

# QUARTERLY ISSUES PROGRAMMING REPORT

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ISSUES COVERED: Education

Length: 9 minutes

DATE/TIME AIRED: April 05 @ 7:30am

Rob Wood of TriForce Martial Arts was the guest, explaining that his skill system is a combination of kung-fu and karate and his purpose as an instructor is to teach personal safety and security. He recalls that he first became interested by observing the childhood obesity around him. By learning this skill, he could include his son, and indeed, his son is now an instructor as well, while his wife conducts a TaiChi class weekly. Martial arts has become a family affair, and Rob quips that a family that kicks together sticks together. As for his students, the children learn respect and his adults learn patience. Classes are held inside the Fayetteville Church of the Nazarene off Rayconda Rd. It is not exactly Christian-based training, although they are Christians in belief. They are also a military family. As for the cost of martial art training, they offer discounts to the military, 1<sup>st</sup> responders and teachers; no contracts. They welcome all age groups, and train to the different belt levels: white, yellow(2), green(2), blue(2), red(2), brown(2), and black. Testing to qualify for those belts does carry a cost because outside teacher-testers are recruited to do the impartial tests.

ISSUES COVERED: Community event

Length: 10 minutes

DATE/TIME AIRED: April 05 @ 7:39am

Jeromy Wright and Craig Morrison discussed the "As One Prayer Walk." Wright is from Mt. Olive Missionary Church and Morrison is from Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, where he serves as youth pastor. The prayer walk is scheduled for April 11, beginning at Festival Park. They are expecting a crowd of from 10,000 – 15,000 people. The previous prayer walks had about half of that amount. Wright said they are getting the word out by way of Facebook and social media. Morrison said they just created a new website, where people can register and get a prayer walk tee shirt. However, registration is not necessary. The new website can be found at [prayerwalk.org](http://prayerwalk.org). Wright said that all Judeo-Christian denominations are welcome. Morrison said the goal is to present a unified Christian unit, to show what the faith looks like beyond the church walls. The walk will begin at Festival Park. It will stop at various destinations for prayer. Destinations include Veterans Park, where walkers will pray for the military. It will then move to City Hall, where prayers will be offered for our leaders and public servants. The walk

then moves to the Market House, where prayers will be offered for racial diversity and social and economic divides. Prayers will be said at this destination in a number of different languages. The walk then moves to the Cumberland County Detention Center to pray for inmates. After that, the walk will move to the Headquarters Library to pray for teachers, educators, administrators and for the homeless, who often find shelter in the public libraries. The walk will then return to Festival Park to pray for pastors and spiritual leaders. Most of the participants will do silent prayers, with a pastor praying aloud at each location. The event will also feature music from several praise bands.

ISSUES COVERED: Home Safety

Length: 11 minutes

DATE/TIME AIRED: April 05 @7:49am

Steve Rogers of Home Security & Safety was the guest, advising listeners to document all of their belongings before a natural disaster strikes. He references the afternoon tornado of 16 April 2012 which caught residents by surprise and caused much damage in target areas throughout the county. To remedy the fact that there was no central source of information, he became one of the founders of CRCNC which now has a website to post community events and safety tips. To this end, he is hosting an educational event on 11 April @ the John C. Bunce Facility on Bunce Rd. Then, on 13 April, a forum will be held at FTCC. These events are free and worthwhile. He points out that 38% of businesses do not recoup after a disaster (storm/fire). For a personal visit and/or more information his number is 910 884-7021 and his website is: [HomeSafeHomeInventory.com](http://HomeSafeHomeInventory.com)

ISSUES COVERED: Community Outreach / Music

Length: 18 minutes

DATE/TIME AIRED: April 12 @ 7:30am

Lynne O'Quinn, founder of Little Ones Ministry, was the guest, so invited to announce the upcoming release of her original song Stand Proud. It was actually written while she was visiting Arlington in 1991 (over 20 years ago), and it aired during Desert Storm. She felt it was time to bring it back, updated to include words about 9/11. She considers it a positive song, to unite America, and she hopes its theme will reach beyond the airwaves by this interview. Many voices came together to create the final piece: Miss North Carolina, musician Doyle Wood, active duty soldier Vanessa Matthis (with her own #2 & #6 Hits in the United Kingdom) and even the Snyder Memorial Baptist choir. As for her own background, Ms.O'Quinn was born & raised in Fayetteville, coming from a lineage that helped to settle this area. Her family has 3 generations of military friends. She thanks her parents for her all-American upbringing with love for God and country. The majority of her life has been spent in the music industry, working with major music labels and popular bands, such as Lynard Skynard. With rock music travel behind her, she founded Little Ones Ministry to serve the community. It is now in 109 countries, conducting work in 56

