

**1st Quarter 2023 Issues Report for FCC
KFAN 107.9 - Johnson City**

1. Chamber of Commerce Johnson City

- A. COVID-19 Relief**
- B. Affordable Housing**
- C. Employee shortage**

2. Blanco County Community Resource Center/ Johnson City Housing Authority Board

A. COVID-19 Relief: The schools are continuing to adjust to virtual learning and tracking the covid cases carefully. Local businesses are beginning to have more success, the city is focused on keeping campuses open as long as possible and tracking the covid cases and vaccine rates carefully.

B. Housing: There is a continual waiting list for senior housing. The demand for Hill Country living has led to problems with a lack of affordable housing. Our senior THF units in Fredericksburg stay consistently leased as well.

C. Student Population: With the increase of a senior community in Blanco County, the school districts are suffering from a low student population as compared to the increase in the property appraisals . The ratio leads to the school districts having to pay a very high recapture amount. The districts have also been encouraging transfer students. The districts have been reduced to minimum operation to keep a less deficit budget.

D. Growth: The county needs to begin to plan for how to retain the quality of the open land, ensuring enough water resources, the steps for the treatment of sewage without polluting the river systems, & preserving the skies and the beauty of the hill country that attracts the growth.

E. Traffic/Roads: County roads and FM roads were not originally built to handle our increasing traffic. State and county roads need upgrading. The increased population and tourism traffic require more turn lanes and traffic lights to help with safety on the highways.

F. Resources: Adequate availability to social services has been addressed by the THF with the Blanco County Community Resource Center. A food pantry, Crisis Center, State Health Department Services, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (MH DD) and other services will be provided office space. We believe that this building will bring needed social services to Blanco County.

Programs:

1. Red Steagall's Cowboy Corner
2. Farm Bureau Round-up