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0:47: I'm also on other social media channels, but primarily use those two the most as well as on YouTube.

0:56: So today Thursday, April 18th, I'm going to highlight a few things that you may have missed last week, including what the weather for county commissioner said and what Steve Garrison weather for county County manager muttered under his breath at last Monday's meeting.

1:19: In response to what was discussed at that meeting, the following day on Tuesday, Chairman Brian King went to a local radio show and discussed some other issues.

1:34: I will get into more detail about that and really just a reminder, I am a nonpartisan independent journalist.

1:42: I'm not here to influence anyone's decision. I report the facts as they happen.

1:51: So let's see what they have to say.

1:55: Again, please saw me on social media. I did break this story first on Twitter and then on Facebook.

2:06: You can check those out for more information, but that was on April 9th, which was last Tuesday.

2:15: There have been several hyperfile stories that I've worked on prior since then.

2:22: And I was hoping to cover this sooner, but I wanted to bring this to your attention in case you missed it on my social media channels.

2:32: And it's very disheartening to see an official respond in this manner to a public comment.

2:50: So Monday is rather for county commissions meeting.

2:53: A man named Eric Gourney said there was a quote, bloated bureaucracy during the public comment period, county manager Steve Garrison met a bullshit, which is picked up on his hot mic.

3:05: The only thing that's listed for you guys is the budget.

3:15: Really, I should not have been lined by line.

3:23: In this county, I'm sure you've been talking with people.

3:27: We just had a campaign. Sure you've been talking with people.

3:31: We have a bloated bureaucracy in this county.

3:35: You know, Edgy's gotten so complicated to do things in this county, constructional service.

3:41: Or otherwise, that's really where the bulk of the budget is, right?

3:47: It's in paper. There you have it. You can view the entire video on the county's website.

4:01: I did link to the video as it was the link as it happened, but I just clicked on that.

4:07: I mean, very interestingly, this error message appeared permission denied.

4:13: So let's see if I can briefly teach you how to get there on your own.

4:19: When I don't know if that's a purposeful intention there or just a some kind of error with a computer, but that's traveling for many reasons.

4:35: So go to weather for county and see.gov, click on webcast and agendas that opens up into another window called Granicus.

4:45: And on Granicus is where the county manages and stores archives these meetings.

4:53: And then you can see on April 8th, you can click on video there and that opens in another window.

5:01: Not sure if this pop up window appears on the recording here or not.

5:06: I won't see that until the end, but that pop up window will play the play in its entirety.

5:15: So keep that in mind whenever you see a link that I share that is the link that I know of at the time, but there's no guarantee that those links will work in the future apparently because that is out of mic control.

5:38: Last week I also broke the news last Thursday that the weather for county government apparently left their security certificate expire over 380 days ago.

5:52: Many times a website SSL expires at least it vulnerable to cyber security risks.

5:59: It appears that they may have fixed this because that message no longer appears for me, but that's just another factor to keep in mind when looking at any website, but for your ability, rather for county and C.gov.

6:20: Then I noticed this week, I believe it was this week, a photo that was posted to another Facebook page indicating Brian King with these two women talking about child abuse month, awareness month.

6:41: But if you watch the meeting in its entirety too, you'll see that they did not return from closed session.

6:50: So that's another layer to the story, perhaps.

6:57: Not to overlook the important work that people are doing in the county, but when you have a meeting, a public meeting that does not return from closed session, it brings up a lot of questions.

7:14: So usually as I commented on my page, you can read here too.

7:21: Usually this kind of message is removed from a live stream of a meeting.

7:26: That didn't happen that I saw watching the meeting.

7:29: So people watching remotely, including me, had no idea what occurred after the closed session and under state law closed sessions are supposed to come back to an open meeting.

7:44: So the day following the council meeting, as I mentioned, Sharon Brian King went on radio show on WCAB to discuss what occurred at the meeting and some other interesting things.

7:57: He did not address specifically Steve Garrison muttering bullshit at the public comment section, but you'll see what he had to say here in just a moment.

8:15: Any of you, but I don't have time to typically watch a two hour long or listen to two hours worth of radio.

