

QUARTERLY ISSUES PROGRAMMING REPORT
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ISSUE #1: Funding needs for Easter Seals in southwest Indiana

Date: April 12, 2015

Duration: 1 hour

Each year WTVW works with Easter Seals of Southwestern Indiana to produce a telethon to help raise money for Easter Seals and the programs it is involved with. The Easter Seals provides services to children and their families who have physical and mental disabilities. As part of our commitment to this effort, WTVW donates production time and the use of our staff both on-air and behind the scenes. During this year's telethon, a total of \$1,040,240 was raised for Easter Seals.

ISSUE #2: Elections

Dates: May 5, 2015 (Indiana)

May 19, 2015 (Kentucky)

Treated as: News Stories

Both Indiana and Kentucky were involved in primary elections this spring.

On Tuesday, May 5, 2015, residents in Indiana cities and towns went to the polls for municipal elections, with cities and towns voting for mayors, members of the city / town councils and clerk-treasurers.

On May 19, 2015, residents in Kentucky were voting on statewide officeholders, which would include Governor, Secretary of State, and other offices.

On Primary Election night in Indiana, WTVW provided results from communities in Vanderburgh, Warrick, Gibson, Posey, Pike, Spencer and Dubois counties in Indiana. On WTVW News at 9, we spoke to winners and losers from the Evansville municipal elections.

On Primary Election night in Kentucky, WTVW provided results from the statewide election races. On WTVW News at 9, we heard from both winners and losers of the elections. We continued to follow the election results for several days the Democrat race for Governor was difference of less than 1,000 votes.

ISSUE #3: Contract talks between the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation and the Teamsters Union

Contract negotiations between the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation and the Teamsters Union for a new contract continue. The Teamsters represent school bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and administrative assistants and total more than 600 workers in the school system.

How issue was treated: In-Depth interviews

1) Date: June 22

Brad Byrd interviews Chuck Whobrey Discusses Contract Negotiations between EVSC and Teamsters Union

TRT: 8:46

Synopsis: The Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation and Teamsters Local 215 remain locked in stalemate over contract negotiations. Teamsters President Chuck Whobrey took his concerns before the EVSC School Board on Monday night. The contract between the union and the school corporation expires a week from Tuesday. That contract applies to more than 650 employees including bus drivers, secretaries and special ed para-professionals. The EVSC says negotiations have stalled over two issues: union dues and employee disciplinary procedures with the school corporation even threatening to withdraw recognition. Whobrey says EVSC School Board President Mike Duckworth said he was instructing the negotiator to schedule a meeting with the Teamsters attorney. Whobrey says he doesn't think there is any way to have a negotiation wrapped up by June 30. He says there has been very little negotiations. He says there has been 2-3 hours of negotiations since April 26. Whobrey says the EVSC is not telling the truth. He says the union has never asked the EVSC to withhold money without signing a check authorization form. He says the EVSC is telling people they want to have people terminated. He says the EVSC has proposed to being the arbitrator on any disciplinary issue. He says typically a third party decides. He says EVSC is using a bullying tactic by threatening to withdraw recognition and says it changes the dynamic. Whobrey says withdrawing representation would not be the best choice.

2) Date: June 30

Brad Byrd In-Depth: Chuck Whobrey Explains What's Next with No EVSC/Teamsters Contract Guest: Teamsters Local 215 President Chuck Whobrey

TRT: 7:56

Synopsis: The contract between the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation and Teamsters Local 215 is set to expire at midnight. The two sides have been locked in a stalemate for months. Teamsters Local 215 represents about 680 EVSC employees including bus drivers, custodians, special education and administrative assistants. Issues between the two sides involve the EVSC not want arbitration for employee discipline actions and not all EVSC employees wanting to pay union dues. Chuck Whobrey says he will attend the next school board meeting. He says Mike Duckworth knows better than what he's saying and knows the union has been a supporter of EVSC. Whobrey says this is political retaliation because the Teamsters supported

Chris Kiefer's opponent in the previous election. He says they have made a significant proposal to get off the mandatory union fees and give people a 10 day period to opt out of union representation for a maintenance of union membership in return. He says the EVSC continues to say no. He says this was orchestrated from the beginning. He says the EVSC has been trying to bust the union. He says there has been about 5 hours of negotiations. Whobrey says they cut off dialogue and to deal with EVSC Chief Negotiator Susan Traynor Chastain. He says Chastain is a union busting attorney. He says he hasn't spoken with Mike Duckworth other than at the school board meeting. Whobrey says he has told the union members that the EVSC doesn't determine who the union represents, and his members do that. He says the EVSC won't determine if there is a union or not. He says the Teamsters can still represent the members even if the EVSC won't recognize them. He says the majority of the community thinks it's not a fair proposition for the school board to be the final arbitrator when they're the ones who took action against the employee.

ISSUE #4: Land-based casino gaming in Indiana

During the 2015 legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly considered a measure to allow land-based casino gaming in Indiana. One of the properties which could be impacted is Tropicana Evansville, the state's oldest riverboat casino.

How the issue was treated: News Stories

1) April 3 -- Length: :31

We gave an update on House Bill 1540. An Indiana Senate committee today approve the bill with some changes from the House version. This would allow it to be considered by the full Senate.