languages and Braille. One of her projects is the Living Water System which provides clean water. It is small enough to be packed like a pair of trousers and be taken overseas. Another project is Stars & Stripes, the title for reading material for military children. She has 3 new books, i.e. My Daddy/My Mommy, covering the topics of "losing a parent" or "dealing with PTSD" or simply coping with the schedule of an active-duty parent. Back to the song release, Ms.O'Quinn stated that it was written to salute people who go in harm's way. She has been a songwriter since the age of 8, and she was thrilled to have Doyle Wood help with the band orchestration and production. The 5-minute song was then played, reportedly for the first time over public airwaves. An excerpt: " May God bless our America....From Arlington to Vietnam, Pearl Harbor to Fort Bragg, Stand up before our Flag." Two callers then complimented Ms.O'Quinn and asked about obtaining copies. She explained that the disc will be released in two weeks and the sales proceeds will all go to the Stars & Stripes project. Orders are available online or to preorder by phone, the number is 910 864-3991. The office address for Little Ones Ministry is Raeford Rd. She invites comments posted on her website: AmericaStandProud.org.

ISSUES COVERED: Business Leadership

Length: 9 minutes

DATE/TIME AIRED: April 12 @7:48am

Brad Loase, CEO of Express Employment Professionals, and Ramona Moore, Director of Sales at Holiday Inn I- 95, were present to promote an April 15th business event entitled Leadership EXPO. Its main component is a simulcast originating from Chicago and featuring 3 renowned speakers: Daymond Johns from NBC's SharkTank, actor/comedian Dan Ackroyd, and author Liz Murray. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year of a nationally televised simulcast hosted by the Express Employment Professional corporate company. Brad states it will be bigger and better this year because it will now be a full day of business advice and networking. A new feature will be a lunch program with keynote speaker Denise Ryan. An afternoon forum will showcase the local chamber officials. The evening will end with a Business After Hours reception. All in all, states Ramona, the day's schedule is 8am to 7pm. The parties to benefit would be any business professional or business student. The day will be motivational. In reviewing the speakers, Brad points out that Dan Ackroyd has been a successful businessman outside of his comedic career, owning a winery & restaurants; Liz Murray has an amazing story, surviving a childhood with drug addict parents, where as a ten year old, she took the lead in her family. Ms.Murray wrote her autobiography *Homeless to Harvard* and now travels the country on speaking engagements. To summarize the EXPO event: the simulcast will run 8am -12:30pm in the Ballroom, the lunch w/ workshop by Denise Ryan will run 1p-3p in the Dogwood Room, a business development workshop hosted by Bill Bowman will follow, and the Business After Hours will begin at 5:30pm. Everything is free except for the lunch program: \$ 35 for Chamber members, \$ 45 for non-members. To register for the simulcast, go to RefreshLeadership.com/Live. It is free to register for the morning event. For the luncheon, one must register via the chamber of Commerce. A final point is that vendors will be surrounding the ballroom where the simulcast will occur. Vendor booths are available for \$350 and Event sponsorship levels vary from \$ 500 to \$ 2500.

ISSUES COVERED: City Government

Length: 27 min 33 sec.

DATE/TIME AIRED: April 19 @7:30am

Our guest was Spring Lake Mayor Chris Rey discussing open bids for local projects, an issue he addressed with then city manager Tommy Burns and the staff when he first took office as mayor. He wants to keep money local, and given the borders of Spring Lake, this involves both Cumberland and Harnett Counties. When local subcontractors are recruited for a project, it translates into money put back into the economy. He does not want to be labelled a separatist, but he wants to demonstrate a concerted effort to attract local bids. A 5 million dollar project can generate multiple dollars via local small businesses. The lowest bid may come from out-of-town, but it may not be as productive as an in-town bid. He applauds the recent effort by the Fayetteville City Council to review the bid system in order to do what is best for the taxpayers. He has noticed that the same three to four to five companies do the bidding for city/county projects; they know how to navigate the process; they know what is coming up the pipeline. He understands that such bidding is relationship-driven, especially at the small town level; those companies have the personal contact with department heads that other smaller companies, female-owned or minority-owned, may not have, and thus do not even know about the bidding opportunity. He hopes to make such information available to all; government websites are open, but interested parties need to learn about them and use them because it benefits the community. He gives the example of a local contractor whose money earned from a city project is then used to send his children to a local summer camp. That is how locally earned money breaks out into other venues. Two resources mentioned that can help a small business be aware of select opportunities are: CEED (Center for Empowerment and Economic Development) and the Chamber of Commerce. At this point, a listener called in to point out the following: if you raise the money locally, you should spend the \$\$ locally; that Jacksonville company hired to do Fayetteville work does not pay local taxes or add to the livelihood of the city, their bid of 1.5 million may be the low one to begin with but it will inevitably rise to 2 million as project time and supplies increase. Another aspect raised was that growth in existing businesses also helps the economy. Also, if city government can provide a good environment by offering tax breaks / reduced fees, businesses should be creative and thrive. Just as the chicken plant situation demonstrated, we must be mindful that industries are not coming here; we must create our own economy.