8:22: I'm mostly deaf. So I rely on closed captioning.

8:26: I typically don't listen to radio. I occasionally watch podcasts, but I did see that Sharon King was going to attend.

8:36: So I made a point to watch the broadcast.

8:40: If just to reiterate, I'm always open to tips and suggestions for my work.

8:46: So please email me your tips and thoughts with public documents and links.

8:51: Thanks. Our next part of the morning that highway accident shut down traffic for over an hour, yesterday afternoon.

9:02: That was a motorcycle that crashed into a North Carolina trooper's vehicle.

9:06: Now the motorcyclist was taken to the hospital after the crash and there is no other information yet being released by the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

9:14: The North Carolina Highway Patrol said the cyclist was transported to the hospital following the crash and that happened around 519.

9:21: Actually, around 350 yesterday, right in the middle of that eclipse.

9:26: Good morning, Commissioner Browning King. Well, good morning.

9:30: How are you this morning? I tell you what, it is so good to be here.

9:32: It is good to have you back. Well, thank you, everything.

9:36: I went through some changes at WCAB and I really love the changes you guys have happening now.

9:41: I mean, being here in downtown Rotterdam with this beautiful facility and I love how you able to live stream your shows on the Facebook and on the computer and it's really positive things are happening.

9:52: I appreciate you and your team inviting us and the other governing bodies to come speak to you after the meeting.

9:58: I think it's really important for our citizens to at least hear from somebody from each governing body, you know, for a city, you're out through town, the county, you even lay floor to come in and speak and share what they've been doing.

10:09: And so I'm here to do that today, if you like.

10:11: That's my teaching. Okay. So last night we had our board meetings, the Board of Commission's takeaway meeting and it was the last day about an hour.

10:24: We had some business to attend to. We, after approving the agenda, I would say that we did have the pledge allegiance.

10:31: Let us from Texas, Commissioner Hunt was down there for the eclipse and to see his son.

10:38: And so he was actually, we had a computer screen with this image there and our video live feed.

10:45: So we asked him to lead the pledge, which we've, I don't think we've ever had that happen for, but we did and we went right into the meeting.

10:51: We had some public comments. We always appreciate that.

10:54: The first item on the agenda is consent agenda and which is basically you're approving the minutes from the previous meeting and the tax refunds and releases occurred.

11:05: After that, Commissioner Alan Tony, he proposed a national dare prayer proclamation to the Board, which was approved.

11:16: And so that I'll be going to the county office to sign that on their behalf in a few minutes.

11:21: The director for DSS and Sherry Bryant were there for a child abuse prevention proclamation for the month of April.

11:29: And that was approved and they did a really great job of presenting that because this is a very, very serious matter and we were getting all behind the efforts to prevent child abuse and that's, that's happening right now.

11:43: April is also the National Public Safety Telecommunicator week.

11:46: So we, we honored that and had representative and we approved that resolution as well.

11:52: And you know, it's, it was, it was mentioned last night that, you know, when you, when they'd like to emergency, you just mention about the motorcycle.

12:00: You know, they're the first ones to get the call and they're the first, and they're all important.

12:06: Everybody in public safety is important. But the telecommunicator, they're the ones to get the call.

12:09: As soon as that call comes in, they're having to act and, and make sure that the right resources being brought to whatever that situation is.

12:16: And it, it is a stressful job. It's very challenging and it's also very rewarding.

12:21: And so we recognize them last night in that meeting.

12:25: The juvenile crime prevention council we've had an opening on that for, I think last several meetings and we've asked for applications.

12:34: Cindy Cobb has applied and she was approved to serve and to represent on the juvenile crime prevention council.

12:43: And I'm sure you're aware of this in the governing body.

12:46: We can't spend money or don't spend money without approval of the governing body.

12:51: And it's also important when you have budget minutes.

12:54: And so we had the budget minutes of this next, which we have at every meeting.

12:58: And this is if, for example, we receive funding, state funding or grants or if we need to apply some funding for like one time way, I'd emergency expenditure for a chiller at the one of the schools.

