

Quarterly Issues Program List

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4th Quarter – October 1st through December 31st, 2022

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Section II – Programs

Issues: Law Enforcement, Marijuana Laws

Program Title: At Issue

October 2nd, 2022 – 6 a.m. – 29 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an in-depth news report featuring comments from a news briefing held during the past week with Wichita City Manager Robert Layton and Mayor Brandon Whipple. They discuss issues that were discovered about the handling of property and evidence by the Wichita Police Department (“WPD”), and Mayor Whipple refers to a broad study that will be done on WPD policies and practices. The second segment of the program features comments from Sedgwick County District Attorney Marc Bennett, talking about the impact of a Wichita City Council decision to take marijuana prosecution out of Municipal Court. Bennett talks about the impact of moving these cases to District Court and how his office will look at the issue.

Issue: Restoring Driver’s Licenses

Program Title: At Issue

October 9th, 2022 – 6 a.m. – 30 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an in-depth news report featuring comments from a recent workshop meeting of the Wichita City Council. Municipal Court Administrator Nathan Emmorey talks about a new program that will help people restore suspended driver’s licenses. The Wichita Area Restoration Program, WARP, is based on programs introduced in other cities that help people restore their licenses to afford them access to employment, housing and transportation. There are also comments and questions from Vice Mayor Becky Tuttle and City Council member Brandon Johnson, and a look at the county perspective from Sedgwick County District Attorney Marc Bennett and Deputy District Attorney Aaron Breitenbach.

NOTE: Because of a glitch in the Zetta automated system, the planned *At Issue* programs for October 16th and October 23rd did not air. The October 16th program was supposed to include comments from a public forum focused on the two men being considered as the next Wichita police chief. The October 23rd program was supposed to be a full program with the candidate chosen as the new chief.

Because of the glitch, an old program from August 7th was aired about a Wichita City Council discussion on fentanyl test strips and marijuana possession. The technical problem was discovered, and the October 23rd program was put into the system to run on October 30th. The October 16th program was not repeated because it was dated.

Issue: Law Enforcement

Program Title: At Issue

October 30th, 2022 – 6 a.m. – 30 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an in-depth report with comments from a public forum held on October 11th at Botanica. The entire program features comments from Joseph Sullivan, former Deputy Commissioner of Patrol Operations for the Philadelphia Police Department. During the previous week, Sullivan was selected as the next Police Chief for the City of Wichita. This program features 15 minutes of comments from Sullivan that aired on KFTI(AM) and KFXJ(FM) on October 16th, as well as another 15 minutes of more recent comments. Because of a technical glitch in the programming system, this program did not air on KFDI or KICT. It was repeated this Sunday to make sure it aired on KFDI-FM and KICT-FM.

Issue: State Government and Elections

Program Title: At Issue

November 6th, 2022 – 6 a.m. – 31 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an in-depth report with comments from a recent educational forum on two state questions coming up on the November 8th general election ballot. Amendment 1 to the Kansas Constitution would give the Kansas Legislature authority to override executive orders from the Governor or administrative orders from state agencies. Amendment 2 would allow each Kansas county to elect its own Sheriff, but only the Attorney General could take action to remove a Sheriff from office, rather than having a recall election.

The forum was held at the University of Kansas, and it was sponsored by the League of Women Voters, the Mainstream Coalition, Loud Light, Shockers Vote and Kansas Interfaith Action. It features KU Law Professor Amii Castle and third-year law student Emily Depew.

The final seven minutes of the program focus on a recent Wichita City Council meeting with comments from Assistant City Manager Donte Martin and Council members Mike Hoheisel and Brandon Johnson. They talk about the start of a Violence Interruptor program that will take shape over the next year. The city is hiring the firm Cure Violence Global to help with the establishment of this Program.

Issues: Local Government and Taxes, Economic Development and Revitalization

Program Title: At Issue

November 13th, 2022 – 6 a.m. 30 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an in-depth report with comments from a recent Wichita City Council workshop discussion. Planning Director Scott Wadle talks about proposals for the licensing and regulation of short-term rentals, involving homes and apartments that are rented for short periods of time by apps like Airbnb and Vrbo. He presents a set of requirements for consideration and receives questions and comments from Mayor Brandon Whipple and Council members Bryan Frye, Mike Hoheisel, and Jeff Blubaugh.