ISSUES COVERED: Civic Safety / County Law Enforcement

Length: 27 min 13 sec.

DATE/TIME AIRED: April 26 @ 7:30am

Cumberland County Sheriff Moose Butler and Legal Adviser Ronnie Mitchell were present to discuss recent news events regarding interaction between police & suspect. The first incident referenced was the North Charleston shooting of a fleeing suspect, who was initially stopped for a broken taillight. As the 30 year old officer returned to his patrol car, the 50 year old driver (Mr.Scott) began to run away. A cellphone VIDEO then captured the policeman's action: shooting 8x into the back of Mr.Scott. Sheriff Butler felt this was a lapse in training and judgement: both are so important. He proudly stated that his

department constantly reviews its training and has attorney Ronnie Mitchell to instruct his deputies on the LAW. Such a shooting as Charleston is a tragedy, because all these recent events are affecting the country's morale: e.g. the New York Police chokehold on suspect Mr. Gray. The Sheriff points out that any officer making a "wrong call" will have a lifetime of penalty. One item gaining popularity in conversation is the body camera. The cost varies from \$400-700; the ideal one (w/audio) is \$1500. The best camera for the lowest price is the goal. Regardless of these items, stated the Sheriff, which may look one way and not another, officers must make "snap decisions" and must always be alert. In the incident under discussion, "I'd rather let him run away, then pick him up later." Details from that encounter were then questioned: did the officer & Mr. Scott tussle on the ground....did Mr. Scott reach for the tazer, were the wires hanging from his hand as he ran away....did the officer place it back next to the body..? Attorney Mitchell opined that *where there is not a threat of force, do not use deadly force*. If the suspect w/ tazer in hand had been close to the officer, then there would have been a threat. He felt that the eight rounds were contrary to all our Cumberland County training. Another scenario brought up was the shooting by the Reserve Deputy in Oklahoma who claimed that he meant to reach for his tazer and not his pistol. Mr. Mitchell stated that in Cumberland County, it is required that the Tazer be holstered opposite to the dominant hand; the dominant hand owns the gun. He then described an episode in Garland, Sampson County, where an impatient robber shot inside a store, drove away, and upon exiting his car on Hwy 242, was firing as he was running. An officer appropriately took him down. A final police action discussed was the California incident caught by TV cameras on a KTLA helicopter. Instead of cuffing a resisting suspect taken off a horse, several police officers kicked him on the ground. Sheriff Butler considered it another example of poor judgment, and another reason why law enforcement will lose the public's trust. The public looks to law enforcement for its safety. Despite the majority of officers being law-abiding, these incidents make the news. With the badge comes responsibility, said the Sheriff, and if we want respect, we must give respect.

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ISSUES COVERED: National Politics & Military

Length: 28 min.

DATE/TIME AIRED: May 3

Our guest was U.S. Congresswoman Renee Ellmers (Republican). Ellmers said she is not worried that the large number of potential Republican candidates for president will turn ugly like it did during the 2012 debates. She said they have some great candidates. She said she just hopes the party will get behind whoever the primary winner is, without division. She said by comparison, the Democrats only have Hillary Clinton and a couple of others, like Bernie Sanders. She feels they will have a much easier time selecting a candidate to run for president. Ellmers said she is looking forward to a new direction for the country. Ellmers was quite pleased that her amendment for the 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing at Pope Field passed. She said the military needs to be cautious about how to proceed with this, and needs to take a good, careful look. She hopes the Secretary of Defense will sign off on it, so that not even one soldier's training is compromised. She said that both Senator's Burr and Tillis are behind and supporting the amendment. She believes the closure would be a careless decision. We are not replacing the military reserves, so to some this looks like a done deal. However, Ellmers said that it would be incredibly shortsighted to think that C-130's can get to Pope on short notice to move troops or to assist in soldier's

