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2nd Quarter, 2020

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by ETVC-TV, Chattanooga, Tenn., along with the most significant programming treatment for the period of April 1st, 2020 through June 30th, 2020. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. The list is by no means exhaustive.

ISSUE: GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: April 8, 2020

Length: 0:45

Source: Local

Description: COVID-19 is forcing some doctors' offices to lay off their employees. Private practices such as Physician First in Cleveland say they are suffering during this pandemic. Their office went from treating about 50 patients per day to 20, if they are lucky. These changes could cause long term impacts on the economy and health care access. According to the American Medical Association the average Tennessee doctor contributes almost 65-thousand dollars in local and state taxes. Seven southeast Tennessee counties, including Bradley County, are facing a physician shortage due to coronavirus changes.

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: May 27, 2020

Length: 1:30

Source: Local

Description: Hamilton County's mayor is looking at how COVID-19 affects your taxes and the county's bottom line. Today Mayor Jim Coppinger unveiled his budget proposal to commissioners and the pandemic was at the center of those discussions. According to the proposal, the Department of Education budget will overall decrease by 1-point-4 million dollars.

Length: 0:30

Source: Local

Description: Georgia's state tax revenues dipped by 1 billion dollars in April thanks to coronavirus-related disruptions. This comes as the number of COVID-19 infections in the state surpassed 30-thousand cases and 13-hundred deaths. The revenue figure is a grim omen as House lawmakers prepare to begin new hearings today on the upcoming year's budget. The news came as the state's largest school district dialed back reopening plans and the toll at long-term care facilities continues to rise. April is normally the largest revenue month in Georgia.

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: May 12, 2020

Length: 0:45

Source: Local

Description: Hamilton County's mayor says COVID-19 and the Easter tornadoes forced him to revise his budget plan. It does not include a tax increase or raise for county employees. Mayor Jim Coppinger says they have budget responsibilities for the Department of Education and the Election Commission. He says they can meet the requirements without a need to raise taxes. He says it's still a work in progress. The Mayor will present the budget to the county commission on May 27th. The Commission will vote on it June 24th.

GMC FOX Edition

Broadcast Date: June 26, 2020

Length: 0:30

Source: Local

Description: Lawmakers in Georgia's House are seeking to regulate and tax vaping products, but aren't taking the chance to raise taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products. The House passed the bill yesterday sending it back to the Senate for more debate. The bill would regulate and tax vaping products in the same way that tobacco products are taxed and regulated. House Republican leaders have declined to consider a push to increase taxes on tobacco products despite a push by Democrats and anti-smoking advocates.

GMC FOX Edition

Broadcast Date: June 26, 2020

Length: 0:30

Source: Local

Description: Georgia lawmakers say they've scraped up enough money to prevent state agencies from sending employees home for unpaid furlough days this coming year. They also say K-through-12 school districts should be able to spend savings to avoid teacher furloughs. House and Senate negotiators have signed an agreement on a final version of Georgia's 20-21 budget. The state will spend more than 25- billion dollars of its own revenue, a 10-percent cut from what was originally expected. Lawmakers are choosing not to raise taxes.

ISSUE: CRIME/CRIMINAL JUSTICE

GMC FOX Edition

Broadcast Date: May 30, 2020

Length: 0:30

Source: Local

Description: The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office says a man wanted on two counts of attempted criminal homicide is behind bars this morning. The sheriff's office along with U.S. Marshals and Chattanooga Police arrested Cobey Smith yesterday. HCSO says deputies tried to catch Smith by conducting a traffic stop, but he led them on a chase. The chase ended when Smith crashed into a U-S Mail Carrier vehicle on Bonny Oaks Drive. Deputies say they then arrested Smith and took him into custody at the Hamilton County Jail. He's facing additional charges this morning pertaining to fleeing from law enforcement.

GMC FOX Edition

Broadcast Date: May 29, 2020

Length: 0:45

Source: Local

Description: A manager at a tornado-damaged mobile home park in Ooltewah is arrested again. Court records show Kimberly West faces two felony counts of coercion of a witness. She was taken to the Hamilton County Jail last night. We were there as West and her husband Steve were taken into custody last week. The couple manages the Auburn Hills mobile home park. Residents are accusing them of withholding tornado relief.

GMC FOX Edition

Broadcast Date: April 31,2020

Length: 0:45

Source: Local

Description: Chattanooga Police were in the scene of protests on Frazier Avenue. Protesters made their way back and forth between the Walnut Street Bridge from Frazier Avenue to Market Street. CPD spokesperson Jeremy Eames has confirmed there were 9 arrests made last night. We don't know if anyone was hurt. Officials say there are reports of several cars being vandalized downtown. The crowds finally dispersed around 3 this morning. We are still working to get more information.