The final five minutes of the program focus on comments from Kansas Senator Jerry Moran, speaking on the Senate floor in late September, praising the city of Humboldt for its revitalization efforts. Moran used the presentation as a rebuttal to recent comments made by New York City Mayor Eric Adams, who said that Kansas has no “brand.”

Issues: Holiday Travel, Economic Development and Revitalization

Program Title: At Issue

November 20th, 2022 – 6 a.m. – 27 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an in-depth report with comments from a briefing held during the past week at Wichita’s Eisenhower National Airport. The airport’s Air Service and Marketing Manager, Valerie Wise, and Federal Security Director Tony Metcalf with the Transportation Security Administration share travel tips for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

The second segment of the program includes comments from Kansas Lieutenant Governor David Toland and Governor Laura Kelly, taken from an event last July to announce that Panasonic would be building a battery plant for electric vehicles at the former Sunflower Ammunition Plant in Desoto, Kansas. The groundbreaking for the plant was held recently, and these comments were presented to highlight the economic development activities that Kansas supports.

Issues: Local Government and Taxes

Program Title: At Issue

November 27th, 2022 – 6 a.m. – 28 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an in-depth news report that begins with a repeat of a segment from the July 24th program on a Healthy Corner Store initiative by the city of Wichita. It was developed to improve access to healthy food for disadvantaged neighborhoods. The initiative is presented by Brooke Kauchak of the City Manager’s Office, with comments from Mayor Brandon Whipple, Vice-Mayor Becky Tuttle, City Council Members Brandon Johnson, Mike Hoheisel, Bryan Frye, Maggie Ballard, and City Manager Robert Layton, with Donna Pearson of Common Ground Producers and Growers.

The second segment of the program includes new material from a recent City Council meeting. Park and Recreation Director Troy Houtman talks about a plan to renovate two tennis courts into six pickleball courts, since pickleball is becoming more popular in the community. Comments and questions were posed by Mayor Brandon Whipple and City Council Members Mike Hoheisel, Jeff Blubaugh, Maggie Ballard, and Bryan Frye. The Council voted 6-1 to approve the project, with Ballard voting no.

Issues: Local Government and Taxes

Program Title: At Issue

December 4th, 2022 – 6 a.m. – 28 minutes – This is a repeat of the previous week’s program dealing with the Healthy Corner Store Initiative and the discussion about pickleball courts.

Issues: Health and the Coronavirus Pandemic

Program Title: At Issue

December 11th, 2022 – 6 a.m. – 30 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson shares comments from a November 22nd briefing from the White House Covid Response Team. White House Chief Medical Advisor, Dr. Anthony Fauci, presents his final briefing before his retirement. He is joined by Dr. Ashish Jha, the COVID-19 Response Coordinator. They urge people to get their COVID shots and boosters before the holiday season.

Issues: Transportation and Infrastructure, Holiday Travel

Program Title: At Issue

December 18th, 2022 – 6 a.m. – 31 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson presents comments from a December 13th news briefing on 33 bridge projects across Kansas, including some in Reno, Kingman, and Butler counties. Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz, Pottawatomie County Commission Chairman Pat Weixelman, and Kansas Governor Laura Kelly discuss the more than \$40 million in funding that will be provided and identify some of the projects that will be funded.

The second half of the program airs comments from a November briefing by officials with Wichita’s Eisenhower National Airport during which they shared tips for holiday travel. Air Service and Marketing Manager Valerie Wise and Tony Metcalf, National Security Director for Kansas for the Transportation Security Administration also contributed. These comments previously aired on the November 20th *At Issue* program.

Issue: Restoring Driver’s Licenses

Program Title: At Issue

December 25th, 2022 – 6 a.m. – 30 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an in-depth news report that repeats audio from the October 9th program and is updated with new information. A new introduction reports that the Wichita City Council has approved a contract with Kansas Legal Services for a program to help people restore suspended driver’s licenses. The Wichita Area Restoration Program was discussed at a City Council workshop meeting, and comments from that workshop are included. Municipal Court Administrator Nathan Emmorey talks about the Program during this workshop. Vice Mayor Becky Tuttle and City Council member Brandon Johnson commented and posed questions and the Sedgwick County District Attorney Marc Bennett and Deputy District Attorney Aaron Breitenbach shared the County’s perspective.