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What's Happening?

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform Haywood County Taxpayers of what transpires at the bi-monthly County Commission Meetings. This newsletter will be written from the perspective of a casual observer, myself. Any opinions expressed will be mine.

Follow the Money.

Avcon USA, LLC won the **David Francis** Dirt Spreading Project, i.e. the Jonathan Creek Soil Reclamation Project. Representing Avcon in seemingly all phases of this bidding process, is Steve Miller of Rabbitskin Enterprises, LLC.

11/20/17 County Commissioner Meeting. Commissioners approved a McGill contract to provide engineering services and surveying services at the Jonathan Creek Property, a.k.a. the **James Weaver "Kirk" Kirkpatrick III Super Duper Sports Complex**, needed to move 25,000 cubic yards (CY) to be paid from Economic Development budgeted funds. That's all. See the agenda and attachments on the county website, www.haywoodnc.net.

12/18/2017 County Commissioner Meeting. Commissioners approved as new business, Items 5, 6 and 7, a Memorandum of Understanding, a new contract with BLE, and a new contract with Avcon USA, LLC. See the agenda and attachments on the county website, www.haywoodnc.net.

It was brought to my attention that same evening, following the 12/18/2017 meeting, by a county employee, that there may have been bidding irregularities. No one had ever heard of Avcon. That prompted my requesting a series of Requests for Public Information from various Haywood County Employees, mostly met with stiff resistance to outright obstruction.

This issue of Toeprints will concentrate on a single seemingly innocent aspect of this bidding irregularity. A Purchase Order, Invoice and Payment, will be examined in detail dealing with preparation of the entrance to the Super Duper Sports Complex, so that trucks carrying dirt from the Publix site could enter the Sports Complex from 276.

Who are the Cast of Characters?

There are multiple entities operating all together like a tuned Swiss watch. Who are the players? See:

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/180130MoreDialogAvconBiddingIrregularities.pdf>

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/180118DBF-emails.pdf>

Here we go...

McGillAssociates [First time these folks surface.]

- **Scott Burwell**
- **Christy Brown**
- **Mark Cathey**

BLE

- [?]

Avcon USA, LLC

- Sara McCoy
- Jim McCoy

Rabbitskin Enterprises, LLC

- Steve Miller (no middle initial)
- Steve L. Miller (or, Steve Lee Miller)
- Steve J. Miller

Haywood County [The usual suspects.]

- **David Francis** (Thrown out as Tax Collector.)
- **Kris Boyd** (Up to his ear balls in this).
- **Julie Davis** (Remember Funding Formula?)
- **Joel Mashburn** (Self described "Gate Keeper".)
- **Chip, a.k.a. Leon Killian**
- Donna Corpening (Has been 100% cooperative)
- Kathi McClure (Has been 100% cooperative)

Checking with the NC Secretary of State valid Corporations, we find that Rabbitskin Enterprises, LLC has an active status. The Registered Agent is Steve Miller (no middle initial) and the Member is Steve Lee Miller, 236 Earl Lane, Waynesville, NC 28786. The office address for Rabbitskin Enterprises, LLC is 4842 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, NC 28785.

Reviewing documentation supplied by Haywood County -

[McGill Documents for David Francis' Dirt Spreading Project for the James Weaver 'Kirk' Kirkpatrick III Super Duper Sports Complex in Jonathan Creek. Purchase Order. 1/11/2018...](http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/180111-PurchaseOrderDOC1018-01102018152214.pdf)

or

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/180111-PurchaseOrderDOC1018-01102018152214.pdf>

on pages 38-39, Avcon's information from the Secretary of States Office, additionally lists Steve Miller (no middle initial) as Job Foreman, (828) 421-0424.

From the **Mashburn** meeting on 2/1/2018, item #6 was supposed to list vendor information of everyone related to this project (far from complete information, suspected hand picked and dispensed by **David Francis**).

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/180201MashburnDoc6.pdf>

There were only three (3) listings from the Vendor Inquiry:

- Avcon USA, LLC, Vendor # 35146
- Rabbitskin Enterprises, no vendor #, Steve L. Miller
- Rabbitskin Enterprises, Vendor # 29497.