13:10: You know, but last night, the budget amendments were pretty standard.

13:14: The office of the sheriff received some funding from that they received from the drug seizures.

13:20: There was also some other grants for uniform, from equipment that was approved.

13:25: And so even when we receive a grant, for example, I don't, like, if the sheriff's office for using grant or the county receives a grant, we actually have to recognize that, accept it.

13:35: And then put it in the, we're, we're belongs in the budget.

13:38: And so, so we had the budget amendments.

13:41: And that was approved last night. Our new animal control operations, which is, they're doing a great job.

13:49: It was actually, it was under control of the health department, health district.

13:54: I can't wait until next year when we have the ground breaking of the new facility.

13:59: So last night, we proved the transfer of vehicles because it used to be under the management of the county day-to-day management.

14:05: And there's a list of vehicles that are used in those operations.

14:08: So last night, it was discussed and approved to move those vehicles from the county to the health district for those employees and workers to use.

14:18: The county will be still responsible for the maintenance and that keep.

14:24: And it'd be part of our vehicle replacement plan when that time comes.

14:27: So we're not, we're not adding burden, but just for proper placement of the equipment, the vehicles are put over there.

14:36: Partners health came and we did, we have some called maintenance of funds.

14:40: Maintenance of funds is the amount of funding under partner self that the county has is allocated to it.

14:47: And what we love about partners versus the previous organization is that partners actually will partner with the county and our community and where we can use those, those monies.

14:57: And locally. There was a list that was approved.

15:02: But one was really important and was pretty cool.

15:05: So our committee, which is where there were some partners and our community providing input to partners.

15:16: And one of the things that we really needed is somebody within the detention center at the jail.

15:21: This is something that the leadership team, the detention center, leadership team with a judicial system, the district attorney, for example, public defenders are saying that we have people to come into the care of the church center that they may have some kind of addiction issue or addiction.

15:37: Oh, thank you. And so, so we're the county commission to prove this last night.

15:43: The team that recommended it as well. The detention center in the office of the sheriff was supportive of it as well.

15:52: And so a good portion of that funding is going to pay for somebody or a pay for an organization.

15:57: I'm sorry, I didn't write the name down, but it will provide services there almost every day per week for this.

16:04: And so we're excited about that. And we're also excited about the fact that we're using the ability of all of us to be able to work together to achieve a goal.

16:14: And so that's the office of the sheriff, the DA, the judicial system and partners and of course, the board of commissioners.

16:21: So that was, that was pretty important. We would never have that happen in the county before having this position put in to my knowledge, have this position put into the chance of center and they'll be working on behalf of the detention center and they're, when they're, they're guided.

16:34: So that was one of the highlights of meeting.

16:37: Well, actually, it wasn't the highlight of meeting.

16:40: We went in a close session after that under NCGS 1433018184.

16:45: And I love that one. That's a long number.

16:48: Well, you're required to, if you're, if you're, if you're a mayor, or you're chairing a meeting, you're required to say why you're going in a close session.

16:55: So I can tell you what that means, but I can't tell you what, what, what said it was for industrial location.

16:59: This is usually when you're helping about a company, one or two companies, making proposals.

17:04: And so the board of commission went in close sessions and to discuss the possible opportunity.

17:12: I would like to say that I appreciate all the hard work and everything that the EDC, Terry Hines, the chairman of the EDC, all that they've done as well.

17:21: And if in wind, or if, you know, if there's ever announcement in the future, and I'm not going to say, I'm not smiling either, is on behalf of a lot of people.

17:30: A lot of people in our community, the EDC, the county commissioners, the department commerce.

17:36: But we went in close session, discussed those opportunities.

17:40: And we came out in a journey with that in the action taken.

17:43: That's pretty much the meeting last night. So in a nutshell.

17:46: People have really done understand how much time and effort it takes to put together these meetings and what goes on meetings.

17:53: And then when you have to go into close session, you get this.

17:59: This is great. This is great, but you can't tell it.

18:02: Well, and that's what, you know, I was actually, there was a meeting two weeks ago and somebody was saying in the meeting, well, why can't they tell us?

