

Criteria 1

Amy Mitchell: I am not convinced that there is need. 91% of our population has health insurance. That means they are getting treatment from doctors."

Having insurance does not mean having access to a provider. It does not mean access to treatment. It only means a person has insurance. The original plan contained a prolific amount of data about the lack of providers and access. The new plan has additional statements in bold after data points to identify those that indicate a lack of providers, a lack of access, etc.

Our plan and presentation: County suicides are almost 2.5 the state average. Ute County behavioral health calls in the last 8-9 months included over 50% from Bailey. 49% of the Chamber survey respondents listed lack of healthcare access as one of the top 3 weaknesses in the Platte Canyon area. The Seniors Alliance President testified that they receive 22 calls in 19 weeks from seniors needing a ride to their medical appointments, after exhausting friends or neighbor options. Many statements from the public were in the plan stating the need for health care. 23% of medical 911 calls (more than 400+ ambulance runs) over the past 4 years from the Platte Canyon fire department were for "refusals for care"; identified by the paramedic as those using the fire department for their primary or urgent care needs. 20 people spoke in favor of the plan and 7 against.

Additional data in the new plan documents that both Conifer care options are no longer taking new patients, so healthcare options for the District now reside in the Denver area.

Amy Mitchell: "I asked about data on how many people who have a current doctor are willing and open to changing doctors to the local clinic, and there was no information known by the applicants. I don't believe people want to change their doctors – there is a level of trust that is formed with a doctor, the relationship is important."

Requiring the committee to survey the public for this specific question is an impossible ask and places an immense burden on the committee that is not required by the state statute. "I don't believe..." is just that, a belief. Unless there is evidenced based data to support beliefs, they remain unproven. For her denial, Commissioner Mitchell did not submit data supporting her statement that people won't change doctors. The South Park HSD in Fairplay filled their appointments in a short amount of time upon opening in 2018 indicating that people will indeed switch to more accessible care. Platte Canyon has more than six times the population of Fairplay/Alma.

Criteria 2

AM: "So, I contend, 12 miles away, which is nothing for people who live in Park County to drive, and they already have a functioning facility, they have the structure to accept all insurance including Medicare, Medicaid, and are a nonprofit that can take care of someone who has no insurance – they've already got it all. I contend that a relationship with them, to be able to make that facility more accessible, with increasing the number of open days, by helping educate people in the northeast area of the County to be able to use that facility, would be a win-win and it would not cost the taxpayers any money."

It was stated many times during the May 14th presentation and rebuttal that 12 miles from Stride is not where people live (it is in fact the stoplight on 285 at the Loaf and Jug gas station). When standing at that stoplight, one can see less than a dozen homes, certainly not the thousands of homes housing over 10,000 people. Many live 10-25 minutes further away from that intersection. Conifer is much more than 12 miles away for the great majority of the population. Stride is only open two days a week and has no radiology services. Stride has been in existence for four years and has not been adopted by the people of Platte Canyon because it is the wrong model and it is in the wrong place- too far away, only open two days a week, and difficult to access for those with transportation needs, as there is no public transportation option.

It is interesting to note the Commissioner appears to contradict her statement in Criteria 1 in which she states, "I don't believe people want to change their doctors – there is a level of trust that is formed with a doctor, the relationship is important". In her denial under Criteria 2 she suggests that people will change their providers and need to be educated to switch their care to the part time Stride clinic in Conifer.

Additional data in the new plan: Stride is not accepting any more new patients. Stride patients must drive to the Denver Metro area for radiology. All new Stride patients must drive to their facilities located in the Denver Metro area. Distance and time data for travel from various areas of Platte Canyon to the closest healthcare in the Denver Metro indicate that care is indeed a significant distance away.

Criteria 3

AM: The CHAPS 2023 plan was used extensively, but there was one part that was omitted – it says that Park County does not have the infrastructure or population to support health care providers.

This CHAPS statement is exactly why we need a HSD, to build the infrastructure! We are gratified that the Commissioner agrees with this. Platte Canyon does have a population to support providers. It has a population of 10,000, six times that of the Fairplay/Alma disbursed population area. The SPHSD has been successful for six years since opening their clinic in 2018 with significantly less population to support it.

AM: "the plan does not provide when it's going to be in operation. It does not make any commitment to a start-up date. There are no dates, there is nothing that a taxpayer could say "okay if I approve this, I know I'm going to be able to go to a doctor in 2026."

