

This report is documentation of news stories ran in the first quarter of 2014, January 1st through March 31st, 2014 intended to fulfill the requirements of Radio Station KTNC, Falls City, Nebraska's acknowledgement of major issues facing the communities served by this station.

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# Legislative Action on Sale and Property Taxes and School Funding Page

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Story Title	Date Aired	Length	Story Information	Times Aired
No Conclusive Link Between State Taxes and Economic Growth	1/9/14	1:00	A tax-policy scholar is telling Nebraska lawmakers that there's no conclusive link between state taxes and economic growth. Therese McGuire told a gathering of lawmakers that academic research has shown no clear connection	5
Heineman Delivers State of the State Address	1/16/14	2:15	Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman called on the Unicameral to cut taxes. He said legislators should approve a combination of property and income tax cuts.	5
Complaints About Property Taxes.	1/19/14	:50	Nebraska lawmakers heard repeated complaints about property taxes this summer with they traveled the state. Unlike the income tax, state officials have no direct control over property taxes set by county governments, school boards and community colleges.	4
Governor Calls for Lowering Taxable Land Value	1/28/14	:45	Governor Dave Heineman repeated his call for lowering the taxable land value of farmland from 75 to 65 percent. He says the state can afford tax relief.	5
Heckenlively Comments on Legislation	2/11/14	2:50	Falls City Superintendent Tim Heckenlively favors bill LB-725, the school finance bill. The bill would change the school aid formula by decreasing what's called the "Local Effort Rate" from a-dollar three cents to one-dollar for the 2014-15 School fiscal year.	5
Heineman Talks Tax Cuts	2/18/14	1:55	Governor Dave Heineman says the Unicameral needs to look for ways to cut property taxes, he says it is ultimately up to local governments to ease the property tax burden to Nebraskans	5
Legislature Considers Inheritance Tax Repeal	2/24/14	2:00	The Nebraska Legislature is considering a proposal that would eliminate the inheritance tax in the state. Larry Dix, the executive director of the Nebraska Association of County Officials, opposes the bill. He says the inheritance tax is one of only a few ways counties can raise money.	4

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Budget Bills	3/12/14	:50	New funding for Nebraska property tax relief has cleared a key vote in the Legislature. The measure includes a \$25 million annual increase in Nebraska's property tax credit program	5
Governor Talks Taxes	3/20/14	1:45	During a news conference Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman raised concern about the aid to public schools	4
Tax Bills	3/27/14	:50	Nebraska lawmakers passes a series of tax measures one which would benefit low-income elderly homeowners.	5

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Public Tours Richardson County Jail	1/27/14	2:30	Richardson County Sheriff Randy Houser proposed tours of the current jail to give the public a chance to see the safety issues that have prompted county officials to consider converting the former Falls City Armory into a Jail and Law Enforcement Center	5
RC Commissioners Lean Toward Jail	2/19/14	3:30	Richardson County Commissioners made no decision at their meeting but appeared ready to move forward with a new jail and law enforcement center. They took comments from the public.	4
Sheriff Discusses Need for New Jail	2/26/14	4:40	A steering committee recommended 8-1 that a new jail and law enforcement center be built. Sheriff Randy Houser strongly supports a new facility and talked about some of the issues with the current facility.	5
Richardson County Commissioners	2/27/14	1:30	Richardson County Commissioners met with representatives of Prochaska and Associates to review preliminary plans for a jail and law enforcement facility. Sheriff Houser suggested some changes to the plans to reduce the cost of the project. Prochaska and Associates will revise the plans and resubmit them to the board and Nebraska Jail Standards for review.	5
Commissioners Meet	3/17/14	:55	Artie Lucas of Goldberf Group Architects from St. Joseph Mo met with RC Commosioners to review the proposed jail project. They recommended the County consider prefab steel cells and offered to take the Sheriff and/or a Commissioner on a tour of other facilities.	5
Architect and Engineering Firm Hired for Jail Project	3/21/14	1:30	Richardson County Commissioners have entered into an agreement with Goldberf Group Architects of St. Joseph Mo to proceed with a Preliminary design for the propesed Richardson County Law Enforcement Center.	5
Jail Discussion and Threats	3/26/14	2:40	Richardson County Commissioners spent more than an hour discussing the proposed jail with Don Prochaska and Steve Riley with Prochaska and Associates of Omaha. The firm asked to be placed on the agenda after Commissioners approved a \$3500 contract with Goldberf Group Architects to proceed with a preliminary design for the jail.	5