training. According to Ellmers, the closure would be a terrible move going forward. Switching to the subject of VA healthcare Ellmers said we have 800,000 veterans in North Carolina. The wait times at the VA Medical Center has not gotten much better in the past year. Last year, the Fayetteville VA had the longest wait times in the country. The facility still does not have an active emergency department, and vets have to go to civilian hospitals for care. She hopes the VA has a plan to face these issues to make sure our veterans are getting taken care of, and that training programs are readily available to help soldiers make the transition from the military to the civilian work force. Ellmers said there are programs available to help soldiers and their families. They should get in touch with Fort Bragg or Fayetteville technical Community College. She said a recent bill provides \$163 million more for veterans programs that it did last year. She said the congress will be looking very closely to make sure the money is being spent properly, and not for administrative purposes. She said they need good doctors and nurses to beef up the staff at VA hospitals. Ellmers pointed out that she has a medical background. Her husband is a physician and she was a nurse before going to Congress. The show host said that we never hear politicians talking about cancer, but noticed that Ellmers had some cancer information on her website. She said she is pushing for legislation that would allow people to receive expensive cancer treatments through Medicaid and Medicare. A bill she sponsored was just passed that will help fund cancer research. She said that moving forward, we are going to have issues with the federal government concerning healthcare. However, on a positive note, Ellmers said she sees the gridlock in Washington beginning to break. She said she believes that the country will begin moving again soon with bipartisan support. She said bills are beginning to make their way to the president's desk for consideration.

ISSUES COVERED: Business

Length: 27 min

DATE/TIME AIRED: May 10 @ 7:30am

Local businessman and consultant John Malzone spoke about running big businesses, in particular, the Fayetteville Public Works Commission. Malzone had attended a public meeting the night before concerning the City Council's bid to gain more oversight of the PWC. Malzone said that public meetings are waste of time. They really don't want to hear what people have to say, because hey only allot 3 minutes per speaker, and most don't understand how a bi business operates. Malzone said that PWC is a very well-run business, and doesn't think that the average person, including the City Council, doesn't know how to run a multi-million dollar enterprise. He said it should be left to the pros. Malzone described the Fayetteville Public Works Commission as one of the most successful utilities in the country. He said the public owns it, and reaps its benefits of good customer service, great reliability and the city gets money from the profits. He said there is no such thing as a nonprofit that doesn't make a profit. Malzone said the PWC is not bilking the taxpayers but is producing positive residuals for the community. He said it was PWC that warned the former City Council against annexation. However, Malzone did say that PWC needs to build into itself both transparency and oversight. He spoke of the utility's Navigate software upgrade, and the uproar on the council about the over cost. It was originally targeted to cost \$14.5 million. However, over time, the cost came in at over \$20 million. Malzone said that a business plan that doesn't have a miscellaneous item on it would not get bank financing. Malzone said a big computer system will always be over cost, because of the complicated, complex technology that must perform a number of functions, from operating procedures to billing. He said that when

citizens hear about millions of dollars they don't really know that that means, because most have never even seen a million dollars. Malzone said the average income in Cumberland County is less than \$30,000 a year. People have no sense of what it costs to run a big company. Malone said a businessman in Cumberland County is considered successful if he makes \$100,000 a year. He said the public is being manipulated by the ones who want power, in this case the City Council. He said they think they are doing what is in the best interest of the public, but they really have no idea how to run a multi-million dollar business. Again, Malzone said it is best to leave it to the pros.