Rabbitskin Enterprises, LLC, created a Proposal, and sent it to Haywood County, directed to **Kris Boyd**, on 11/28/2017 for \$8,125 worth of work. The proposal was submitted by Steve Miller (no middle initial). It was accepted by **Joel Mashburn** on 11/30/2017.

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/180201MashburnDoc5.pdf>

A Purchase Requisition was initiated by **Joel Mashburn** to begin creating a construction entrance to the Sports Complex on 11/30/2017. Remember, county commissioners did not sign off on the project until the 12/18/2017 county commission meeting.

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/180201MashburnDoc5.pdf>

A PO# 180483 was issued by Haywood County the very same day, 11/30/2017, for \$8,125.00 to Rabbitskin Enterprise LLC, Steve J. Miller, 4842 Jonathan Creek Rd, Waynesville, NC 28785, vendor # 29497.

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/180201MashburnDoc5.pdf>

Four (4) days later, Haywood County received an invoice from Rabbitskin Enterprises, LLC, 236 Earl Lane, Waynesville, NC 28786, with a cell phone number matching the phone number on the Avcon USA, LLC Purchase Order document dump, (828) 421-0424. There was no name associated with this invoice, which was all hand written. The invoice was for \$8,044.

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/180201MashburnDoc7.pdf>

Notes handwritten beside the invoice, presumably by someone in Haywood County accounting, associated the vendor # 29497 with this invoice.

Four (4) days later, **Julie Davis** cut a check #437253 for \$8,044 to Rabbitskin Enterprise, LLC, Steve L. Miller, 236 Earl Lane, Waynesville, NC 28786, for invoice # 12417.

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/180201JulieDavisPaymentToRabbitskin.pdf>

As best as can be determined at this point in time, with minimal assistance from **Joel Mashburn**, and no assistance from **Kris Boyd**, **Julie Davis** or Donna Corpening (who is currently on vacation), we are working with only two (2) Steve Millers.

- Steve Lee Miller, the father
- Steve J. Miller, the son.

Steve Lee Miller also owns another LLC called Angels Towing and Recovery, LLC, same address at 236 Earl Lane, Waynesville, NC 28785, which is on rotation with Haywood County Sheriff's Department and the State Highway Patrol.

It appears that when the name "Steve Miller" (without a middle initial) is used on any document, the middle initial is omitted making identification intentionally vague, i.e., as an example, who the Foreman really is for Avcon, Steve L. Miller (father), or Steve J. Miller (son)? Who is the Steve Miller who negotiated the MOU on 12/12/2017 and signed by Sara McCoy on 12/13/2017?

However, the PO was crystal clear, naming the son, Steve J. Miller as the recipient of the PO. That is how **Julie Davis** should have issued the Haywood County check to, not Steve L. Miller, the father. The check should have been issued to the address on the PO, which was 4842 Jonathan Creek Road, and not to 236 Earl Lane (no valid Vendor #).

There are simply too many things wrong with this whole little operation to let it slide by, all of this happening before county commissioners even approved this project.

- **Joel Mashburn** should not have issued the Purchase Requisition until Commissioners approved the project,
- It appears the wrong Vendor # was applied to the invoice from Rabbitskin, as there is no valid vendor # for anyone at 236 Earl Lane for any vendor that I have been provided,
- **Julie Davis** should have made the payment to Steve J. Miller, not Steve L. Miller,
- By what authority did **Julie Davis** have cutting checks for a project that had yet to be approved by county commissioners?

If these people had pulled all this stuff in a real corporation, do you think they would still be working at their job the next day?

At this point, I think it may be warranted seek a little extra assistance to sort this irregularity out, as I am certainly not getting it from the usual suspects:

- **David Francis**
- **Kris Boyd**
- **Julie Davis**
- **Joel Mashburn**
- **Chip, a.k.a. Leon Killian**

Unless I get an unexpected on-rush of cooperation from these people, the next step of this process is to get some assistance from the North Carolina Department of Revenue and have them ride into town, just like the NCDOI did with the Haywood County Fairgrounds Arena six (6) year Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (re: **Bruce Crawford**).

Stay tuned, as this is only the tip of the iceberg. Much more to come...

Legend: If any name is in **bold**, it can't be a good thing.

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Si vis pacem, para bellum