2) April 9 -- Length: :35

We reported that the Indiana Senate voted to approve the measure with its changes. The measure will be sent to a House-Senate Conference committee to iron out the differences and must again be approved by both bodies.

3) April 22 – Length: :35

We reported that an Indiana House-Senate Conference Committee met earlier in the day to begin work to iron out differences between the two for final legislative approval.

4) April 29 – Length :31

We reported a compromise bill had been worked out and in the last moments of the session, it

was approved by both the House and Senate. It will now move to Governor Mike Pence's office for consideration.

5) April 30 – Length: 3:00

We did a live interview with Jason Gregoric, General Manager of Tropicana Evansville, for his reaction to the bill passing through the legislature and heading to the governor for consideration.

6) May 8 – Length: :41

We reported that Indiana Governor Mike Pence had decided to allow the land-based casino measure to become law without his signature.

7) April 6, 2015

In-Depth: Tropicana Evansville GM, Jason Gregoriec, on Land Based Casino Plans
Guest: Tropicana Evansville General Manager Jason Gregoriec
TRT: 8:44

Synopsis: The Indiana Senate is expected to take up house passed legislation that would allow Indiana casinos to move on land. It is a measure supporters say would make Indiana more competitive against its neighboring states. Jason Gregoriec says he believes it is very likely this bill will be passed into law. He says it is very encouraging for Tropicana. Gregoriec says he talked to Governor Mike Pence, who said he doesn't want to expand gambling but also doesn't want to hurt the industry. He believes the bill doesn't have expansion included. Gregoriec says plans for a land casino would be built in between the Tropicana Hotel and Le Merigot Hotel. He says it would house other items by creating a resort destination including restaurants, a show room, and a spa. Gregoriec says the riverboat would be sold even though there isn't a big market for it. He says it may be sold for scrap unfortunately. He thinks the LST 325 would be able to move where the riverboat currently is and would give it room to build a museum with it. Gregoriec says gaming industry is the most diverse business that serves everyone. He says all the acquisitions have been made in the last few years. Tropicana would present a proposal this year on the amount of funding needed for the land casino project. He believes moving to land would make Tropicana relevant again. He says the one key piece to being land based is convenience.

ISSUE #5 – Proposed downtown Evansville Medical School

During the 2015 session of the Indiana General Assembly, lawmakers were tasked with putting together a two-year state budget. Among the project being considered for the budget included a new medical school for downtown Evansville. The proposed school would be a cooperative effort with Indiana University, the University of Southern Indiana, Ivy Tech Community College, and the University of Evansville.

How it was treated: News stories

1) April 9

We reported early in the day that the Indiana Senate passed its version of the state budget, which included \$19.2 million for the downtown medical school. This was a cut from the house version of \$25 million. In related stories, we spoke to Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke for reaction to the Senate budget and got written comments from Indiana State Rep. Gail Riecken, a Democrat from Evansville.

2) April 10

We had two separate stories with more reaction to the story. The first was with University of Southern Indiana Vice President Cindy Brinker and a second story was Ivy Tech Southwest Chancellor Jonathan Weiznapfel. A more detailed look at the Senate plans eliminated all of Ivy Tech's funding for the medical school from the budget.

3) April 22

During a visit to Evansville to speak to the Chamber of Commerce, Indiana Speaker of the House Brian Bosma spoke about ongoing talks on the state budget and the funding for the downtown medical school

4) April 29 – Length: :30

We received a late update on the compromise budget which had been passed by legislators, and were able to include that funding for the downtown medical school was included in the budget.

5) April 30

We did three separate stories on the state budget and the downtown medical school. The first story had the final number for the medical school, which came in at \$19.2, which was the amount the Senate had approved. Later in the day, we got separate stories with comments from Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke and with Ivy Tech Southwest Chancellor Jonathan Weiznapfel.

6) April 30

April 30, 2015

Brad Byrd In-Depth: Mayor Lloyd Winnecke Reacts to IU Medical School Funding

Guest: Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke

TRT: 9:31

Synopsis: The Indiana General Assembly wrapped up Wednesday night with the passing of the state's biennial budget. It includes \$25.2 million in funding for the IU Medical School project in downtown Evansville. Indiana University will receive \$19.2 million, the University of Southern Indiana will receive \$6 million, the University of Evansville will privately raise \$6 million of its portion of the project, but Ivy Tech Community College's budget was not approved. Mayor Lloyd Winnecke says there were signs in the last couple of weeks that Ivy Tech would be left out. He says Ivy Tech represented the largest class of students for the model, and this is

disappointing. He says they will look to find ways to have them part of the campus, and they're looking to find solutions. Winnecke says they don't know what the campus will look like now but it will be smaller. He says there will be an initial planning meeting next week to determine the new plan for the campus. Winnecke says this project will not be defined on what doors are open on day one. He says there will mostly likely be additions to the campus overtime. He says the campus can be designed for future growth and expansion. Winnecke says this should not be an election issue in the mayoral race. He says the overall impact on downtown will not change. He says the streetscape developed around the medical school and downtown hotel will not change. He says he is 100 percent confident Governor Mike Pence will pass the budget bill. He says they will work to make sure Ivy Tech is involved in this campus moving forward.