ISSUES COVERED: City Government

Length: 27 min

DATE/TIME AIRED: May 17 @ 7:30am

Former City Councilwoman Val Applewhite ran for mayor in 2014, and lost by less than 300 votes. Applewhite spoke of the recent power struggle between PWC and the City Council. She is not pleased that the utility is suiting the city, and that the charter for PWC is going to be reviewed by the state legislature. She said that when that happens, we never know what we are going to end up with. She pointed out that the city of Charlotte was having problems with the airport there, and the state legislature voted to take control of the airport. It was later dismissed by the court. Applewhite is shocked that Fayetteville Mayor Nat Robertson thinks that the state legislature looking into the PWC charter will be a win-win situation. Applewhite said that recent reports showed PWC marking up the fleet maintenance costs by 44 percent. She said that practice needs oversight, and is costing the tax payers money. She was especially not pleased with the General Assembly striking down a part of the charter that allows annexations. She said the point of annexation is to broaden the tax base and bring more revenue into the city. She said the city will have to raise taxes if we don't allow for annexation. She said there have been recent demands for public safety. Police are adding more staff, more equipment, including body cameras, and adding patrols specifically to monitor house parties that have registered by police. Applewhite said these measures require money, which could be paid for with a broadened tax base. Applewhite said the city council is the most divided she's ever seen. She claims they have not built a team, and that Fayetteville is lacking in leadership. Interestingly, many people have called the council that Applewhite served on as the most divided council in recent memory. Applewhite was told by the host that most city council people that are serving now and served when she was on the council have remarked about how close-knit this council is, and they feel they have a great team. Applewhite sees the current situation differently. Some on the city council consider City Manager Ted Voorhees to be divisive, arrogant and hard to work with. Applewhite was asked her opinion and said that Voorhees is doing the job he was hired to do. She said he is aggressive and smart. She said the people that are the hardest to work with are often the smartest people in the room. Applewhite said it is Ted Voorhees who, at the request of the City Council, is seeking more oversight into PWC. She said "We the people own the utility, not the other way around." She said she supports the City Council in this endeavor.

ISSUES COVERED: City Government

Length: 26min 50 sec.

DATE/TIME AIRED: May 24 @7:30am

Fayetteville City Councilman Larry Wright was our guest. He spoke of the recent issues between the city and the Fayetteville Public Works Commission. Wright is not pleased with the legislative proposal that seems to give, in his opinion, more autonomy to the utility. According to Wright, Councilman Bill Crisp sent a letter to State Sen. Wesley Meredith, asking that he intervene and slow the process down. The local delegation that is making recommendations from the General Assembly includes State Rep. John Szoka, who has the lead, State Rep. Marvin Lucas, State Rep. Elmer Floyd, N.C. Sen. Ben Clark and Meredith. Crisp is hoping that Meredith will not only slow down the process, but bring it to a halt. According to Wright, most on the City Council think the House bill is an embarrassment, and they seem to be taking the utility away from city oversight. Not all on the council are opposed; Mayor Nat Robertson, Councilman Jim Arp and Councilwoman Kathy Jensen approve the House bill. Wright said that he called State Rep. John Szoka on the phone, did not get an answer, and did not get a return call. Wright said that every time he hears Szoka on the radio, he gives out his number and says that he's open to talking to anyone about the House bill. He said the biggest surprise in the bill is the annexation piece. He said by stopping annexation, it limits the future growth of Fayetteville. He said the bill appears that total autonomy has been given to a utility the city owns. Wright said that hopefully Meredith and State Senator Ben Clark will see the unfairness. While Wright sees the need to tweak the language of the charter, he says it is being tweaked for the worst. He said that much of the language is outdated, since the charter was written over 100 years ago and has not been updated. The charter refers to homeowners as "free owners," etc. Wright says that hopefully Sen. Meredith will be able to see it better than Szoka, because Meredith once served on the City Council, and was the council's liaison to PWC. Wright points to the PWC software upgrade referred to as Navigate. The Navigate system was budgeted to cost \$14.5 million. However, with time the cost grew to over \$20 million. Wright said that unrestrained financial cost just proves that the City Council needs to exercise more oversight and control of the utility.

ISSUES COVERED: Racial Justice

Length: 13 minutes

DATE/TIME AIRED: MAY 31<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30am

Cumberland County Commissioner Charles Evans was our guest. Evans said that Cumberland County has assembled the best team of leaders, beginning with County Manager Amy Cannon. Evans wanted to speak more about racial unrest in our country more than county government. He spoke about the death of Freddie Gray in Baltimore. He said "Here we go with the same story: another black person being hurt by police." Evans, who is black, said people are getting tired of turning on the radio or television and hearing people say, "They must have done something to cause this." Evans says black people are subjected to mistreatment by police. He agrees with President Obama that while protesting, people should not be destroying their own communities. Evans said that people want answers and they

are tired of all the talking heads and community leaders who do not offer any answers. Evans said that although he is a fan of President Obama, he thinks the President should have gone to Baltimore and stood in the street, talking to people about what needs to be done, what he is going to do, and what his attorney general is going to do. Evans said that although Freddie Gray has an 18-arrest rap sheet, no one would die in a paddy wagon getting to the police station. Evans said that whenever blacks die in police custody, the first thing people want to do is look at that person's arrest record. He said it is not fair that we are having so many black men killed by police.

ISSUES COVERED: Computer Security

Length: 15 min 22 sec.