This information was given in the oral presentation on May 14th during the rebuttal phase of the hearing. It was clearly stated that a clinic was estimated to be open during the first quarter of 2026, pending securing available space and a provider.

The new plan has this same information written out in Exhibit C.

AM: "All the numbers on this budget do not have any backup, there are no bids, no estimates, no anything, it's just numbers on a piece of paper."

It was repeatedly stated that the tax number was 'solid' as we got that from DORA. It was also stated that other numbers were based on other districts, especially South Park HSD. At the hearing we held up the documents showing the SPHSD proposed budget in 2017 and ours. Our budget had much more detail- and again was based on the South Park numbers and what they experienced. Their plan was approved by the Park County BOCC in office at the time. The SPHSD clinic has been successfully operating for six years now.

Criteria 4

AM: "...you can have any type of conversation as a person to an entity saying "we are looking at the idea of forming this district, we are trying to figure out what's going to be the best plan for this area within the County, if we succeeded, would there be interest?" That is not unethical, there is nothing wrong with having any type of conversation saying, 'if we could, would you be interested?' And it looks like none of that has been discussed..."

During rebuttal when asked this, we stated that we did not think it was ethical to solicit providers to ask if they would be interested in a HSD that was not even on a ballot yet; both in fairness to them should word of their interest reach their employers, and so as not to appear to give any provider a head start, or favoritism should a HSD board send out RFP's. Demanding that we have names of providers already in hand is not in keeping with the requirements of the statute. In fact, in the 547 pages of Title 32, there is no mention of securing a provider as a requirement for approval of a HSD plan. This is not cause for denial.

AM: "I'm going to read out of the plan. "Over time the District hopes to extend medical care throughout the Service Area. This may include the lease, purchase, or design and construction of health care facilities. While the District reserves the authority to finance such facilities via bonds or lease purchase arrangements, the most likely scenario is that such facilities would be modest and paid for with existing revenues." But they're all "mays", "hopes" and "wishes", and they're indebting the taxpayer, they're going to be collecting taxpayer money for who knows how long until anything is delivered to any person who paid the tax. And that is indebting the taxpayer.

"Over time...existing revenues"- This was direct language from the successful submission of the South Park HSD as developed by their attorney in 2017, based on similar language in the statute. The use of "may" is often used in legal documents to convey options. On the other hand, the use of "must" conveys a demand. The use of "may" in the HSD document is consistent with standard legal documentation.

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**RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED NORTHEAST PARK COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES
DISTRICT SERVICE PLAN 4/4/2024**

COMMISSIONER DAVE WISSEL

PUBLIC STATEMENT:

I want to offer my sincere gratitude to the applicant committee for all their time, effort, and energy placed into the proposed Service Plan. I admire your determination, and the data and information you have provided.

The State law that guides the formation of new governmental units, specific to Title 32, Special Service District, is purposely vague and non-specific in the details required of a new proposed service entity. While the law is broad in the items of “merit”, of a proposed plan to provide medical services to the borders of School District RE-1. Unfortunately, I find the application lacking in detail and information the residents deserve to hear before the District is created. This process is backwards, in my opinion. How can you create a tax authority into infinity without the details first? The publication “Special District Service Plans”, as provided to the public by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, is an overview of the process of creating new, tax supported (both property and sales tax), governmental units. This request is to create a sales tax supporting funding for a health district provider in perpetuity.

We have added more information per your request. The Health Service District is a separate governing entity from the county. The HSD Board, which will be voted into office by the voters in Bailey, could stop collecting the tax should the money not be needed. It is their responsibility to set the budget for the HSD and to seek funding from grants in addition to the monies collected via the sales tax. Additionally, the sales tax could be set up to sunset in 5, 7, or 10 years at which time the voters would have to pass the tax again. This would be like what happens with the Land & Water Trust.

It offers a suggestion I find helpful. It recommends a formal process be adopted by an entity like the County. To formalize the process and procedure used / needed to form a new governance unit within our borders. It would also apply to multi-county districts, as we have several today. In this framework, a process would be used like a land use application, or liquor license application. Known factors of content and data sets would be stated, identified, and listed for a completed application. However, the County and the Applicant need to know what the basic components of information, data, financial projections, (real or imagined), location of services and any other pertinent information needed to satisfy this basic question. Is this service needed and necessary for the reasons stated in the Service Plan Application?