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Davidson to Seek Second Term	1/2/14	:25	Richardson County Commissioner Myron J. "Jim" Davidson will seek a 2nd term in office.	5
Laux Seeking Reelection to Dawson Village Board	1/3/14	:20	Charles B. Laux filed for reelection to the Village Board of Dawson. He is an incumbent	5
Congressional Candidate Visits Southeast Nebraska	1/7/14	3:30	Col. Tom Brewer, Ret. an Army veteran announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Nebraska's Third Congressional Seat. Brewer made a number of stops in S.E. Nebraska	5
Nemaha County Filings for Election	1/8/14	:45	Nemaha County, Nebraska residents started to file for the May Primary election. Among them were Sheriff Brent Lottman filing for re-election and 1st District Commissioner Bob Hutton filing for reelection	5
Scott and Duerfeldt to Seek Election	1/9/14	:45	In Richardson County Pam Scott will run for another 4 year term as the Clerk of the District Court and Austin Duerfeldt will run for a four-year term as Richardson County Treasurer.	4
Another Incumbent Files in Richardson County	1/10/14	:35	Pamala Vice filed on the Republican ticket to retain her position as Richardson County Assessor	5
Foley Campaigns in Falls City	1/13/14	3:45	Mike Foley who is currently the Nebraska State Auditor stopped in Falls City to campaign in the hopes to be the Republican Nominee for Governor	4
Candidate Battling Cancer	1/13/14	:45	Col. Tom Brewer, Ret who is running for the U.S. House in western Nebraska is battling cancer. Berewer says he plans to continue campaigning while undergoing chemotherapy	5
Gilkerson to Seek School Board Seat	1/14/14	:45	Ted Gilkerson filed for election to the Falls City Board of Education	5
Domina Running for Senate	1/22/14	2:15	Omaha Lawyer Dave Domina announced his candidacy for United States Senate	5
Ogle and Martin File for School Board Seats	1/23/14	:40	Two incumbent school board members in Richardson County filed for reelection. John Martin in Falls City and Scott Ogle for Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer	5

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Humboldt Mayor To Seek Full Term	1/23/14	:15	Humboldt Mayor Mike Riley filed papers to seek a full 4 year term as Humboldt Mayor	5
Nemaha County Nebraska Election News	1/23/14	1:30	More filings for the May primary election were received at the Nemaha County Clerks office. Among those were Marvin Bohling of Johnson filing for another term on the Nemaha County Board and Robert Heidzig of Auburn filing for the Democratic nomination for 1st Ward Commissioner.	5
Murphy to Run for FC Council Seat	1/24/14	:20	Incumbent Falls City Council member, Judy Murphy will seek reelection for 2nd Ward Council member	5
Domina Campaigns in Auburn	1/27/14	4:05	The Democratic running for Nebraska's open U.S. Senate seat, Dave Domina campaigned in Auburn.	4
Filing for Humboldt Council Seat	1/29/14	:40	Doris A. DeJonge filed for a seat on the Humboldt City Council in Ward 1	5
Brewer Blasts Smith Fundraising	1/29/14	1:35	Tom Brewer, a Republican challenge the re-election of Nebraska 3rd District Congressman Adrian Smith criticized Smith's latest technique to raise campaign cash.	5
Two More Incumbents File in Nemaha County	1/30/14	:40	Two more incumbents filed to run for re-election in Nemaha county Nebraska. Darren Oestmann of Johnson filed for another term in the Johnson-Brock School Board and Shawn Clark filed for reelection to the 1st ward council seat in Auburn	5
Robidoux Files for Re-Election	2/3/14	:20	Falls City Third Ward Councilman Kirby Robidoux filed to run for another 4-year term.	4
Pete Rickets in Falls City	2/3/14	2:45	One of the Republicans running to be the next Governor of Nebraska brought his campaign to Falls City. Pete Rickets met with voters at Terri Jo's Restaurant.	5
Pawnee County Filings	2/7/14	:50	More Candidates filed to seek elective offices in Pawnee County. Cheryl Dahgren and Stephanie Rauner filed to run for County Treasurer. Lay Laun and Brad Stake filed for the District two seat of the Pawnee County Commissioners	4
Bruning Running for Governor	2/10/14	:55	Attorney General Jon Bruning declared his candidacy for Nebraska Governor	5