DATE/TIME AIRED: May 31<sup>st</sup> @7:46am

Our guest was Clarence Briggs, CEO of Advanced Internet Technology. Before proceeding with current I.T. questions, the host inquired about Mr. Brigg's obvious weight loss. Thus, for the next few minutes, the conversation centered on diet and exercise. Mr. Brigg's wake-up call was an elevated blood pressure at a medical visit last year. It was so high that two nurses and the doctor came to the exam room. Now, 6 months later, his blood pressure is normal, his weight of 210 pounds has dropped to 175, and he feels "great." As for the stress of owning & managing his company, he has learned to cope well. On to current news about cybersecurity, i.e. Sony hacking & blackmail, Mr. Briggs was asked about password safety. He then offered this acronym for guidance: C L E A N. The "C" stands for change & complex: change the PW often and use a complex pattern (combination of uppercase/lowercase). The "L" stands for logging out: do not maintain an OPEN account. This is how multiple Dropbox accounts were hacked. If multiple users are using a computer, each person should "LOG OUT" when task completed. The "E" stands for encryption. A regular person can encrypt a channel or singular data or scramble a PW. This is available on the iPhone or Android. Law enforcement may not like this because they will then need the actual phone for information retrieval for which they must secure a subpoena. The "A" is for anticipate and update. The "N" is for *never* ever open a message or attachment from an unknown sender. This is the most common entry method for a virus. When asked about a storage folder for one's passwords, Mr. Briggs states that the best computer that is hard to hack is our brain. Create passwords with meaning (people/places/pets) and assign numerical value = that is the best way to remember them. He predicts that in 5 years we will have data imbedded in our body or will wear it. Other items requesting his opinion: the Apple watch – not practical, has issues to resolve (skin color /tattoos); E-cigarettes – made in China and will steal data from your computer when you charge it up via the USB port; webcams – cover them up because you have no control over who is spying on you. The Russians got into 70,000 webcams (i.e. babycams) and stole passwords.

ISSUES COVERED: City Government

Length: 14 min 30 sec

DATE/TIME AIRED June 7 @ 7:30am

City Councilman Bobby Hurst was our guest. Hurst said the council is moving the city forward and helping to bring economic development through quality of life issues, including new swimming pools. The city currently has just one swimming pool, but another is being built and a third has been approved. Hurst said that City Manager Ted Voorhees is the best city manager he has ever worked with during his years on the council. He said the council recently went to Durham, where Voorhees was the assistant City Manager, to see the improvements they have made. Concerning the council's struggle for control over the Public Works Commission, Hurst said that even PWC has admitted they have too little oversight. Hurst claims to have heard that from PWC chairman Mike Lallier. Hurst said he was the City Council liaison to PWC for two years. He was not pleased with PWC's computer software upgrade to the "Navigate" program. Hurst said the program was to cost \$14.5 million and ended up costing over \$ 20 million. PWC claims the amount was in the city budget, but was overlooked. When asked about 4-year terms for council members, Hurst said he thinks it is a good idea, and said there is interest on the council in that regard. He also said there is interest in taking fleet management away from the PWC and putting it under the control of the city. Hurst said that the cost of fleet management has increased and repairs are not being made in a timely manner. Hurst said he is glad that Sen. Wesley Meredith slowed down the PWC charter review with the legislative delegation. Hurst said it is important to get it right.

ISSUES COVERED: Economic Development

Length: 13 min 45 sec.

DATE/TIME AIRED : June 7 @ 7:44am

Chamber President and CEO Doug Peters talked about resigning from the chamber effective in December. Peters said the lifespan of a chamber president is 5 -6 years and he has exceeded that time. Peters said his decision is not about what is right for him but rather what is right for the community, organization and members. Peters said the chamber will now return to its roots. Peters said that looking at the new structure of the chamber, he knew that it did not include him. Peters said his proudest achievement as chamber president was attracting 3,000 new jobs and \$450 million in new capital investment. He said he was also proud of the new Economic Alliance that was created. Peters said the number one thing the chamber did was fight for jobs at Fort Bragg, even though sequestration. Peters said that he and George Breece made many trips to Washington, DC to speak with the congressional delegation. The most stressful time he's had is worrying about the loss of jobs at Goodyear, Fort Bragg, etc. Peters said the economic impact to the local area from the proposed deactivation of the 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing would be around \$78 million annually. Peters said the chamber is working to make it easier to get permits through the city. He said that retailers have complained and the chamber is working to create a better environment.

ISSUES COVERED: State Government

Length: 12 mi 40 sec.

