

June 8, 2026

To the Town Council Members,

I would just like to reiterate that I am not in favor of raising property taxes to fund a person to head the Emergency Services Program Coordinator (ESPC). But call it like it is. It is funding for a Bluff Fire position. This doesn't include EMS.

EMS is proposing a 1% sales tax to help fund EMS, which is Emergency Medical Services. By enacting this sales tax, everyone will be paying a little bit more for some purchases. You will not be paying it on groceries, prescriptions or fuel. A sales tax is paid by everyone, not just property owners. This may be on the November ballot.

EMS services are under San Juan County. They provide our ambulance, supplies, training and they pay us. They maintain our ambulance at no cost to the town. When we need supplies, we get them. If we need equipment, we get it.

I still say that Bluff Fire needs to show us first, what the plan is and the job description. Show us that you really have a lot to do. Start out as Erin and Malia did as hourly employees. Log your time and your efforts, then ask for funding.

But leave EMS, Emergency Medical Services, out of it. We work for San Juan County and are happy about that. We are also happy to continue to cover the Town of Bluff and the surrounding area.

Do not rush into raising property taxes. It will harm several people in town.

Sincerely,

Kathy Carson