

About the Candidate

A lifelong resident of Oklahoma, David Tackett was born and raised in the Tulsa metro area. The youngest of four kids, David learned what faith, family and freedom meant by watching his parents, Ed and Lanelle Tackett, through the years.

Growing up, David's father showed him the value of hard work and the responsibility to provide for your family, even if it means working more than one job.

In addition, David's parents also showed him the importance of faith in our everyday lives. His parents would regularly gather the kids around the coffee table for bible readings and the reciting of the Lord's Prayer. And because of his parents' influence, David is very active in his local church and lives his life according to the Christian values he was raised on.

After graduating Union High School, David received his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Central Oklahoma. Several years later, he earned his MBA at Northeastern State University with a 4.0 GPA.

David and his wife of 9 years, Allison, attend Broken Arrow Assembly where he plays on the worship team. He and Allison are also small group leaders for the young married's bible fellowship.

David and Allison have one son, J.D. who is 5. They currently reside just outside of Broken Arrow where he operates his marketing consulting business.

How have I Prepared?

I have introduced myself to several county officials and stayed up to date on the current business of the County Commissioners.

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Why I'm Running

For the past eight years, we have had a County Commissioner who has failed to communicate with the people he was elected to represent and is out of touch with the conservative values that is indicative of the voters in District 1.

This culminated in May of this year with Commissioner Vincent's attempt to raise our sales tax rate to over 9%. As a citizen, I felt it was time to take a stand against corporate bailouts and began the No Bell's Tax initiative. In the short time that I started the group, it became clear that the Commissioners didn't do their due diligence to make sure the revenue being raised by this proposed tax hike was even enough to cover the cost of the project.

Within seven days of my campaign against the Bell's Tax, 2 of the 3 County Commissioners saw the evidence that this was not a well thought out plan and changed their vote to rescind the proposed sales tax. However, despite the evidence that the tax would cover less than 60% of the proposed costs, Commissioner Vincent still supported the tax hike.

It was at this time that I decided that we needed a consistently conservative County Commissioner. We need to address the important issues of fixing our broken roads and preventing our creeks from flooding without having to resort to raising our already high sales tax rate.

I know with my business background and conservative credentials that we can provide meaningful services to the residents of District 1 by making our county government more efficient and productive while still spending within our means.

Wagoner County Commissioner Dist. #1



#1 Issue of My Campaign

We need a County Commissioner who is consistently conservative. Anybody can claim to be a conservative when they are talking to the voters, but its how you will govern that matters the most. That means if you are against the GM bailout and the Wall Street Bailout, then you must also take a stand against any local corporate bailouts. I believe development is vital for our district, but we must work to bring that development to Wagoner County without having to resort to increase sales taxes that directly benefit a single corporation.

Top 3 issues for My District

First and foremost, we need to increase communication with the County Commissioner's office and the people of District 1. When I have talked with voters all over this district, time and again they complain that their calls aren't returned, they questions go unanswered, and when they do speak with the Commissioner's office, the response is antagonistic or unsympathetic.

I plan to address these concerns by promising to be available to the citizens of District 1 by phone, email, or public meeting. I plan to hold regular meetings with the local neighborhood associations and other civic groups in our District. And while I might not give the answer the citizen wants, they will know why or why not their issue will be addressed.

Second, we need to continue our partnership with the city of Broken Arrow to address the flooding creeks in our District. I know the process has already begun, but we need to work together to ensure that we can prevent future catastrophic flooding in our neighborhoods.

Third, we need to increase our partnership with the city of Broken Arrow to invite development to our growing community. By doing so, we can increase both the city's and the county's tax revenue without having to resort to higher sales taxes. The Wagoner County portion of Broken Arrow is seeing tremendous growth in the residential area. And by working together with the city government, I know we can ensure smart and long-term growth in the District 1.

Communication between the Commissioner and Citizens is important. If elected, what are your ideas to increase the flow between them?

First, we need to have a website for the County Commissioners. It is a travesty that in 2010, the County Commissioners do not have a web presence to communicate with their constituents. This can be done with little cost and would greatly increase the communication channels with the people of District 1 and their County Commissioner.

Second, I plan to hold regular meetings with the neighborhood association and other civic groups in District 1. These "town hall" type meetings will be an opportunity for the people to hear what is current going on in District 1 and it will give them an opportunity for them to address their concerns to their Commissioner.

Third, I will strive to answer every phone call and e-mail from my constituents in a timely and compassionate manner. The County Commissioner is beholden to the people who elected him and it is vital that they stay in touch with those who voted them into office.