18:10: Well, first of all, and this has happened since day one.

18:14: Some companies, when companies are looking, you know, they're raking different counties throughout the country.

18:20: And they're ranking you, you know, they want to keep confidential.

18:24: First of all, they don't want the competitors to know.

18:27: The second all, we have to sign, we have to sign, do not know the scores you're agreements.

18:31: And you know, they're pretty tied. And in some companies asked for that, but also when you're working in that role in that environment.

18:39: And we did this, you know, with Spendo, for example, when we do a sewer expansion, you know, all of it.

18:44: It's confidential, but generally you're also working with Department of Commerce and, you know, in Department of Commerce and say, all that, everything's got to line up.

18:53: And you don't want to make an analysis where everything's not aligned up.

18:56: And so, and it's confidential. Sometimes it takes time.

19:00: And sometimes you're called to say, we got to do a emergency meeting right now, you know, to get through.

19:05: But it's also all about relationships. And so you're, you have relationships with, you know, for like a few of us in the town of Spendo, with sewer expansion, which is great because that's going to bring possible new business forward in the local community.

19:18: But it's also, it allows us to have relationships where folks like the Department of Commerce and those that actually, because when you have, when you're tier one or tier two county, the funding that the Department of Commerce offers to help attract businesses to those areas are higher, are higher than like a tier three.

19:36: And so, so they have to approve. And, you know, if the paperwork is done, and the paperwork has in, how many jobs are coming, the jobs have to be greater than the average of, of your community, the vestments, you know, I mean, I mean, dollars, I mean, the dollars are going to be investing, you know, and you don't, you don't, and that's really what you want, you know, every job is important.

19:55: But when you bring a job in, you want to, especially on some of the, a lot of all the plans, the, the value of the wage for the employees has to be greater than the average for the community or, and the, and the higher the better ranks with, with those that are ranking for, for incentives from the state.

20:15: So, so we're, you know, this is what we do.

20:18: Enjoy doing it, but yes, you're correct. You cannot talk about it, even though you weren't too, you know, I had, there was a, there was a meeting two weeks ago and somebody asked, I wanted a newly elected commissioners, you know, were you, were you becoming, and tell us, you know, about the businesses that are coming to county, and you go, yeah, I will, and I go, oh, no, you won't.

20:38: Well, we don't know anything, and I looked on my calendar and I saw, and I can see how many companies are visiting, but I can't say, and because of that reason, but, but also, you know, we, you know, when we put our hand on the viable and do our oath of office, our oath of office is to follow the constitution in the state of North Carolina constitution and serve all citizens, and it's a really high regard.

21:05: And sometimes you, you know, you have to be transparent, but sometimes when you have some luck at an opportunity, when we go into closed session, you have to be quiet, but then you will announce it when things are ready to announce.

21:19: But there was one thing said last night, one of those, brought prior to the meeting, one of the public commenters said that, you know, the county needs to, you see how we said it, the county needs to privatize and close departments.

21:37: And what most people don't recognize that a majority of what the county does is regulate it, is that regulate is, is required by the state.

21:46: So social services, senior center, revenue partner, pressure, deeds, office of the sheriff, throughout the county schools, ICC, economic development, the detention center, board of elections, board of inspections, animal control, animal control is what we need to count.

22:04: So we're not going to do that. But these are all obligations required by the state of North Carolina.

22:11: And I'm sorry, that's the way it is.

22:12: But we also provide support for keep the relative county beautiful, you know, picking up the trash, Blue Ridge hope, American court position, the MATFAC program, you know.

22:23: Some kids senses, physical legal services. I mean, there are, there are actually people that need the legal help assistance that may not have the funding resources for that, but they're in a serious situation, PISCA, PISCA is there for that.

22:36: So volunteer rather, I mean, actually, I got a list here of everything, even the courthouse, we're required to provide funding for support at the court.

22:45: And this is state mandate. So, you know, just like, you know, I'm going to keep pointing to spend, I'm sorry.

22:53: That's what we, you know, we, we govern on behalf of not only our citizens, but we have to follow state and federal law.