The voters of the proposed Health Services District would decide if they wanted a Health Service District during the November 2024 election. It would be up to the HSD Committee to educate the voters about the HSD. Healthcare in Bailey was the number one need expressed by almost 400 people in a survey of Bailey residents. Let them vote for it if they really want. It is not up to the BOCC to decide for the voters. All the BOCC need do is to approve the plan.

I would like to propose we take under advisement the suggestions of creating a formal process to use in future Newly Created Tax Supported Districts / Entities / Taxing Authorities. This can be included in our existing land use review and land use regulation updates. This is long overdue, and I believe it will help both the public, the Applicants, and the Commissioners arrive at a fair and reasonable conclusion, and a correct decision. I wish it was in force for this application. One of the opponents supplied this information. Not even our County Attorney offered advice, to my dismay, in advance of the hearing. Only a short 2-page memo as County Attorney the day prior to the hearing.

Creating new rules at the county level cannot supersede the state regulations for creating a HSD. The committee followed the same statute that created the HSD in Fairplay and in other counties within the state. To change the rules at the county level would be illegal. Was the opponent who supplied the information an attorney with greater skills than the county attorney? We are unable to respond until you provide exactly what was presented to you and by whom.

Perhaps her role as the legal counsel to the South Park Health Services District was a factor? I specifically requested her comments in advance of the 5/14 hearing for any potential conflicts of interest, due to this dual role. She assured me there was none. I felt we were not supplied with all the options in front of us before we began hearing testimony. I hope to have these factors addressed today; in the detail I desire.

In my prior role in Park County, as Assessor, I have first-hand experience of the entire County. I have learned over 4 decades the differences between our unique and diverse areas and regions. The North Fork of the South Platte, Platte Canyon, Bailey, School District RE-1, are all terms I use to point to this greater location. I have personal knowledge of the land, the buildings, and the properties in most areas of our great places. I continue to research commercial market data, as I hope to return to the field, I have 3 decades of education and experience. Both in the public and private sectors. I have been trained to input significant types, varieties, and forms of data into a conclusion of my analysis of the data and my observations. I arrive at a professional opinion, based upon the facts. My bias is removed, to the extent it is possible, and my final opinion of value is one I can support, professionally defend, and believe in.

Please state your qualifications that allowed you to arrive at your “professional opinion”. How does an assessor have skills related to determining if a HSD would or would not be applicable in Bailey? What education and experience do you have that apply to a HSD?

I have proven these skills for 4 decades as an elected official in Park County. I don't believe I can or will deviate from my normal course of intake of information, processing the content and validity, and arrive at a sound conclusion.

This outcome is a basic business decision. Is there enough taxpayer subsidy to entice a private or public health provider individual or organization to locate in Platte Canyon? Is \$1M enough of a honeypot of yearly taxpayer money to provide the “non-market expenses” for their expansion or location? What about a new provider, who needs a hand up? What about the part-time Stride clinic in Conifer? Perhaps another day in Park County could be negotiated in advance of a new District? How long will the process demand to become operational as envisioned? It is a fair question, and the proponents projected the first quarter of 2026. That may be reasonable for a timetable. It may take into the first quarter of 2027. It may be longer than that? I agree the future is unpredictable.

Please read the financial exhibit. It answers many of your questions. There will be adequate funding available.

When I saw the original financial calculations, included with the original application supplied to the County Clerk on 4/4/2024, it appeared out of line to my Matha phobic recovery process. When one of the opponents clearly pointed it the obvious errors, it was changed 2 days prior to our hearing on May 14th. That did not provide additional confidence in the application. I recognize a difficult task is to project nothing in existence into a future it may not achieve. However, speculation in good faith is not a crime. It is what it is, a thoughtful guess.

The difference between the application statements, and with supporting documentation not provided, for sales tax projected income. My analysis, which I discussed at our hearing, indicates a greater amount than \$800,000 per year. Their own projections indicate a \$900,000 income from sales tax in year 2? Based upon what additional data or insights? It appears a greater amount is more likely than not. The voters deserve to know in advance of the question being asked.

Our family has lived in Park County for 45 years. We spent 8 years with our youngest special needs son Dominic attending the Platte Canyon School District. He graduated with his peers in 2013 and left the school at age 21 in 2015. We are blessed and forever humbled and honored by the love and support shown to us while he was in school. He had the best educational experience we could provide. The good people of Platte Canyon helped us succeed. We love the folks there, and always will. We know people across this County. **Those people in Platte Canyon we know and respect, are all against this proposal. Every single one and all are politically like minded.**

In the current application, they like me, have more questions than answers. I am relying on their opinions, and expressions of “too much, too fast, too few facts”. I agree with their conclusions. I cannot and will not vote to approve the application. In conclusion, I find it lacking in the details necessary to approve in the present form.