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Richardson County Candidate Filings	2/19/14	:40	More incumbent officeholders in Richardson County filed to run for re-election. Among those who filed to run is County Attorney Doug Merz. Scott Huppert will seek another 4-year term on the Falls City School board and Steve Schardt of Table Rock will run for a position on the HTRS School Board	5
Nemaha County Filings for Office.	2/20/14	:25	Several more people filed to seek elected offices in Nemaha County, Nebraska. Louie Ligouri of Auburn filed for re-election as Nemaha County Attorney. Shawn Phillips of Auburn filed for election to the district 29/Auburn Board of Education	4
Binder Files for School Board	2/24/14	:15	Todd Binder of Table Rock filed to run for a seat on the Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinaur School Board	5
Falls City School Board Filing	2/25/14	:40	Randall Sickel of Falls City filed to run for a 4-year term on the Falls City School Board and Current board member Tedd Gikerson is seeking a 2-year term on the school board.	5
Bowers to seek School Board Seat	2/28/14	:40	June Bowers filed to run for a 2-year term on the Falls City Board of Education	5
Third Candidate for Sheriff	2/28/14	:30	A 3rd candidate has filed to run for Richardson County Sheriff. Don Pounds of Falls City filed on the Republican Ticket and joins incumbent Randy House and Falls City Mayor Tim Hersh	5
Two More School Board Candidates	3/4/14	:35	Two more people filed to run for seats on the Falls City Board of Education. Richard Malcolm and Terry Lotter are seeking 4-year terms.	5
Pawnee County Filings	3/4/14	1:30	In Pawnee County Nebraska Candi Tuxhorn and Mary Sporhase, both Republicans are running for County Clerk. Two republicans are running for County Treasurer- Incumbent Cheryl Dahlsen and Stefanie Rauner	5
Nemaha County Nebraska Candidates	3/5/14	:40	The week prior to the filing deadline brought a flurry of new candidates in Nemaha County, Nebraska. 5 candidates filed for seats on the District 29/Auburn School Board. 2 People entered the race for the Johnson-Brock Board of Education	5
Bruning Campaigns in Southeast Nebraska	3/27/14	3:35	Attorney General Jon Bruning who is running to be the Republican nominee for Governor made stops in Southeast Nebraska campaigning	5
AG Candidate Visits Falls City	3/28/14	3:45	Alan Eureka one of the two Democrats seeking their party's nomination to be Nebraska's next Attorney was in Falls City to Campaign	4

# Holt County, Missouri Enterprise Zone and Wind Farm Development Page

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Story Title	Date Aired	Length	Story Information	Times Aired
Holt County Wind Farm and Enterprise Zone	1/13/14	2:15	Minneapolis-based Element Power expects to begin construction this fall in Holt County in what will be Missouri's largest wind farm. Holt County Commissioners are continuing to take steps to set up an Enhanced Enterprise Zone in the County	5
Mound City School Board Hires Attorney	1/24/14	3:15	During the Mound City School Board meeting Superintendent Ken Eaton noted that while the first phase of the planned wind farm calls for Element Power to build 100 electricity producing wind towers in Southern Holt County, but the 2nd phase would include property in the Mound City School District	5
Holt County Commissioners Approve Resolution to Form EEZ	1/24/14	2:50	Holt County Commissioners adopted a resolution to form a proposed Enhanced Enterprise Zone in the county. the EEZ, if approved by the 7 member board, would include unincorporated areas of the county, excluding the U.S. Census tract as required by law	5
Holt County Nixes EEZ for Wind Farm	2/11/14	2:30	Any Enhanced Enterprise Zone in Holt County will not include a proposed wind farm.	5
Holt County Negotiating Incentives with Wind Company	3/19/14	2:50	Holt County officials are continuing to negotiate possible tax incentives for a wind farm proposed in the county.	5

## Area Infrastructure and Facility Improvements to Public Roads and Facilities

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Story Title	Date Aired	Length	Story Information	Times Aired
F.C. Council Approved Emergency Generator For Water Plant	1/7/14	2:50	The Falls City Council approved the recommendation from the Board of Public Works to spend \$199,750 for an emergency generator big enough to power the water plant at Rulo, the current wells and a new clear well that is to be constructed as part of the plant upgrades.	5
Lagoon Discharge Discussion for MC Council	1/13/14	1:30	Mound City will have to make changes to meet ne, more stringent, EPA minimum water quality criteria as the city prepares for a new lagoon discharge permit. Brock Pfost with White Cloud Engineering discussed the new criteria with the Mound City Council	4
Pawnee City School Board Selects Officers	1/15/14	:40	The Pawnee City School Board approved a contract of just over \$4,300 with Hart Floors to redo the gum floor this summer they also approved a motion to select TRANE to conduct an energy audit of the district buildings.	5
Johnson Brock School Board	1/15/14	2:10	The Johnson-Brock School Board approved a motion to authorize Koehler to sign loan finance agreements with finacial institutions regarding the building project.	5
Brownville Voters Approve Bond for Sewer Repair	1/16/14	:40	Voters in the Village of Brownville approved a bond and tax issue which will raise funds for improvements to the village's sewer system.	5
HTRS School Board Reorganizes	1/17/14	1:50	The HTRS School Board continues to look at the possibility of putting and addition to the noddh side of the Humboldt building	5
Falls City Traffic Study Complete	1/21/14	2:40	Two traffic signals along Highway 73 in Falls City will be removed, following a 3 month study by the Nebraska Department of Roads.	5
Falls City Traffic Lights Back on Thursday	1/28/14	:45	The signal at the intersection of Highway 73 and 16th Street will be turned from flashing mode back to normal green-yellow-red operation. The signals at 12th and 17th Streets will be removed	5
Richardson County Commissioners	1/30/14	:50	Richardson County Commissioners approved agreements with the State of Nebraska during theri Tuesday meeting for the programming of the Verdon Northwest project which is replacement of the Tynon Bridge.	5