23:02: And I've done that from day one and I'll continue to do that till my last day.

23:06: So, but that's what happened last night. And you have any questions or anything?

23:10: Just let me know. Yeah. This is the questions that keep, and you know, I don't want to answer for the county, but I'll follow building.

23:20: Then the county by the, I'll follow building.

23:22: Okay. So I am thrilled that you asked me that question.

23:25: Okay. So we'll be saying very shortly, you know, and we're seeing it now, you know, I call it planning seeds.

23:31: And you know, we're talking about when you, when you, when we do actions, you know, in the meantime, you don't see it to later.

23:41: Such as the new animal patrol building, you know, it's \$1.7 million.

23:44: We had a little bit of overrun on that because inflation, that is something that we've been wanting for years because we need it, you know, we don't, it's not an animal, it's just just be an animal care center.

23:54: So we can take care of that. And it's going to be lovely.

23:56: It's going to be beautiful. I've seen it.

23:58: We'll be having the ribbon cutting on that soon.

24:00: The new transportation safety building for the North County schools.

24:05: So what's the big deal? And that's a, that's a, that's a facility that's been needed for a long time.

24:11: We'll be having that happening very soon. We're seeing broadband expanding right now throughout our community.

24:18: And if you remember prior to COVID, everybody's saying, we don't have, well, we do.

24:22: We have, um, angia, um, lighting more people up.

24:26: We have a spectrum now lighting more people up.

24:28: And we actually had to meet too many ZLH.

24:30: They showed it on the Cliffsside District was actually one of the first ones to start getting the broadband expansion.

24:36: So that is everything. Those that we all lined up is happening.

24:40: The Board of Commissioners with partnering. I would like to mention Jake Johnson, our representative who also helps at the state level.

24:47: Um, because he's on that committee. And so, you know, all this relationship, all this is happening.

24:54: I'm getting to your question. The Milo building.

24:58: So we're, we're mandated by the state to add our, excuse me, we're, we're, we're mandated to add another courtroom to our poor house.

25:06: So you know how old are poor? Oh, yeah.

25:08: Okay. Well, there's 90 in room without kicking somebody out.

25:13: As in, so, so what we're doing, we're doing a shelf full of departments.

25:19: So we can expand. And so we have that learned, you know, we have money, you know, everybody said, oh, you got a fund balance.

25:25: Well, all that money is money. We have from state and some of the funds that we set aside for this rollout.

25:32: And we're just about ready to start on it with a bottle of buildings going to be, you know, I'm going to go from memory now.

25:38: Okay. Bottle of bills can be where our new library is going to be.

25:41: The library also are better than fairs office.

25:48: Also a board of elections. It's also be a great room.

25:51: So all of those are going, are going to move.

25:55: And then the spaces of opening up is where other departments are going to move into.

26:00: We're able to get the bottle of building because the cost per square foot was less than building a new building.

26:05: You know, it's also in central location. We did announce, but we do have the drawings and all that.

26:11: But the final, final numbers have come in or will be coming in and they'll have the ground breaking and we'll, they'll start the work on it.

26:18: But it's, it's not going to be look, look like the bottle of building.

26:21: And I hope and pray that for the next 20 years, we don't call it the bottle of building.

26:25: Just like we call the administration building the annex, you know, the annex is where the public entrepreneurs are right now.

26:31: But the, but so it's, but the bottle of building will be and we, and I'm not going to else to name, but it's going to be a government, you know, enterprise where we have different departments in.

26:43: There's going to be space for meetings. The new library is going to be awesome.

26:47: Our librarians have been wanting that for a long time.

26:49: Our citizens that use it has been wanting that just for having the space and the needs for some programming and a lot of programming that they have been able to do and have it able to do because of space.

27:01: So are you going to be able to have a new, an extra courtroom or just expand this one?

27:06: The courtroom, my understanding the courtroom will be inside the building that is now, they won't be an expansion on it.

27:12: Wish we had the funding. But there's, you know, so one department's going to move out and they're going to expand it.

27:19: That's one of the questions that I get a lot.