DATE/TIME AIRED: June 14 @ 7:30a

North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory was our guest. McCrory talked about his veto of a bill that would allow magistrates to opt out of performing same sex marriages, and all marriages. McCrory vetoed the bill that was drafted by other Republicans in the General assembly, calling it the conservative thing to do by following the state constitution. He did say, however, that he is concerned the House will overrule the veto. He said the way they will do it is not ethical. McCrory said the House is waiting for people they know will vote to overrule. Many of those House members are currently on vacation. McCrory also spoke about his Connect NC proposal that would help the state with expected growth. He said that infrastructure must be upgraded, and the construction of roads and highways must be accelerated. McCrory said the state should borrow the money now while interest rates are low. The governor wants to borrow \$2.85 billion, but it would require voter approval and he would like the General Assembly to approve it and put it on the ballot. McCrory said the legislature is dragging their feet on the issue. He said that lawmakers are reluctant because they don't all like all of the projects in the bill. He said that some don't want spending on road work; some don't approve spending on universities or parks, etc. McCrory urged listeners to call their lawmakers and ask them to pass his proposal, which would include about \$48 for the All American Freeway in Fayetteville, and \$55 million for the Fayetteville Outer Loop. The governor also talked about challenger Roy Cooper being slightly ahead in the Public Policy Polling survey. McCrory said that Public Policy Polling has not been accurate for 10 years, and is leftist-leaning organization. Mccrory said he takes the poll with a grain of salt.

ISSUES COVERED: City Government

Length: 13 min 38 sec.

DATE/TIME AIRED: June 14@ 7:43

Wick Smith talked about the power struggle between the City Council and PWC. Smith has served on the council and the PWC board. He said the City Council is struggling with the same issues he dealt with on the council 16 years ago. Smith said that Fayetteville only had one swimming pool for years, and the county lost parks and recreation funds because of annexation. Smith served on the PWC board from 2012 to 2014. He said he's not interested in running for public office again, because campaigning is a fulltime job and most voters don't pay attention. He said winning elections is not merit based, and voters vote for who makes them feel good. Smith said he now serves on the board for a ministry in Haiti. Smith is not in favor of the PWC lawsuit against the city, saying that no one wins. Smith said that PWC is the only enterprise in the city that affects people 24-hours a day, by keeping the lights on and the water running. He said the utility makes the decisions that are ten to 40 years out. By comparison, the City Council wants to micromanage the utility and they think in smaller terms because they turn over every two years. Smith said he feels the council is picking on the on the periphery, rather than responding quickly with great reliability like PWC does. He claims that the city conducted their own audit of PWC, but used different facts to come up with the audit. He believes the idea was to twist the audit to make PWC the bad guys. Smith believes that the legislature will move to change some of the

language of the PWC Charter, and try to make it look like the utility is the bad guy. Smith said that if some of the language is changed it will serve to make everybody understand the rules, and it will be easier to play the game. He said that PWC is providing \$12 million a year in dividends back to the city and is providing great rates and great service.

ISSUES COVERED: Cumberland County Government

Length: 11 min.

DATE/TIME AIRED: June 21 @ 7:30am

Cumberland County Manager Amy Cannon said the county budget has been completed, and there will be no tax raises. She said the county still faces uncertain revenue because of the state legislature and military cuts. Cannon said the county collected \$2,2 million more than last year because sales are up, and last year the area faced sequestration. Cannon said the county has two ways of raising revenue: either through an increase in property tax or through sales tax. She said the best way to increase revenue would be through a sales tax increase, but it would have to be approved by the General assembly. She said the GA is considering an increase. School enrollments are down which means less money from the state. However, the county commissioners and the Board of Education have agreed on a funding increase from the county, based on an increase in the tax base. Cannon said that county employees are getting a cost-of-living pay raise. She said that commissioners made that a priority. Cannon also said the commissioners and the city council recently met to discuss homelessness. Cannon said that while we have a lot of good agencies addressing the homeless issue, she believes that someone is needed to coordinate the effort. She said the city and the county need to come up with a step-by-step plan to fight homelessness. She said that mental health and substance abuse help are two of the pieces that are currently missing.

ISSUES COVERED: Politics

Length: 8 min 30 sec.

