

**Special Call Meeting**  
**2010 Legislative Dinner - 5:30 pm-November 30, 2010**  
**Ottawa High School-Cyclone Room, 1120 S Ash, Ottawa, Kansas**  
**City of Ottawa-Franklin County-USD 290**

**Participation in tonight's discussion is for invited guests only.**

**State Senators**

Pat Apple, 12th District

**State Representatives**

Bill Otto, 9th District Representative

Willie Prescott, 59th District Representative

**Ottawa City Commission and Staff**

Linda Reed – Mayor

Sara Humm – Mayor Pro-Tem

Gene Ramsey – Commissioner

Blake Jorgensen – Commissioner

Richard U. Nienstedt – City Manager

Scott Bird – Director of Finance

Wynndee Lee—Director of Planning & Codes

Carolyn Snethen—City Clerk

Leslie Quillen – Asst. to the City Manager

Casey Sharp-Management Intern

**USD 290 Board of Education and Staff**

Marge Stevens – Board President

Brandon Jones – Board Vice President

Dennis George – Board Member

Louis Reed – Board Member

Dean Katt – Superintendent

**Franklin County School District**

**Superintendents**

Dotson Bradbury – Superintendent, USD 287

**Franklin County Commission and Staff**

David Hood – Commission Chair, 3rd District

John E. Taylor – Commission Vice Chair,  
2nd District

Don Hay – Commissioner, 4th District

Don Stottlemire – Commissioner 5th District

Colton Waymire, Commissioner-Elect

Lisa Johnson- County Administrator

**Special Guests**

Bob Bezek – City Attorney, City of Ottawa

Almeda Edwards – Chamber of Commerce  
Legislative Action Committee

Tom Weigand – President/CEO Ottawa Area  
Chamber of Commerce

Dalton Blankinship – Youth in Government Rep.

Courtney Evans – Youth in Government Rep.

Zach George – Youth in Government Rep.

Jordan Gray – Youth in Government Rep.

Spencer Morgan – Youth in Government Rep

Briana Stephenson – Youth in Government Rep

**Media**

Milton Ammel – KOFO

Mat Simonson – City Media Specialist

**City of Ottawa**

**2011 Legislative Priorities**

1. Oppose restrictions on annexation.
2. Continue a transportation program, continue to share receipts with local units of government and permit local units to have authority to establish their own gasoline levy.

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3. Oppose any imposition of a tax lid in the absence of restoration of demand transfers. The City opposes the placement of any property tax lid on units of local government in the absence of restored demand transfer payments. Local units of government need flexibility to fund essential services to their citizens under the constitutional grant of Home Rule.
4. Oppose changes to how E-911 funds are administered and distributed.

### **Franklin County 2011 Legislative Priorities**

1. Continue the phone and wireless phone taxes for the E-911 centers as well as the current method of managing and distributing the funds through the Kansas Association of Counties.
2. Continue to share revenues from the City County Highway Fund with the local units of government and grant to the local units of government the authority to establish a local gasoline tax.
3. No further changes in the law that result in unfunded mandates to local units of government. The County is opposed to any further legislative changes that result in additional costs being transferred to local units of government. This applies to changes in the law that effect community mental health centers, the disabled, county health departments, county jails, and all other mandated and critical and necessary public services provided at the local level of government.

### **Franklin County Schools**

The four school districts in Franklin County had a combined total of 42 Standard of Excellence awards on the 2010 Kansas State Assessments.

West Franklin received 6 Standard of Excellence Awards  
Central Heights received 5 Standard of Excellence Awards  
Wellsville received 17 Standard of Excellence Awards  
Ottawa received 14 Standard of Excellence Awards

Franklin County schools employ 792 people and have a combined payroll of \$26.2 Million

West Franklin employs 124 people with a payroll of \$3.8 Million  
Central Heights employs 86 people with a payroll of \$2.4 Million  
Wellsville employs 122 people with a payroll of \$4.8 Million  
Ottawa employs 460 people with a payroll of \$15.2 Million

Franklin County schools oppose changing the school finance formula.  
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Franklin County schools oppose shifting the tax burden to local school district taxpayers.

Assuming the BSAPP is cut \$75 this year and \$330 next year, the tax burden is shifted to local districts. Each school district would lose the following amounts from their budget and have a mill levy increase of the following amount to make up the difference.

	Budget Lost	Mill Increase
West Franklin	\$580,000	15.7 Mills
Central Heights	\$443,000	22.8 Mills
Wellsville	\$567,000	12.5 Mills
Ottawa	\$1,485,000	14.14 Mills

Franklin County Schools would like to see the process to file a truancy case streamlined to make it easier for the County to hold parents accountable for their child's attendance in school.

Thereupon, the Mayor thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

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Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk

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