student, Bluffton Middle School math teacher Pamela Pray cautions.

"But there are kids that are ready and need to accelerate, and we can't accelerate them with the current options available," she added.

This time around, middle school teachers and guidance counselors will be urged to communicate more effectively with parents and students, so they know what they're getting into, according to Bonnie Almond, the district's director of secondary education.

Students' scores and academic paths will be considered to make the right class placements, she added.

The district also intends to give high school upperclassmen more options, so they have a reason to take full schedules in their senior year, superintendent Jeff Moss has said. That will include apprenticeships, study that will help them earn industrial certifications,



and college-level classes through the University of South Carolina Beaufort or the Technical College of the Lowcountry, he said.

Graduating early would be a possibility for students, but the district would not encourage it, Rhoads said.

"It's not for students to be graduating or leaving early ... that's not the reason for adding high school credits to the middle school," he said. "We want to provide additional opportunities and rigor for students."

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**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2019 11:41 AM  
**To:** Dowling, John R  
**Subject:** Re: Weapons Search Protocol and SRO Status

She is not in today...

From: John Dowling <John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 at 11:06 AM  
To: "Berg, Herbert M" <Herbert.Berg@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
Subject: Re: Weapons Search Protocol and SRO Status

Dave research the law ? How about Wendy.....

John R. Dowling, Jr

District 6 Representative

Beaufort County BOE

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From: Berg, Herbert M <herbert.berg@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 10:24 AM

To: Almond, Bonnie N; Dowling, John R; Gwozdz, Christina S; Robine, Cathy G; Smith, William C; BOEOnly

Subject: Re: Weapons Search Protocol and SRO Status

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From: "Almond, Bonnie N" <Bonnie.Almond@beaufort.k12.sc.us>

Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 at 9:23 AM

To: John Dowling <John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us>, "Christina Gwozdz, M.D."

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Please schedule update on establishment of a weapons search protocol at Right Choices for the Next Agenda.

Regards,

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Forwarded to Grissom and Wendy Thx HMB

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see section 59-63-1110 through 1160... especially 1150 on the "reasonableness standard"

david striebinger

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Subject: Weapons Search Protocol and SRO Status

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Please schedule update on establishment of a weapons search protocol at Right Choices for the Next Agenda.

Regards,

John R. Dowling, Jr

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Beaufort County BOE

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**From:** Cushingberry, Robyn L <Robyn.Cushingberry@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019 4:35 PM  
**To:** BOE  
**Subject:** FW: Updated Week 12 Meeting List  
**Attachments:** (PDF) Week 12 - Meetings List (March 25) v3.pdf; Week 12 - Meetings List (March 25) v3.docx

FYI.

Robyn

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Subject: Updated Week 12 Meeting List

Please see attached an updated Week 12 Meeting List.

Thanks,

Cecilia

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**To:** Orischak, Josephine A  
**Subject:** Fw: Work Session Documents  
**Attachments:** 2017.09.14 2018 BCSD Legislative Agenda - DRAFT.pdf; ATT00001.htm; 2017.10.24 2018 Engagement Letter.pdf; ATT00002.htm; 2017.10.24 Board Policy 3.11 - Board Legislative Program.pdf; ATT00003.htm; 2017.10.26 Beaufort County School District Priority Report.pdf; ATT00004.htm; 2017.10.26 Beaufort\_County\_Board\_of\_Education\_2017\_Report.pdf; ATT00005.htm; Board Agenda October 27 2017 Work Session Agenda.pdf; ATT00006.htm; Board Agenda October 28 2017 Work Session Agenda.pdf; ATT00007.htm; Deadline Extended: Urgent: Reply requested by Oct 24--Spring 2017 ACT Data for Students in Third Year of High School; ATT00008.htm; Efficiency Recommendations 2017.pdf; ATT00009.htm; SC EOC Acct Overview 9-15-17.pdf; ATT00010.htm; Test Data Presentation 10-27-2017.pdf; ATT00011.htm; Urgent: Reply requested by Oct 19--Spring 2017 ACT Data for Students in Third Year of High School; ATT00012.htm; 2017.09.14 2018 BCSD Legislative Agenda - DRAFT.pdf; ATT00013.htm; Transportation Staffing Report.pdf; ATT00014.htm; Salary survey of South Carolina School Districts TransportationDepartments.pdf; ATT00015.htm

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From: Orischak, Josephine A  
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Subject: Fwd: Work Session Documents

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cushingberry, Robyn L" <Robyn.Cushingberry@beaufort.k12.sc.us  
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Date: October 26, 2017 at 6:20:32 PM EDT



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Subject: Work Session Documents

Good Evening,

Attached are some documents that will be available in hard copies for you tomorrow  
and Saturday.

Robyn

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**From:** Berg, Herbert M <Herbert.Berg@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2019 3:52 PM  
**To:** Orischak, Josephine A  
**Cc:** Joesph Dunkle  
**Subject:** Re: Horry County Counsultant

Ours did not coat a "million" Herb

From: "Orischak, Josephine A" <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 2:19 PM  
To: "Berg, Herbert M" <Herbert.Berg@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
Subject: Fw: Horry County Counsultant

Herb,

Please read bottom to top. When Joseph Dunkle initially attempted to make his motion to hire a consultant to present accurate enrollment numbers, Dr. Moss immediately shot the idea down saying it could cost "millions" to perform. Joseph then postponed his motion to later that month in order to verify Dr. Moss' claims.

Out of curiosity, how much did Dr. McKibbens' research cost the BCSD?

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From: Moss, Jeffrey C  
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 3:32:23 PM  
To: Dunkle, Joseph R  
Cc: BOEOnly  
Subject: RE: Horry County Counsultant

If you google Horry County Schools Construction Conflicts I believe you will see the articles. The Architectural Firm hired to conduct the study (similar to what I mentioned you stated) charges a fee but will offer it at a reduced price if the projects are then given to them to design.

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Subject: Horry County Counsultant

Dr. Moss,



This past weekend when I made my motion you referenced Myrtle Beach doing the same thing and that it was costing millions and being a PR problem them.

Could you share some insight or new stories about this? I am unable to find any.

Thanks,

Joey