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2009 - OCT 15

Myrtle Beach Code Enforcement Raids Diamond Cab for first time ever; removes 5 cabs from service; Diamond Cab fires Van Winkle

2009 - OCT 16

Former State GOP Chair Katon Dawson receives award from MBACC; Speech centers around re-electing incumbents/risks of electing McBride

2009 - OCT 17

Former MBACC Chairman, former County Councilman Mark Lazarus tells press he owns part of Creek View Land Partners, LLC - that it had no money and that he had no knowledge money was deposited or paid to any candidate or candidates

2009 - OCT 27

Letter arrives in thousands of MB Households from Katon Dawson on SCGOP letterhead with Dawson listed as Chairman Emeritus (and paid for by John Rhodes Committee) endorsing Rhodes & warning of risks of McBride.

2009 - OCT 29

Email blast received by thousands from horry-countygop@gmail.com linking to anti-McBride website; HCRP claims no knowledge of Email.

2009 - LATE OCTOBER

Two new PACs begin spending tens of thousands or more/ week attacking McBride.

2009 - NOVEMBER 1

Third *unconfirmed* report received that money was transferred out of a Chamber account or paid TO attorney/registered agent Robert S. "Shep" Guyton by the Chamber in excess of $325,000 into South Atlantic Bank (which David Wren of the Sun News has already reported many cashiers checks were issued on). The Board of Directors includes, among others, Guyton, and Jay & Albert Springs (relatives of Terry Springs, wife of Mayor John Rhodes). Two of three reports claim the money was paid BY the Chamber to Guyton as fees for "Legal Services Rendered."

2009 - NOVEMBER 2

As of November 2, not a single LLC or individual representing an LLC or individual contributor has come forward to admit giving contribution nor where money came from to do so.

2009 - NOVEMBER 2

Robert S. "Shep" Guyton has not been seen in public for one month; WMBF-TV Reporter Greg Argos claims he's seen him and made appointments but they've been repeatedly canceled.