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: June 29, 2020

Length: 0:45

Source: Local

Description: For the first time, Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Hammond on Monday answered questions on camera regarding the recent release of dash cam videos showing several of his deputies beating a handcuffed Black man. The Hamilton County District Attorney's Office sent out hours of video from the May arrest of Reginald Arrington Jr. last week. The DA's office has asked the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) to investigate any potential wrongdoing of five sheriff's deputies.

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: June 29, 2020

Length: 1:30

Source: Local

Description: Hamilton County's District Attorney is accusing the sheriff's office of slowing down the investigation into a former deputy who was indicted in 2019 on 44 charges including rape, assault, and official oppression. In new documents filed in Federal Court, District Attorney Neal Pinkston details the roadblocks his office has endured while trying to investigate former Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy Daniel Wilkey, who resigned after facing dozens of criminal charges.

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: June 26, 2020

Length: 0:30

Source: Local

Description: The Meigs County Sheriff's Office arrests a man accused of shooting his son. Deputies say it happened on Howard Road Thursday afternoon. The Sheriff's office says they found James Bowers Junior had been shot. He was taken to the hospital and listed in stable condition. Investigators say Bowers showed up at his father's house. That's when they started to fight. Police say that led to James Bowers Senior shooting his son. The sheriff's office says charges are pending and the TBI is helping with the investigation.

ISSUE: EDUCATION

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: April 30, 2020

Length: 0:30

Source: Local

Description: Tonight the Hamilton County School Board tackled budget cuts because of the shift during the COVID-19 pandemic. The revised proposal is: 4 hundred and 17 million dollars. This budget freezes all employee STEP increases. That means what teachers make right now is what they will make until the increases are unfrozen. According to Chief Business Officer Brent Goldberg, this will save the board 2.8 million dollars. The budget also cuts two positions at the Central Office. The school board will present its budget to the Hamilton County Commission on May 5th.

GMC FOX Edition

Broadcast Date: April 30, 2020

Length: 0:30

Source: Local

Description: A Tennessee judge is weighing a wide range of arguments over the state's much-debated school voucher program, promising to make a decision soon to allow parents enough time to plan ahead for the 2020-21 school year. Known as education savings accounts, the program would allow eligible families to use public tax dollars on private school tuition and other pre-approved expenses. Applications for students are already being accepted.

GMC FOX Edition

Broadcast Date: May 30, 2020

Length: 0:30

Source: Local

Description: Hamilton County Schools are launching a task force to help create a plan for safely reopening schools. The School Reopening Task Force will meet over the next few weeks to determine the best process for that to take place. The task force is considering a four phase plan. In Phase 1 the risk of spreading COVID-19 is significant. All school buildings would be closed and classes will be moved to online learning. In Phase 4 there would be no risk of spread and schools can reopen at full capacity.

GMC FOX Edition

Broadcast Date: May 30, 2020

Length: 0:45

Source: Local

Description: Now in Northwest Georgia, school officials and parents are giving their thoughts on Governor Brian Kemp's new executive order. This order gives schools the option to hold in-person classes this summer. The superintendent for Dade County says they will not hold in-person summer school classes. Partly for safety reasons and because virtual learning is covering their needs right now. Meanwhile, Catoosa County Schools say they will continue to evaluate the option for students needing to catch up on their credits. A Catoosa County spokesperson tells us they will receive Georgia's K-through-12 Recovery Plan next week. It will provide guidance for returning to school for the 2020-2021 term.

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: May 29, 2020

Length: 1:45

Source: Local

Description: While some schools cancelled graduation, Rhea County High School pressed on. Nearly 300 students graduated today, but because of COVID19 that graduation looked a bit different. Jerry Levengood says a committee including the school board homeland security and the director of the Rhea County Health Department helped make this decision and carry out the safety precautions.

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: June 30, 2020

Length: 0:30

Source: Local

Description: Tonight, the Hamilton County Health Department says people who attended Central or Hixson High School graduations over the weekend may have been exposed to COVID-19. Health officials say both events had an audience member in the stands who later tested positive for the virus. Now anyone who attended those ceremonies is being asked to get tested and monitor their symptoms.

ISSUE: HEALTH

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: April 30, 2020

Length: 0:45

Source: Local

Description: A COVID outbreak happened within days at Life Care Center of Athens. Life Care says the first person who tested positive for COVID-19 got their results on April 12th. We discovered the first 9-1-1 call about a senior showing covid symptoms happened 6 days later. We got that through an open records request. Now there are 87 cases among seniors and workers. That is 18 days between the first case and the 87th. The state's current data for this Athens nursing home is off by about 80 cases and 2 deaths.

