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Hoagland sues Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber over financial records

By GINA SMITH

The Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce is a public body that must open its books for inspection, a judge ruled in a lawsuit filed Monday in Beaufort County.

Skip Hoagland, a local businessman who has been pushing the chamber to turn over detailed financial information including invoices, contracts and checks, filed suit Monday in Beaufort County.

At issue: Is the chamber -- and dozens of other organizations that accept public money from local governments -- required to fully disclose its financial statements and other details to taxpayers?

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