

# Quarterly Issues Program List

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### 2nd Quarter – April 1st through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## **Section II – Programs**

Issues: Health Insurance, Public Education

Program Title: At Issue

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 31 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts a program with two segments. The first segment is a studio interview with Jessica Velez, Revenue Cycle Manager for Hunter Health, and Paul Cruz, Director of Communications and Marketing for Hunter Health. They talk about the importance of renewing Medicaid coverage, with 100,000 people in Sedgwick County who will be getting letters on renewal. Around 50,000 people in the county could lose their coverage with the COVID-19 pandemic winding down.

The second segment features comments from a March news conference where a new Superintendent was announced for Wichita Public Schools. School Board President Sheril Logan introduced new Superintendent Kelly Bielefeld, who talks about his vision and goals for the district as he takes over for retiring Superintendent, Dr. Alicia Thompson.

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Issues: Emergency Management, Mental Health

Program Title: At Issue

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 31 minutes

KFDI’s George Lawson presents a repeat of a program that aired January 22<sup>nd</sup> with an extended, long-form, in-depth news report on two topics.

The first topic is from a Sedgwick County Commission meeting calling attention to a new email and phone alert system called Civic Ready Alert. Deputy Emergency Management Director Jonathan Marr and Operations Officer Cody Charvat explain the notification system that is available to Wichita and Mt. Hope. It provides information on community bulletins, health advisories and emergency situations.

The second segment is a discussion from a Sedgwick County Commission meeting on a partnership with the KU Medical Center – Wichita. The county is providing funding to help with the first year of a program to train up to four psychiatrists a year to work with children and adolescents on mental health needs. There are comments from Deputy County Manager Tim Kaufman, Deputy Chief Financial Officer Brent Shelton, Dr. Rachel Brown with the KU Medical Center and County Commissioners Jim Howell and David Dennis.

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Issues: Local Government and Taxes, Environmental Concerns

Program Title: At Issue

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 25 minutes

KFDI's George Lawson presents an extended, long-form, in-depth news report featuring a presentation from a Wichita City Council workshop in February. The Council heard a report from a 12-member task force that looked at ways to deal with single-use plastic bags and the effect they are having on the local environment. The report was presented by task force member Brett Prather, with comments from Sheila Regher, Corporate Affairs Manager for Dillons Stores in Kansas, talking about how the company is addressing the issue. There were also questions and comments from Mayor Brandon Whipple and Vice Mayor Mike Hoheisel.

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Issues: Law Enforcement and Crime

Program Title: At Issue

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 32 minutes – KFDI's George Lawson presents an extended, long-form, in-depth news report featuring a presentation given to Sedgwick County Commissioners during a recent staff meeting. They heard from Derby Police Chief Robert Lee, Wichita Police Chief Joe Sullivan, Sedgwick County Sheriff Jeff Easter, Sedgwick County Emergency Communications Director Elora Forshee, and Sedgwick County Forensic Science Center Director Shelly Steadman. They talked about crime trends in the community and the impact that these trends are having on staffing and resources. The discussion is expected to fuel decisions that County Commissioners will make this summer in putting together a 2024 budget, which will again be largely devoted to public safety.

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Issues: Education, Cultural Affairs

Program Title: At Issue

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 29 minutes – KFDI's George Lawson hosts an extended, long-form, in-depth news report featuring comments from a recent discussion at a Sedgwick County Commission meeting. Commissioners heard a report on a strategic plan for the Exploration Place Museum and Science Center in Wichita. Exploration Place board chairman Patrick Goebel explains plans for an amphitheater, a playscape and renovations over the next two years. There are also comments from EP President Adam Smith, Deputy County Manager Tim Kaufman and Commissioners Pete Meitzner, David Dennis, Sarah Lopez, Ryan Baty and Jim Howell.

Issues: Local Government and Community Issues

Program Title: At Issue

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 30 minutes – KFDI's George Lawson hosts an extended, long-form, in-depth news report with comments from an April 25<sup>th</sup> City Council workshop on the operations at the Century II Performing Arts and Convention Center. Century II General Manager Chris Whitney talks about the first year of management under ASM Global, which also operates the Orpheum Theater and Intrust Bank Arena in Wichita. She talks about the issues and challenges facing Century II and the steps that will be taken to make improvements. There are questions and comments from City Council members Becky Tuttle, Mike Hoheisel, and Bryan Frye, along with City Manager Robert Layton.