Details are provided in the plan and the financial documentation. There are approximately 10,000 or so people in the Bailey area. Do you know more than 51% of them? That is the percentage of people needed to vote the ballot initiative down. Only 7 people spoke against the HSD at the BOCC Hearing. 20 people spoke in favor of the HSD. The committee will provide a petition with more than 200 people before the next hearing in July. Are the naysayers that you know healthcare experts or attorneys? What facts have they presented you that the HSD is not aware?

I recognize the Committee expressed their pride multiple times in providing as little information as the law requires. The law is vague, so were they. I expected more facts, figures, and comparisons to the existing 2 HSD's operating in Park County? Why not make comparisons to the new contract to bring HRRMC (Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center, Salida) into the South Park Health Service District? They have been our regular PCP / health care providers since 2017. A great fit for Fairplay, likely not for Bailey, in my opinion. How was the contract finalized? What are their experiences?

The committee followed the guidelines set by the state. Those guidelines are vague by design as not all questions can be answered until the HSD is voted in by the voters in Bailey. All they ask is they have an opportunity to do so.

How does the Ute Pass HSD operate? We are aware of a mill levy (ambulance services to Lake George Fire, and mental health crisis intervention County wide until 2025). Do they also use a sales tax base to augment the mill levy? This Service Plan mentions a possible property tax. If you are going to in the future add a property tax, say so. The lack of existing local HSD's comparable data was disappointing to me.

Ute: The District is a title 32 Special District by the Colorado Revised Statute and is supported by a tax-funded mil levy, a Woodland Park sales tax, and ambulance user fees. An elected five-member board of directors provides oversight for the District. The District Mill Levy and sales tax offset the difference in the cost versus payment for an ambulance transport. The ambulance district UPRAD is sustained by a 3.99 mill levy, a sales tax of .05%, patient and insurance billing, and grants. Sales Tax in the District is half a cent. The sales tax revenue acts as a prepayment for residents who use UPRHSD services. District residents who sign and return a ___ form will not be charged the balance of the ambulance bill that is not covered by insurance.

There are 2228 Park County residents that are in the district. The district collects \$125,301 per year so that means that each household pays about \$57.00 per year. That would be \$5700.00 in purchases with a 1% sales tax

WPAS responded to that need. In 1995, they hired their first fulltime crew. By the end of that summer, they were employing 3 EMT-Intermediates and 3 EMT-Basics working 24 hour shifts. Volunteers were replaced by part-time personnel. Within 2 years, the service became full-time paramedic level and the staff became larger. However, because of a steadily increasing call volume and a decrease in insurance and Medicare reimbursements, the WPAS Board of Directors decided that it was time to ask the public to approve the service becoming a District. In 2004, WPAS became Ute Pass Regional Ambulance District (UPRAD); and in 2005, District members voted to fund it with a 3.99 mill levy.

UPRHSD Non-Emergent Transport

If you need to schedule non-emergent transport via ambulance the fee for service varies based on the type of services needed and the total distance of transport. Most of these transport services are not covered by private insurance or Medicare/Medicaid and the services must be paid for upfront at the time of service.

If you are looking for transport to a physicians appointment or other medical appointment and do not require a gurney you may consider utilizing one of the local Medicaid approved ambulatory transport services. The services available in our community are The Senior Coalition or Teller Cab.

The District is committed to reducing the risk of preventable traumatic injuries such as those sustained in falls. Fall injuries can be life-altering. The cost to a fall victim can be insurmountable. The impact on the community is hard to comprehend.

1. One-third of all people over the age of 65 years old fall every year.
2. Every 20 minutes an elderly person dies from injuries sustained in a fall.
3. Elderly falls cause 2.5 million injuries treated in the Emergency Department every year in the United States.
4. The total US cost related to elderly falls was 34 billion in 2013 and is estimated to reach 67.7 million by 2020.

Falls, with or without injury, carry a heavy quality of life impact. A growing number of older adults fear falling and limit their activities and social engagements. This can result in further physical decline, depression, social isolation, and feelings of helplessness.