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City Council Receives Chamber and Main Street Report	2/5/14	2:40	The Falls City Council met with New Executive Director David Branch who talked about the Main Street Program. He says they're trying to secure funding	4
Richardson County Commissioners	2/7/14	1:30	Correspondance concerning the Courthouse Restoration Project was reviewed	5
Auburn Council Fire Pits and Street Hearing	2/11/14	2:50	The Auburn City Council conducted a public hearing on the one and six year street plan. The planned was approved	5
Johnson Brock School Board Names Housman to Lead Building Project	2/12/14	3:10	The Johnson-Brock School District's building project took another step forward and the school board voted to retain Housman Construction as the contract manager for the project	5
HTRS Board Discusses Building Project	2/12/14	2:40	Gary Cooper and architect Larry Chiles presented the HTRS School Board the latest information on what the addition to the north of the High School would look like	5
FC Council Approves Street Plan	2/19/14	1:20	The Falls City Council approved the One-and-Six Year Street Improvement plan.	4
Humboldt Council Approves NPPD Agreement, Housing Rehab Pre-App	2/20/14	1:25	The Humboldt City Council authorized the City and Southeast Nebraska Development District to collect data that would support a pre-application for a housing rehab grant	5
Falls City to Seek DTR Grant	2/20/14	2:15	Falls City is laying the groundwork to apply for another \$350,000 Downtown Revitalization Grant.	5
Holt County Commission Funds Nutrition Centers	2/26/14	1:30	Holt County Commissioners approved the bi-annual bridge inspection program	5
Richardson County Commissioners	2/27/14	1:45	Highlights of the One-Year plan include \$1,900,000 worth of work on a 4 mile stretch of the Preston Road	5
Council Approves Request to Pave Alley	3/4/14	1:40	The Falls City Council approved a request to pave a portion of the alley between McLean and Morton Streets.	5
FCPS Utility Bill	3/11/14	2:10	In Action the Falls City School Board approved the project list for this summer. Which includes updated electrical panels in the kitchens at North and South Schools.	5

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Pawnee City School Board Moves Forward on Energy Upgrades	3/12/14	2:05	The Pawnee City School District took another step towards making energy efficiency upgrades to district buildings	5
HTRS Board Approves More Steps For Addition	3/12/14	1:15	The HTRS School Board approved a number of resolutions concerning the proposed new addition to the north side of the school building in Humboldt	5
Highway 136 Project in Auburn Will Take Place This Year.	3/13/14	:45	Despite concerns after the bid for the reconstruction of Highway 136 through Auburn Mayor Scott Kudrna says the project will be done this year.	5
Construction Started at Johnson Brock	3/13/14	2:05	Work started on the Addition to the Johnson-Brock School. The Contracted Housman Construction moved their trailer in as they began the construction project	5
Auburn Water Line Project Discussed Again	3/17/14	1:40	The West Water Line Project that has been discussed in Auburn in recent years came back to the Auburn City Council. Mayor Scott Kudrna said a break in the current water line serving the west of Auburn was a concern to a number of entities in that area	5
Falls City Seeking Grant For Prichard Auditorium Updates	3/19/14	1:25	The City of Falls City is in the process of applying for a Civic and Community Center Grant. If approved the City would be upgrading Prichard Auditorium	4
Highway Work in Auburn to Begin March 31st	3/20/14	1:40	The Nebraska Department of Roads announced that work was scheduled to begin on US-136 through Auburn beginning March 31st. The 1.4 mile highway improvement project is located from County Road 638 Avenue on the west side of Auburn to F Street in Auburn.	5
Airport Project	3/21/14	1:10	A project that will cost in excess of \$3-million was scheduled to begin at Brenner Field Airport in Falls City. The updates will bring Brenner Field in line with Federal Aviation Administration regulations	5

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HTRS Board Discusses Building Project	3/26/14	3:25	The public got a chance to weigh in on a proposed addition to the north side of the High School building in Humboldt during a special meeting of the HTRS School Board on Tuesday night. The three-story structure includes a fitness center and a new music room on the first floor. 6 classrooms on the 2nd floor and a wrestling room and art room on the 3rd floor	5
136 Work in Auburn Starts Today	3/31/14	3/31/14	Hawkins Construction Company began demolition work on Highway 136 in Auburn from H Street to K Street	4