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## ***Now on The Nerve***

### **Big pay hike sought by S.C. judges also would fatten their retirement wallets**

In submitting the proposed 2019-20 budget for the S.C. Judicial Department, Supreme Court Chief Justice Donald Beatty called for pay raises for judges elected by the Legislature - including himself. What he didn't say was how big the pay hike would be, or how it would affect special retirement benefits that some judges already are receiving on top of their six-figure salaries. Read [here](#) what we discovered.

## ***Still Hot***

### **Pot of unspent gas-tax-hike revenues grows to nearly \$361 million**

After 16 months into the gas-tax-hike law, the state Department of Transportation was sitting on nearly \$361 million in revenues as of Oct. 31 - a more than 6 percent jump from the end of September. Find out [here](#) how much has been spent so far in your county.

### **Secrecy surrounds incentives info for Amazon HQ2 search, other S.C. projects**

The S.C. Department of Commerce says it didn't make a formal pitch for a second national Amazon headquarters, though the agency won't release incentives information it provided to counties to compete for the project. Commerce's latest refusal to reveal even general information is part of a long history of secrecy by the agency when it comes to taxpayer-backed incentives.

Read more about it **here**.

## SCDOT honored by national group that received over \$3M from DOT since FY15

SCDOT chief Christy Hall will tell you she's proud of three recent national awards her agency received. What she isn't talking about publicly is the millions her agency has paid over the years to the organization that gave out the awards. Read more about it **here**.

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