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Subject: County Commissions blow another \$100K, paid to AVL Chamber of Commerce next year. WTF?

From www.haywoodtp.net -

County Commissioners have forked over \$600K to Asheville Chamber of Commerce. For What? 2/7/2023...

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/230207CommissionersPaymentsDirectlyToAVL-Chamber.pdf>

Haywood County Commissioners have funneled \$600,000 to the Asheville Chamber of Commerce since 2018, for what? **David Francis** (pick a title) is behind all of this, convincing a bunch of idiots (**Bryant Morehead**, County Commissioners, **CeCe Higgs**, etc., etc., etc...) to pump money over to the Asheville Chamber in an attempt to get them to advertise the Jonathan Creek property, a.k.a **David Francis** Dirt Spreading Project, a.k.a. **James Weaver “Kirk” Kirkpatrick the III** Super Duper Sports Complex, as an industrial site. See on www.haywoodtp.net

WTF? Have county commissioners been pouring hundreds of thousands of dollars into the Economic Development Council (EDC) for five (5) years, going to the Asheville Chamber of Commerce to advertise the David Francis Dirt Spreading Project (J. Creek Property)? My title should be changed to "The Six-and-a-half Million Dollar Man"! 1/7/2023...

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/230106EDC-Site-Jonathan-Creek-2021.pdf>

Kristian Owen, Haywood County Finance Director, finally sent me directly (**Kristian Owen** has never emailed me anything directly before in her life) an .xlsx spread sheet containing funds that have been sent by Haywood County directly to the Asheville Chamber of Commerce!

Invoice	Inv Date	PO	Warrant	S	Check #	Amount	Use Tax
141376	01/01/2023	230174	23-28FIN	P	482054	50,000.00	50k
138573	07/01/2022	230174	23-03FIN	P	478180	50,000.00	100k
133878	01/04/2022	220155	22-28FIN	P	473681	50,000.00	
129275	07/15/2021	220155	22-03FIN	P	469917	50,000.00	
127900	04/01/2021	210283	21-49FIN	P	468883	25,000.00	100k
126419	01/01/2021	210283	21-27FIN	P	465270	25,000.00	
CONSULTING FEE	07/28/2020	210283	21-04FIN	P	461994	50,000.00	50k
						Total	300k

(From **Kristian Owen**, Haywood County Finance Director)

This shows a “CONSULTING FEE” which I knew nothing about, of \$50K paid in 2020.

Then, \$100K for the next two (2) years, and now, a \$50K payment made on 1/1/2023, this year!

This totals \$300K, and if things go unchecked, the county will pay out another \$50K 7/1/2023, making a grand total of \$350K of our Tax Money going over directly to the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

That’s in addition to the already \$300,000 funneled through **CeCe Higgs** and the Haywood Chamber of Commerce over to the AVL Chamber of Commerce.

Then, on www.haywoodtp.net (Here is the actual contract)!

[Glory Be! Bryant Morehead finally coughed up the infamous contract between Haywood County and the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, signed 7/13/2020. Say bye-bye to \\$350,000 Haywood County Taxpayer Dollars for nothing! 7/13/2020. 2/8/2023...](http://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/230208AshevilleChamberContract2020.pdf)

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Haywood County Taxpayers get hosed again by

- **Kevin “Adjudication” Ensley**
- **Brandon Rogers**
- **Jennifer Best**
- **Tommy Long**
- **Bryant Morehead**
- **Kris Boyd**
- **Frank Queen**

Let’s take a look at item 2), 3), and 4) of this contract, shall we?

- 2) Upon approval, the parties hereby agree that this Agreement shall be in effect for three fiscal years beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30,2023.**
- 3) The County will compensate the Consultant \$100,000.00 per fiscal year, for three (3) years, beginning on or before August 15, 2020 and on or before January 15, 2021, on a semi-annual basis in increments of \$50,000.00 and likewise for subsequent years until June 30, 2023.**
- 4) The parties agree that this Agreement shall thereafter be on-going on a yearly basis, unless stated separately in writing, and with six (6) months’ notice prior to termination.**

Well guess what?

Termination had to be given six months prior to June 30, 2023! That date has already passed - 1/1/2023!

This stupid contract was automatically renewed for another [expletive deleted] year! So instead of pouring \$650,000 down the drain, the county, by it’s ineptness, extended it another year for an additional \$100,000.00, so now we are in the hole for -

\$750,000.00

3/4 of a Million Dollars for nothing.

Way to go, **Kevin “Adjudication” Ensley, Brandon Rogers, Jennifer Best, Tommy Long, Bryant Morehead, Kris Boyd and Frank Queen.**

I know, let’s raise the tax rate to cover their [expletive deleted]’s, again.

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