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To Members of the Town Council,

At this time, I am opposed to raising property taxes in Bluff. I feel that this may hurt many people in this town due to high prices for food and gas now.

I am also totally opposed to the proposed funding for "emergency services". What people don't understand is that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is taken care of by the county. We have a director and several paid EMTs who oversee the EMS services. I am paid by the county, trucks are serviced by the county and supplies that we need are provided by the county. I am only speaking for myself, but I do not need someone in Bluff overseeing what I do. I am a county employee and take direction from my director whom I feel is doing a great job.

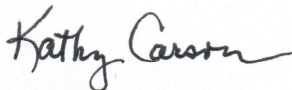
Apparently the fire department feels that they need someone to be in charge in Bluff. I am opposed to someone being paid \$40,000 to do the job. There is no strategic plan in place, no job description nor talks between county leaders. No one has even consulted with me or my partner in EMS about any of this.

I feel that it's possible that someone could be paid far less. In fact, someone could work part-time, casually as I do for the Town of Bluff. When I work, I log my time and the activities that I have been working on. I am paid only for what I do. So if, for example, someone were to do truck checks or work on a grant, or plan and hold a training, they log their time, submit a time sheet and get paid for what they did. This would save the town a lot of money and no taxes would have to be raised.

In EMS, we can accomplish tasks like cleaning the ambulance and doing truck checks while being paid to be on call. Training can be done while we are on call and other training is provided for us at no charge so that we can keep up our certification.

I am opposed to EMS being lumped into this proposal to try to get this funding. I am against raising a property tax to fund this for "emergency services". There are other ways to do this. This may take time to plan so we should not rush to approve the proposed tax.

Sincerely,



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Bluff EMT and long-time resident of Bluff