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: April 30, 2020

Length: 0:30

Source: Local

Description: Georgia Governor Brian Kemp has extended the public health state of emergency to June 12th. The order also requires medically fragile and elderly citizens to continue to shelter in place. Kemp will order long term health facilities to ensure safer living conditions and protect residents and staff from coronavirus exposure. He is also asking Georgians to continue to stay at home whenever possible.

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: April 30, 2020

Length: 1:00

Source: Local

Description: Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and state health leaders are getting ready to hold their daily briefing on Covid-19. It comes a day after the governor announced that close-contact businesses can reopen next Wednesday and we have learned some of the guidelines that will be in place.

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: April 30, 2020

Length:0:45

Source:Local

Description: Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke tells residents to stay strong during his annual State of the City address.The mayor just wrapped up the address. He praised Hamilton County's Health Department for expanding testing, but he shared concern about it on a state level saying not even two percent of Tennesseans have been tested. He also told Chattanoogaans to stay strong for what's ahead.

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: May 30, 2020

Length: 0:30

Source: Local

Description: The Hamilton County Health Department is now suspending the distribution of state issued masks. The health department says the cloth masks handed out statewide by the Governor's unified Command Group are not as effective as once thought. They say the masks made by sock manufacturer Renfro are coated with a substance that is supposed to reduce bacterial growth. The health department says they found that substance goes away when the mask is washed. Until they learn more details, officials are urging that people refrain from using these masks.

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: June 30,2020

Length: 0:30

Source: Local

Description: The Hamilton County Health Department says anyone who attended graduations for Central and Hixson High Schools this weekend could have been exposed to coronavirus. The health department says each event had a person in attendance while in their infectious period. For both ceremonies, the infected person was an audience member in the stands. The health department wants anyone who attended the ceremonies to get tested.

ISSUE: RACE RELATIONS

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: June 30, 2020

Length: 0:30

Source: Local

Description: Central High School is now speaking out after their valedictorian claimed her speech was intentionally cut short. Day-Onna Carson was addressing the recent Black killings by police officers during graduation Saturday when her audio cut off. Many activists rallied behind her demanding answers. Now, the Central High Principal says "this was by no means intentional". He apologized and says he's looking forward to seeing what DayOnna will accomplish at Harvard University this fall.

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: May 30, 2020

Length: 0:45

Source: Local

Description: In Nashville, a curfew just went into effect minutes ago. Mayor John Cooper extended it following protests and violence over the weekend. Mayor Cooper says anyone on the streets after 10 will be subject to arrest. It lasted until six in the morning. Governor Bill Lee called in the National Guard to help across the state. He says the department of Homeland Security and the TBI are launching an investigation into the events that unfolded overnight.

GMC FOX Edition

Broadcast Date: June 30, 2020

Length: 0:45

Source: Local

Description: The rain didn't stop protesters from showing up at Miller Park last

night in Chattanooga. You can see people in masks and rain gear as they demand equality in the scenic city. We caught up with organizer, Cameron Williams. He says the day was also a celebration of the completion of the Black Lives Matter mural on MLK Boulevard. Williams says this mural is a symbol of solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and everyone across the world.

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: June 29, 2020

Length: 0:30

Source: Local

Description: The Bradley County Sheriff's Office says 33 inmates are currently in quarantine for testing positive for COVID-19. Officials say they did not show any symptoms. Now a small group of protesters are asking for inmates to be given masks for their safety. The sheriff's office says several hundred masks will be on their way.. as soon as they are modified for inmates to use.

GMC FOX Edition

Broadcast Date: June 30, 2020

Length: 0:30

Source: Local

Description: This morning, we're learning more about what led up to 38 arrests during demonstrations at the state capitol. The demonstrators got near and on the wall that surrounds the Capitol building and that's when state troopers moved in to start making arrests. It's a boundary the Tennessee Highway Patrol has been using for at least two weeks. An Attorney representing one defendant says she calls a criminal trespassing charge questionable at best.

FOX First at 10

Broadcast Date: June 30, 2020

Length: 0:45

Source: Local

Description: Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod is now calling for racism to be declared a public health crisis in Chattanooga. Coonrod says this comes after the death of George Floyd last month and protests across the country. According to the American Public Health Association .. at least three 3 states and 20 cities have declared racism a public health crisis. The Association says .. the average life expectancy of African Americans is four years fewer than the rest of the

population. Councilman Olgesby and Councilman Mitchell agree with Councilwoman Coonrod. The resolution will be voted on next week.

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