DATE/TIME AIRED: June 21 @ 7:41

Billy Richardson said he's hoping to be appointed to the seat that State Rep. Rick Glazier will soon vacate. He said filling Glaziers shoes will be a tough act for anybody. Richardson said he would like to have the job and give back to the community. Richardson said that Glazier wasn't afraid to reach across the aisle to Republicans, and that he would be willing to do the same. He said his track record will show that, from when he was in the state house backing in the 90's. Richardson said he sided with Republicans to pass a concealed carry bill. Former Cumberland County Commissioner Ed Melvin was also going to run for the seat, but Melvin has dropped out and thrown his support behind Richardson. Richardson said that the Democratic Party Chairman and officers from Glazier's district will make to call in filling the seat. They will then send their recommendation to the governor. Richardson said that he and Governor McCrory agree on several issues, including economic development and improving education. Richardson said he does not support the new magistrate's bill allowing them to excuse

themselves from performing same sex marriage if they have a religious objection. He said he believes the bill will be struck down and declared unconstitutional.

ISSUES COVERED: Mental Health

Length: 8min 12 sec.

DATE/TIME AIRED: June 21 @ 7:49:30

Audry Sifuentes from Daughters of Christ Ministry talked about an event for woman. The ministry provides Biblical counseling for women struggling with addictions, bad relationships, abuse, abandonment depression and moral failure. The ministry has been active for 6 years and is a nonprofit organization. They are holding a 2-day event for adult women, featuring four keynote speakers. The event will be held July 17 & 18 at Freedom Christian Academy. The event will also feature testimonies, musicians and singers. Doors open at 8am and the event runs from 9am – 4pm both days. The registration fee is \$65 dollars and includes lunch both days plus other refreshments. Sifuentes said that scholarships are available to help women who cannot afford the ticket price.

ISSUES COVERED: State Government

Length: 22 minutes

DATE/TIME AIRED: June 28 @7:30am

Our guest was State Rep. Rick Glazier, who will soon retire from the state legislature. Glazier is getting a new job with the N.C. Justice Center. According to Glazier, the Justice Center is made up a group of 25 lawyers, reporters and investigators working on reducing the effect of poverty in North Carolina, especially in the areas of education, immigration, social justice and issues concerning budget and taxes. They have been around for 25 years, and have a history of lobbying the General Assembly, and in some cases, engaging in litigation. Glazier said that the state has a large number of people living in poverty. Glazier thinks he can have a different sort of impact working with the Justice Center rather than the state legislature. Glazier said the state is lagging behind in job growth and wages. He said that when it comes to the needy, churches help people piece meal, but need a catalyst to organize and bring groups together. Glazier said we need to help kids on backpack programs to get good meals in the summer months. To achieve economic security, some people need training, as do potential entrepreneurs. Glazier said we have various work training programs that are scattered and need a coordinator to have the intended effect. His resignation from the House will take effect sometime in the early fall. Glazier said the Billy Richardson would be a great candidate to replace him, but is not endorsing any candidate at this time. Glazier said he is not in favor of the magistrate's bill that would allow them to opt out of performing same sex weddings because of religious objections. Glazier called the bill unconstitutional, and predicted the bill will be struck down as being discriminatory. Concerning the House and Senate budget talks, Glazier said General Assembly is the most divided he has ever seen it. Glazier said the biggest differences concern education issues. The senate wants to lay off 8500 teacher assistants and hire 6,000 more teachers. The House is not in favor of the layoffs and would like to see teacher pay raises.

ISSUES COVERED: City Government

Length: 7min 35 sec.

DATE/TIME AIRED: June 28 @ 7:52am

City Council member Ted Mohn talked about a hand-written note that was circulated aimed at getting audio of the council meetings off of YouTube. The informal handwritten note was signed by five or six council members, and not intended for the eyes of the public. However, Councilwoman Kady Ann Davy blew the whistle and brought the note to the attention of the public. Mohn believes there is nothing wrong with posting the audio, and said there are times they may need to listen to it, or if someone misses a meeting they can hear it. According to Mohn, the council meetings have been recorded for years. He said that some years ago the meetings were on the community TV channel. Mohn was told by the interviewer that Councilman Jim Arp, who did not sign the note, said there were some on the council who didn't seem to know they were being recorded. Mohn said he disagrees, and that council members get an email every week from the city clerk telling them where to get a link to the audio. According to Mohn, Councilwoman Kathy Jensen wrote the note, and five or six councilmembers, including Mayor Nat Robertson, signed it. Robertson said that if people listen to the audio without seeing the faces, they lose perspective. Mohn pointed out anytime a council member is interviewed on the radio, listeners can't see a face, and he doubts they lose perspective. Some other council members who signed the note include Bobby Hurst and Mitch Colvin, both of whom later retracted their names. City Councilman Bill Crisp also signed the note. Mohn believes this could be in response to a group of firefighters who showed up at the council meeting when it was discovered the council would be discussing possible fire department raises. At the moment there is a large discrepancy between the wages paid to police and the wages paid to firefighters.