

QUARTERLY ISSUES LIST FOR JANUARY-MARCH 2024 FOR RADIO
STATION WXEF-FM EFFINGHAM IL

ISSUES	HOW ADDRESSED	WHEN AIRED
1) POPULATION LOSS	Report on loss of population in 87 of state's 102 counties	3/27/24 at 630am and 730am (1 min)
2) EDUCATION	Information that the state continues to suffer from a shortage of teachers and other education professionals	3/30/24 at 630am and 730am (1:30)
	-- Effingham Unit 40 school board votes to place 1% sales tax question on November ballot	3/26/24 at 630am and 730am (2 min)
	-- the second in a series of three meetings to consider building options in Unit 40 school district	3/22/24 at 630am and 730am (2 min)
	-- The Illinois State Board of Education met in Effingham to study the Unit 40 district and how they could help	3/14/24 at 630am and 730am (2 min)
	-- Mike Sullivan of Mattoon resigns from the Lake Land College Board of Trustees	3/12/24 at 630am and 730am (1:00)

after 37 years' service

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Representatives of the five public school districts in the county met to discuss common goals, including approval of a 1% sales tax

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Teutopolis school board continues discussion of long range planning regarding facilities

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Effingham Unit 40 district is beginning a series of public meetings regarding facility needs

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North Clay school district is starting on a major building project including a new gym, new restrooms and work to connect all district buildings

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spots in pre-k and other early childhood education programs have grown from the governor's goal of 5,000 to 5,800

3) ECONOMY

Effingham County's jobless rate at 4.4% in February, up from 4% one year earlier

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Governor Pritzker proposes

2/21/24 at 630am

growing state spending about and 730am (2:00)
\$1.8 billion in the next fiscal year

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the Illinois unemployment rate 1/23/24 at 630am
for December rose to 4.8% and 730am (1:00)
from 4.7% in November

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4) ELECTION

Effingham County Coroner 3/22/24 at 630am
Kim Rhodes was renominated and 730am (4 min)

and Congressman Mike Bost
was renominated in Tuesday's
primary election

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state 3/21/24 at 630am
primaries feature and 730am (3 min)
a single candidate or no
one running at all

88% of judicial and
legislative
either

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conversations with Mike Bost 3/18/24 at 630am
and Darren Bailey, candidates and 730am (5 min)
for 12th Congressional District Republican

nomination

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Conversations with Kim 3/15/24 at 630am
Rhodes and Matt Brown, and 730am (5 min)
candidates for County Coroner
Republican nomination

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630am Donald Trump removed from 2/28/24 at
the

ballot, then returned to and 730am (2:30)
the ballot by the courts

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Blaine Wilhour can stay on 1/12/24 at 630am
the ballot, but Adam Niemerg and 730am (2 min)
is off the ballot after their
nominating petitions were
challenged

5) LOCAL GOVERNMENT Teutopolis village board 3/22/24 at 630am
members instituted hotel/ and 730am
(1:30) motel tax on short term
rental properties in town

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Effingham city

council reviews 3/20/24 at 630am
budget blueprint and finds a and 730am (3 min)
balanced spending plan

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Effingham county board 3/19/24 at 630am
approves resolution opposing and 730am
(1 min) uncoordinated stops by county
transit buses carrying
undocumented individuals

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Frank Brummer resigns as 3/14/24 at 630am
TREC Board President after 17 and 730am (1:30)
years on the job and helping a
network of trails around the
Effingham community

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3/7/24 at 630am
for Illinois and 730am (1:30)

Public meeting held on "Right
to Die" legislation
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Effingham Public Library
board members researching
funding methods for their case
managers who provide various
services to the public at little or
no cost

2/29/24 at 630am
and 730am (2 min)

2/20/24 at 630am
courthouse in Newton and 730am (2:00)

Jasper County Board votes to
replace

Effingham County Board
passed resolution prohibiting
use of local tax dollars on
immigrants being transported
through the county

1/17/24 at 630am
and 730am (2:00)

1/9/24 at 630am
providing and 730am (2:00)
to acquire and
demolish nine and an apartment
building that were damaged
during flooding in Dieterich in
August 2022

Illinois Department of
Natural Resources
\$1.4 million

1/4/24 at 630am

Just 1.2% of 2.4 million Illinois
firearm owners ID

card holders and 730am (2:00)
registered their weapons by
the January 1 deadline

had

This is a representative sampling of issues we covered over the past quarter, not an exhaustive list. We air local and area newscasts four times each weekday and on weekend mornings, along with Community Calendar six days a week. We also regularly staff city council, school board and county board meetings