We heard testimony from both sides about the need for food security and senior transportation services. Both for business and health related care. I am aware that our Human Services offers travel / mileage vouchers for health care and other need-based visits? How to address the lack of food availability locally in Platte Canyon. I suggest organizing and creating a travel assistance group to address those needs now and into the future.

This is being addressed both by Senior Coalition, Mtn. Resource Center and Lifebridge, Widows pantry and others. In addition to being a healthcare desert, Bailey does have many people including seniors who are food insecure. As the saying goes “food is medicine”. No food and no healthcare are a recipe for a decline in the population of Bailey.

I believe the success of the Fairplay model was that a non-profit organization was formed well before formal medical services were provided in their current form. I also suggest your first step would be to regroup and move toward creation of a community-based health care not for profit entity.

For profit models allow more options:

Likely to have access to updated technology	Yes
Have in-house resources for professional services	Yes
Tax-exempt from property taxes and income taxes	No
Restrictions on lobbying/advocating	No

Use those advantages to better determine the possible partners to provide the stated goals – consistent, full time medical care? Is that possible, or economically sustainable in the next 5 years? Where is the health care market? Where is technology headed with each passing year?

Denver Health is a prime example of why non-profits tend to not succeed as well as for profit. They are now looking to a sales tax to make a sustainable revenue stream so that they can stay open.

In my own research, the market for healthcare is the entire Highway 285 corridor. That stretches from Kenosha Pass to Conifer. I believe the Ute Pass model, based upon limited knowledge, is to have a multi-county approach. Their service is in a part of, or all of 4 counties. El Paso, Douglas, Teller, and Park. Why not include all of Platte Canyon down to Conifer?

There are 2228 Park County households that are in the Ute district. The Ute Regional district collects \$125,301 per year so that means that each household pays about \$57.00 per year. That would be \$5700.00 in discretionary purchases with a 1% sales tax. You would like to see each citizen in the district pay that much for the services?

The Platte Canyon HSD would indeed include the entire area you reference. The clinic itself would be on top of Crowhill.

Existing health facilities are there for a market-based reason. They were established and developed over time. At some point, all service industry providers are limited in capacity. Conifer is an example of their limitations.

Our regional rural community has grown exponentially during these past 30 years. Why have those medical market forces ignored Park County? I do not believe it is economically feasible to operate a

market based commercial enterprise. If so, someone would be operating historically since the loss of the last local “regular” health care in 2012.

We heard testimony from seasoned health care professionals, and their business plans. The costs of operation were consistently 2 to 3 times more expensive than their projections. With our upward trending inflation and shrink-flation, who could predict supply chains let alone any credible price predictions.

If this was a business plan offered to a lender, it wouldn’t stand the first page of review before being asked to leave. If I were to submit as a work product an appraisal product with so little information critical to the District, I would be subject to an ethics violation.

No plans for the allocation of funds for staffing, administration, and leadership positions. I heard the applicant stated this would be a futile exercise. I recognize the difficulty. I believe taxpayers need to know basic financial facts at this point. The Applicants owe their neighbors that information too before the District is created. Then it is too late, the deed is done.

With all these factors considered, analyzed by myself, I also listened to the 5/14 meeting from beginning to end before I captured my comments on paper.

Please read the financial plan in Exhibit B

Again, once the plan is approved by the BOCC and the voters in November, then all the questions will be answered. This is much different than a work product for an appraiser.

CONCLUSIONS:

I find the proposed service plan does not meet the requirements of the law as stated in our County Attorney memo;

Section 32-1-203(2), requires the Board shall disapprove of a special district service plan unless evidence is satisfactory to the Board each of the following criteria is presented:

a. There is sufficient existing and projecting need for organized services in the area to be service by the proposed special district:

Reply: The proposed service plan area is too small for the health care market I observed. Just like all other goods and services, we adapt to those providers who can supply our needs. Healthcare and other factors of living our life. The proposed District borders should include a portion of unincorporated Jefferson County, towards and including the community of Conifer and environs.

b. The existing service plan is the area to be served by the proposed special district is inadequate for present and projected needs.

The community of families registered with the Crowhill Family practice, defined as all members of families within which any single member has made use of the services of the Crow Hill Family Medicine Center within the previous 24 months. As of July 1, 1983, this group numbered 2,183 families and consisted of 7,280 individuals.

