

October 4, 2023

## ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST

July 1 – September 30, 2023

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WYOT-FM, Rochelle, IL., along with the most significant programming treatments of those issues for the above period of time. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The issues and segments are from public affairs program "Let the People Know" airing Sundays, 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Please see separate page for date, type and description of program.

### ISSUES/PROGRAM TOPICS:

1. Spring session in the State Senate
2. Budget that was passed
3. Bail issue
4. Assault weapons bill
5. People and businesses leaving Illinois
6. Pay raises for lawmakers
7. Upcoming presidential race
8. Bills in the future
9. July 4<sup>th</sup> traffic program in Ogle County
10. Arrests made during the Holiday
11. Hiring of three more officers
12. Formation of a drug task force
13. Impact of the bail issue
14. Assault weapons
15. Crime rate for the first half of the year
16. Two recent fire investigations
17. Resource officers in schools
18. Training for officers

- 19.The use of body cameras
- 20.Extension of the contract for the city manager
- 21.Two resource officers for the school districts
- 22.Street light project
- 23.Parking lot work in the city
- 24.Restrooms in the downtown area
- 25.First part of the year for the City
- 26.Intermodal facility
- 27.New developers in the housing business
- 28.New substation of the west side of town
- 29.Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival
- 30.Safe T Act in the State
- 31.The impact on arrests
- 32.Assault weapons issue in the courts
- 33.New drug task force
- 34.First half of the year numbers
- 35.Drug problem for the County
- 36.Veteran court in the future
- 37.Cold cases for the State's Attorney's Office
- 38.Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival for Rochelle
- 39.The schedule of events and more during the Festival
- 40.The impact of LHHF of the community
- 41.Projects over the past few years in the City
- 42.Community development block grant
- 43.Work at the airport
- 44.Trans load center and intermodal facility
- 45.Sales tax revenue for the year
- 46.National night out event
- 47.Fire training facility
- 48.City Managers plans for the future
- 49.Thoughts on 2023 for the City
- 50.New fire training facility
- 51.Intermodal project

52. Downtown upgrades
53. New business for Rochelle
54. Future of the airport
55. Housing for the City
56. Economic development for Rochelle
57. Latest update on trans loading yard and intermodal
58. Expansion of current industry
59. Companies needing workers in Rochelle
60. Impact of the new sub station on the west side of town
61. Features in a city that companies are looking for
62. The school year thus far
63. Changes for the districts
64. Enrollment numbers
65. Hiring of full staff and bus drivers
66. Emphasis on attending school
67. Future of the Hub program
68. Upgrades in buildings in the future
69. Security measures at the schools
70. TIF alternative revenue bonds for downtown area
71. Street, curb and sidewalk work in the city
72. ARPA funds for the police
73. Hickory Grove project
74. Renovation work for RMU office
75. Update on trans loading yard
76. Projects for the end of the year
77. Sub station on the west side of town
78. The end of cash bail
79. What it now means for criminals arrested or in jail
80. Why there is no bail money set in Illinois
81. The impact for the State's Attorney's office and police and courts
82. The lack of criminals in the Ogle County Jail
83. How the cells may be filled in the future
84. An increase in criminal rate for the County

## 85.Changes for police officers when they make an arrest

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023: State Senator Win Stoller. He talked about the recent spring session and budget that was passed. And he talked about the bail issue, assault weapons bill, lawmakers working with people and businesses leaving Illinois. And he discussed pay raises for lawmakers, the upcoming presidential race, and bills in the future.

July 8<sup>th</sup> 2023: Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle. He talked about the July 4<sup>th</sup> traffic program, arrests made during the Holiday, the hiring of three more officers, and the formation of a drug task force in the future. He also discussed the impact of the bail issue and assault weapons, the crime rate for the first half of the year, two recent fire investigations, resource officers in schools, and training for officers and the use of body cameras.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023: Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows. He talked about the extension of the City Managers contract, the two resource officers for the school districts, the street light project, and parking lot work. He also talked about restrooms in the downtown area, the first part of 2023 for the City, the intermodal facility and transloading yard, new developers in the housing business, the new substation of the west side, and the Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival.

July 30<sup>th</sup> 2023: Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock. He talked about the Safe T Act, No bail and its impact, and the assault weapons issue. And he talked the new drug task force, the first half of the year numbers, the drug problem in the County, a veterans court, and cold cases for his department.

August 6<sup>th</sup> 2023: Pete Agnos from the Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival. He talked about the upcoming festival, and the full schedule of events and activities.

August 20<sup>th</sup> 2023: Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows. He discussed the Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival and its impact on the City, projects over the past few years in the City, the community development block grant, future work at the airport, and the trans load center and intermodal facility. Also talked about the sales tax revenue, the national night out and the fire training facility.

August 27<sup>th</sup> 2023: Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh. He talked about his time with the City so far, and plans for the future. And he discussed the biggest change in the position, his thoughts for 2023, the new fire training facility, the intermodal project, downtown upgrades, new businesses, the future of the airport, the direction the city is moving to, and the need for housing in the community.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023: Rochelle Economic Development Director Jason Anderson. He talked about how the year has been so far, the latest on the trans loading yard and intermodal, the expansion of current industry, companies looking for workers, and the impact of the new substation. And he discussed features companies are looking for when considering communities.

September 10<sup>th</sup> 2023: Rochelle School Superintendent Jason Harper. He talked about how the school year has gone so far, changes in either district, enrollment numbers, and hiring of staff and bus drivers. He also talked about the emphasis on attending school, the future of the Hub program, upgrades on buildings in the future, and security measures at the schools.

September 17<sup>th</sup> 2023: Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows. He talked about the TIF alternate revenue bonds for the downtown area, street, curb and sidewalk work, ARPA funds for police, and the Hickory Grove project. And he talked about the RMU office renovation work, the trans loading yard, projects for the end of the year, and the new substation on the west side of town.

September 24<sup>th</sup> 2023: Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock. He talked about the end of cash bail with the Safe T act, what it means for criminals arrested or in jail, and why there is no bail money set in Illinois. He also talked about the impact for his department and police agencies and the court system, the lack of criminals in the Ogle County Jail, how cells may be filled in the future, increase in the criminal rate for the County, and changes for police when they make an arrest.