27:21: Well, you've got my tech, you've got to tax money.

27:23: You got, you got, I pay taxes, I pay taxes.

27:25: Why can't you do this? Well, that money, I'll go so far.

27:28: Yes. And, you know, and I've been looking at the budget coming up right now and it's scary.

27:35: As scary as in the amount it has inflation as it's called.

27:39: That's hurt. That's hurt. You know, and when I say scary, I'm really thinking about Roth County schools.

27:44: I mean, it's just because it's a tough, it's a tough budget.

27:49: You know, we should support our public schools.

27:54: They have their meeting tonight. But, which, you know, we had an IPDC meeting last week and Drew Christie was there and he works with the governor's office for Western Erick.

28:05: And I mentioned in the meeting that, not this year but next year, 1.1 million dollars less will be available for Roth County schools.

28:14: And I asked him at the meeting, I said, for rural County, 1.1 million dollars with a lot of money.

28:20: I mean, a lot of my dreamy buddy, but we're not like Methanburg, you know.

28:25: And they're addressing that. And that's why I'm saying we've invested quite a bit into public schools, into public safety and everything.

28:33: And we need to continue to support, you know, to the best of our ability.

28:39: And you're giving it. But right now, the inflation has really rocked the boat on getting projects done.

28:48: And I'll say, for example, I think the number is 400,000.

28:51: So, animal control facility is cost of 400,000 dollars more than the initial point.

28:57: I mean, we're already into that. But when we make the new facility, the old ballot location, you know, we do have funding set aside, but we've all set a set aside, other funding, additional funding for anticipated costs such as the inflationary cost of materials here.

29:18: And it's, you know, this is when you have to have grownups in the room to make those decisions and to look at what we need to do.

29:24: Because our citizens, you know, everybody says, well, you have all these programs and all that, you know, like, you know, the guy right for the meeting said, well, you need to close the senior center.

29:33: I go, I said, do you know how many of our citizens depend on that transit?

29:39: You know, we don't need to transit. I was told, I mean, you don't need to transit department.

29:42: I go, you know, I mean, your citizens, and by the way, the majority of the funding of that is federal dollars.

29:50: And the majority of which is not that low, when we do, there is local funding.

29:53: I'm not saying there's not, but the majority of it, but because of the success of that team, the transit team of having a program, I mean, they're not very rural, many of the rural counties have a transit department like we have where there's two routes, you know, that does the majority of our service area.

30:11: When we have people that aren't able to drive, that are mobility issues that need to get to a doctor's office or needs to get to the grocery store or maybe just want to go to 4City and watch it for a, you know, the transit department is there for them.

30:28: And, you know, and those workers work. I mean, they'll tell you and they

develop relationships with the riders and this is where everybody.

30:35: I mean, the transit department's not just for people who can't walk or whatever.

30:38: The transit department's not just for all our citizens, you know, grab the bus, take a ride, but it's not something that if you, that you're going to use as some to be on the chopping block, you know, because it is a service that we provide.

30:56: And, you know, I look at these services, they're important.

31:02: And so that's what we did. So, well, you got me on a tangent any.

31:05: Well, we got them to get some time now.

31:09: We lost a lot of time having this report done.

31:11: Well, I will say this before I go.

31:13: It's, it is really important what WCAB does, especially when you ask your, your elect officials or representatives of each governing body to come and speak.

31:24: And, you know, and, and this happened last night.

31:27: We had one person, you know, going to one of the commissioners, which is fine except but when you, when you serve on the City Council or time council or board of commissioners, you govern as a body, you know, so one person doesn't have, doesn't have control of the position.

31:44: And so, you know, it's this government, it's the body that makes a decision.

31:48: And, and we, you know, so it may, if there's five members on your board, it may be 5032 or 23, you know, I think, but at the end of the day, you know, the boards that are successful are those that get behind the decision and move them, you know, you still have your, still have your, what you believe, and that's saying don't give up on your, on what you thought that actually should have been, but you don't go out there to be negative and shoot down the other members of your board.

32:13: You say, we've elected, we've elected to have a sewer expansion.