At the time Crowhill Family was in operation other sources of primary care were available to members of the geographic community include a two-physician family practice group in the town of Conifer (approximately 12 miles to the east on Highway 285 toward Denver) and still their revenue was enough to grow their clinic and services. Our population is estimated to be 6 times the population of the Fairplay/Alma area and their population is enough to support the South Park Health District Clinic.

What are the specific criteria you used to “observe” that the area is too small for a healthcare market. It would be helpful to know your qualifications.

Reply: This service plan does not address the needs of the larger health care, commodity-based market area community. Our political subdivision line is not the only solution to this 10 problem. I find this a multi-county solution, including Jefferson County rural areas too. Perhaps looking at other portions of Douglas would be worth the effort?

No, it would not.

c. The proposed special district is capable of providing economical and sufficient services to the area within its proposed boundaries: and

Reply: The applicants have attempted to paint a pretty picture of their plans. These are based upon public data primarily from our County Health Department. These are data with historic data used from the pre-COVID era. When this plan was presented to us last year, I sensed it would appear again in an application like this one.

This is a gathering of groups and other local governments who have worked together for their self-benefit(s). Each one of the listed “partner” organizations are feeding off one another’s assets and income streams.

There are no other local governments involved in this application for a HSD. As a county commissioner you are aware that Bailey is unincorporated which is why this application must be submitted to the Park County BOCC. All the other organizations are non-profits that support the citizens of Bailey. They are working together to support the wishes of the people and look to the County to also support the people in Bailey.

This is a group of governments conspiring to create more government funding into perpetuity. This is just another attempt to fool the voters about the true intent of these funds. This is forcing ALL residents of the proposed service plan to pay for the few who will use it. Plain and simple to me. Is it for primary care or is it really a shield from the State sponsored push for progressive causes? All / each of the 20 proponents is a progressive leaning individual, in my observations. That does not provide confidence for me that the true primary purpose is fully disclosed. These factors also contributed / provided me further pause that the truth has not surfaced to date.

A sales tax is not forced upon people. They make a conscious decision of whether or not to purchase an item that is a discretionary one. There is no sales tax on essential items. Tourists and people just traveling through help pay this sales tax. Healthcare is neither a progressive nor conservative issue. It is a human rights issue which affects everyone who lives in Bailey. How do you know each of the 20 proponents was a progressive leaning individual? Do you know them all? In fact, at least one of those who spoke in favor is a member of your own party. Why do you inject politics into a matter that pertains to all citizens? You were elected to represent all the citizens of Park County regardless of their faith or beliefs or political party. It is not right for you to label people who all want the same thing. Your job is to remove the politics. This was a hearing not a political campaign. You have shown your bias, and you should recuse yourself from voting on this issue as you have demonstrated your unwillingness to be objective and factual.

d. The area to be included in the proposed special district has, or will have, the financial ability to discharge the proposed indebtedness on a reasonable basis.

Reply: Again, I believe the proposed Service Plan Application falls short of the critical necessary analysis of the area to be served. Markets are not generally defined by political boundaries. It is clear to me that the additional area of Jefferson County, and perhaps a portion of Douglas, would benefit those citizens and their similar struggles with health care services.

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At the time Crowhill Family was in operation other sources of primary care were available to members of the geographic community include a two-physician family practice group in the town of Conifer (approximately 12 miles to the east on Highway 285 toward Denver)

**Crowhill Family Practice revenues grew from \$101,631 the first year to \$314,237 by year 5
Plus
Medicare \$8,283 the first year and \$26,161 year 5
Medicaid \$5,233 first year and then was phased out so \$615 the 5th year**

From my personal experience, we as a family have done the necessary work and search for our health care providers. We have specialists in Denver and other places. We assume the personal responsibility to address our needs as individuals and a family in the best interests of our well-being. I fully respect the reality of un and under-insured residents across our land. We must continue to address these realities into the future in all areas of our great place. Platte Canyon is like the rest of Park County, and our collective path to adequate health care and a life of fulfillment. Use these suggestions and recommendations as constructive criticism. Re-arrange your plans, provide estimated financials with greater detail (and correct math), outreach to existing medical providers and seek a conversation with them.

We heard your comments and we have provided additional information

In summary, Commissioner Wissel continues to demonstrate his animosity for the citizens of Bailey by refusing to be objective on yet another request from citizens who are asking for services they need and desire. These services would be voted on by the people who live in the Bailey area. If they choose to vote for a sales tax to create a HSD, that is their right given under the Constitution of these United States. "We the people" means all the people. Please pass the HSD plan and let the people decide.