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Issues: Local Government and Community Issues

Program Title: At Issue

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 31 minutes – KFDI's George Lawson hosts an extended, long-form, in-depth news report with comments from a Wichita City Council workshop meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> dealing with concepts for a remodeling of the Century II Performing Arts and Convention Center and the former downtown library building. The presentation is from Adam Paulitsch with the architecture firm of Populous, and Bill Krueger with the consulting firm of CSL, talking about the state of the convention industry and the need to upgrade Century II to accommodate today's needs. There are also comments from City Manager Robert Layton. This program is presented as a follow-up to last week's program on Century II operations.

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Issues: Travel, Local Government and Taxes

Program Title: At Issue

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 27 minutes – KFDI's George Lawson presents an interview with AAA Kansas spokesman Shawn Steward about Memorial Day travel and tips to get ready for the Great American Road Trip. An estimated 385,000 Kansans will be traveling for the holiday weekend, with around 341,000 people taking to the highways. Steward talks about tips to get ready for road travel.

There is also a three-minute interview conducted by KFDI's J.J. Hayes with Wichita Mayor Brandon Whipple, talking about plans for a 24-court pickleball complex at South Lakes Park. The facility is expected to be a location for regional and national tournaments that would bring visitors to Wichita.

Issues: Travel, Local Government and Taxes

Program Title: At Issue

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 27 minutes – This is a repeat of the previous week's program with AAA Kansas on Memorial Day weekend travel, along with the interview with Wichita Mayor Brandon Whipple on the pickleball complex at South Lakes Park.

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Issues: Health Insurance, Public Education

Program Title: At Issue

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 31 minutes – This is a repeat of the April 2<sup>nd</sup> program featuring a studio interview with Jessica Velez, Revenue Cycle Manager for Hunter Health, and Paul Cruz, Director of Communications and Marketing for Hunter Health. They talk about the importance of renewing Medicaid coverage.

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Issues: Local Government and Public Education

Program Title: At Issue

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 29 minutes – KFDI's George Lawson hosts an extended, in-depth, long form news report featuring comments from a May meeting of the Wichita City Council, with a discussion on changes in the city's fireworks ordinance for the upcoming July 4<sup>h</sup> season. There is a presentation from Wichita Fire Chief Tammy Snow, along with comments from Vice Mayor Mike Hoheisel and City Council members Becky Tuttle and Brandon Johnson and Mayor Brandon Whipple.

The second segment of the program features comments from WSU Tech President Dr. Sheree Utash, talking about a record graduation class in May, increases in enrollment numbers and some upcoming events.

Issues: Environmental Concerns and Mental Health

Program Title: At Issue

June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 30 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an extended, in-depth, long-form news report featuring comments from a May news conference on a groundwater contamination area in north Wichita. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment presented a health report for the 29<sup>th</sup> Street North and Grove area, and the news conference had reaction to that report. There are comments from Wichita City Council Member Brandon Johnson, Sedgwick County Commissioner Ryan Baty, State Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, State Representative Ford Carr and Wichita Vice Mayor Mike Hoheisel. This is presented with a notice that a second public meeting will be held in Wichita the following Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

The second segment of the program features comments from Sedgwick County COMCARE director Joan Tammany, Wichita Police Captain Jason Cooley, and COMCARE Director of Crisis Services Jennifer Wilson. There are also comments and questions from County Commissioner Ryan Baty. They talk about an expansion of the Integrated Care Team program from one team to four teams to respond to mental health crises in the community. The expansion was approved by the Wichita City Council and the Sedgwick County Commission.

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Issues: Highways and Transportation

Program Title: At Issue

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 28 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson presents an interview with Executive Director Chad Parasa with the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, known as WAMPO. He talks about a survey that is being conducted through July to get input on transportation priorities for the Wichita area. The input will be used to develop an MTP 2050 plan for issues relating to driving, walking and biking paths, transit and other areas. The plan will address safety, travel time, improving connectivity and creating a more equitable transportation system.