32:16: Are we elected, you know, to, you know, whatever and, and then move forward because governing as a body and having conversation, even having disagreements, allows to open up, you know, and I'll give you my example if you got a minute.

32:32: Yeah, yep. All right, so when I first got elected, you know, read everything the paper and, you know, social media, social media just messes everything up because it's the keyboard warriors that think they know everything.

32:44: Oh, yeah. It was happening. Commissioner Eddie, oh, you know, it was like our second meeting and Eddie comes in and he goes, right, Eric Chairman, he called me Chairman, he goes, like to put this on the agenda.

32:59: And I said, what's that? And he goes to the, he met station, a library, really, in his district, in his right near, where it stores that.

33:08: And I said, well, didn't that, and didn't know, just vote on that last quarter, you know, he didn't, he didn't not prevail.

33:16: He said, no, they didn't want to do that because of the money.

33:18: So, you know, or whatever reason. He said, but I really would like to show the board a bit about it, but on the agenda and I said, well, hey, yeah, I'm only one person, you know, you need three votes.

33:30: And you know, and everybody was saying, oh, we don't, you know, they did everybody, the keyboard warriors just saying how expensive would be.

33:37: So Eddie Holland, and he just, you know, he lost before is what he proposed.

33:42: He came back and he spoke to each commissioner individually and he told story.

33:48: And the story was this. We didn't have a, we didn't have a new library.

33:54: We had, we were bringing space, but we didn't have an EMS station.

33:58: And EMS station is important because you have, you have the certified workers there.

34:04: But what got me, the story is, if you're living in his district at that time, with his town without the EMTs there, if you had a heart attack, you would wait another hour to, hour to 45 minutes to half.

34:21: Proper care. The, the care that the other citizens would have.

34:26: And that's what sold me. I said, well, that's what we're here to do.

34:28: We're here to, you know, you can, you put your hand on the Bible.

34:32: You do your oath of office because you're serving all the citizens in your community.

34:38: And by serving all the citizens, it included those citizens in that district.

34:42: And so what was a cool thing for me as chairman was to watch the pinnum swing from no, the S. And it was voted in 5-0.

34:52: And we had the ribbon cutting and diagonal.

34:56: If I hated it, it didn't cut that ribbon with the biggest smile on his face.

34:59: And the story is about a year later, in the parking lot of his, his store, furniture store.

35:06: Somebody did have a heart attack. Somebody did have any.

35:08: It was like 60 seconds. Oh. There's less than, you know, no time at all before they had the proper medical care for that citizen and citizen of state care.

35:18: And I got the phone call on that.

35:20: And so that's part of the story of you serving me serving is that we don't know, you know, we don't, we don't know the impact that we have on our citizens

when we make or thinking decisions like that.

35:33: Such as our, I'm going to on 12 hour shifts for our EMS.

35:38: You know, so what, well, you know, basically you're allowing those, those work, it was a cost a little bit of money.

35:45: It cost my, I'm not saying a lot of it, but you're able to provide a better service for your citizens at the time of need.

35:52: So I know you got to get to your real job.

35:55: I did. But like a one more question.

35:57: The new highway coming in. What do you say that's bringing to brother for county?

36:04: Other than people who've been pulling off and just coming in and licking around.

36:08: I think to bring it actually, I think it's going to be a definite improvement.

36:11: I just wish it hadn't get it done.

36:13: Yes, yeah. You know, we, you know, tourism is up in our community.

36:18: But also, you know, I think it also increased the opportunity for us.

36:22: You know, one of the, one of the issues we have for last day years is when companies come to our county to look to move here.

36:31: And we lost. I mean, I was a give you a number.

36:34: We, I mean, we were like tied to other companies as an investment here, but we didn't have an interstate designation or we didn't our highways.

36:44: You know, because what they look at is, you know, everything's, we live in a global economy.

36:49: They look up close to our ports. They look at our inner ports and the outer ports.

36:55: And they look at the transit time, you know, and I'm talking about transit time for their, they're receiving their materials inbound in the outbound of them shipping out their products.

37:06: You know, they look at that so that we have to have the roads.

37:07: So it'll be, I think it'll really help the economic boom of our community by having proper and new, new roads, but and, you know, the NCDOT is working very hard on it.

37:18: You know, that's down the state. So I think yes, something that will be beneficial.

37:23: I just wish it was, it was completed by now.

37:25: I know we need to rain, but that mud hole is surely right.

37:30: I love to see that. Thank you. I have Saturday I'll wash my truck and I went to the mill and I drove through there, but well, I just wasted that because all the dust on it.

37:38: But it's part of progress. I mean, it's going to be nice.

37:40: And I think Spindale and Rutherton did a, and we have a, it's going to be, the interchange was updated to our improvement of transport between the two towns, which was, was smart thinking and I can't wait to see that be completed.

37:53: So there's my already port for the day.

37:55: So is there anything else I could do or just make sure you come back next month?

38:00: Well, actually, if I can get out, I'm going to come in person because I do like, because I would, we're doing all the phone.

38:04: You can't see the other person's face and, you know, an answer question.

38:07: So we're following the sleeping. The Board of Commissioners, we are, we're available.

38:12: Our emails are on the website. You know, people say, how do I get up?

38:15: They just come email us or call us or call Hazel.

38:17: And you always meet on the, Julie's the first Monday of the month.

38:21: We do, we, that is posted online. We did post our meetings for the year when we do, you know, we, we do have some special called meetings.

38:29: We have a meeting with Isle Thermal, ICC and we have a meeting with, with, um, Board of the County School Board.

38:37: And I will, I will ask one more thing if you let me say this.

38:41: For all my state legislators that are out there right now and those that are going to state legislators, you have control to your school board.

38:48: Don't hold the money and roll until them how to spend it.

38:51: If you have funding coming to school board, give it to the actual people that are on the ground.

38:55: I'm listening to county commissioners. I'm saying to the school board because they know what their teachers need.

38:59: They know what they students need and they know what the school is need.

39:02: I'm putting, putting them handcuffs or mandates. This really was holding that rule, rule of education.

39:06: So that's my pet peeve. So that has been that way for 10 years.

39:10: So. That's Commissioner Brian King and he will be back next month on the first Tuesday of the month after their commissioners may, Ellis is a holiday.

39:18: It was, it was, it was, it was, it was the first Monday of the month.

39:20: You'll be back on the Tuesday. Yes. Yes.

39:23: Yes. Yes. I'm sorry. Yes. The Tuesday after the meeting.

39:28: That's Ellis fleet. That's okay. It's early. It's raining.

39:32: Everybody likes to sleep on a rainy day.

39:33: I'm going to make grits. Have a great day.

39:35: You do. Or complete and professional auto service.

39:38: Visit tracety tire. Well, there you have it word for word.

39:42: And of course, there's some commentary thrown in there by not only Mr. King and the radio station host, Paul Gies.

39:50: I don't know her name off hand. And myself, but I do appreciate you watching.

39:56: I hope this gave you some better insight into what is happening.

40:00: I apologize if you heard any rattling or chewing.

40:03: That's my service dog and training, jumping on some ice and it's a pretty hot day today.

40:09: Please subscribe again if you haven't already to any dance.subsec.com.

40:14: In the past 24 hours, I have posted numerous stories, including exclusive audio of our current congressman Chuck Edwards who hosted a surprise virtual town hall this week.

40:25: Lake Thor is rising after the winter infrastructure drawdown and what those meeting minutes say.

40:31: That is wild y'all take a look. And of course, I chose the Security Wireless Model & Area screen.

40:41: And once you, certain numbers, but it says so.

40:46: Collections are here. It is election year states Senator Ralph cut Sue's whole rise questions, anáy the▯ of o'er new elections, public online budgetary concerns hit state law.

41:07: with this really, really unfortunate wild story, a witness shared video that shows former at Western North Carolina Congressman Mass and Cothorn hit a police car in Florida.

41:34: So take a look at that and of course you're welcome to view my past reporting and I really appreciate your support as I am an independent journalist working to shine light on these important issues in Rutherford County. Thanks for watching. See you next time.