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Thank you for looking out for your constituents in the northern end of the county. I am quite concerned that our county is over extended as to providing services due to all this new growth. Yes, our inter-change is just terrible on County Line Road exit 163. However, CDOT never intended to replace the original bridge ( I attended the meeting and they publicly stated there was no money) and that is why there are frequent accidents at those exit/entrances. (Maybe the county commissioners could look at those accident numbers)There is zero lines of sight from Exit 163 westerly towards Palmer Lake and not very far easterly either. I understand the county is addressing this with Buc ee's but how will you as a committee hold them responsible?

I am also concerned that BNSF has not attended any meetings. The train frequently breaks down at the bottom of County Line and Spruce Mountain. I walk in the park regularly and sometimes a train will de-rail and will take a long while to get itself straightened out (over an hour or more). If Palmer Lake is to be awarded the care of this enormous flag lot then Palmer Lake should respond to the emergency. Yes, we as the Tri-Lakes community have always responded and helped each other out regarding emergencies but Monument itself has grown and now has expanded duties it must cover for actual Monument residents and businesses.

Palmer Lake if it is to indeed take responsibility for this land, there needs to be an expedited way of responding to the area. BNSF needs to have a trestle bridge at that County Line Road crossing tall enough to accommodate a fire crew, police and ambulance. (Buc ee's is buying water lines, new inter change please have them put in the trestle as well) Residents will also need this trestle bridge in order to leave the area if an incident happens and I 25 is shut down. Buc ee's has stated to expect 80,000 vehicles a day at this location. Our small town ways can't even imagine the true impact of this decision. As an area resident, our homeowners insurance has doubled will it double again once the insurers figure out Palmer Lake may not be able to respond to the area due to a train being stuck? Why on earth does the county have to approve 120 gasoline pumps when 50 would do (50 in itself is obnoxious but 120 is ridiculous). Buc ee's let their gas station in Luling, Texas burn to the ground this summer. Yes, ironically they were building a new facility at the time however, they let all those carcinogens in the air with no regard to the community. A fire at this proposed location would not only decimate our county but Douglas County as well.

I have read quite a bit about Buc ee's and I honestly believe if as a committee you support wasting 500-700 pounds of food daily (currently happening at the Johnstown location), over the top greed ( seriously

disposing of seasonal items because they never markdown items not to cheapen their brand) and quick turnover in employees ( no ten year pins there for line workers) then I have to believe corporate greed has replaced common decency. Yes, this area should be developed...I wish I had the funds to protect it but I don't. I realize another gas station could go there but why when we have 10 within three miles that's another story. But supporting a Buc ee's who by the way has zero chairs or tables for their guests stopping by for a sandwich or for the non existent break areas for staff ( they only get "moments") to use the potty...is not what this area needs when a storm shuts down the highway. It was clear at the meetings I attended...there is zero interest from their leaders to be part of a community. I hope the commissioners think about what it is like to live next to someone who doesn't want to even be part of a community.

Thank you for your time, consideration and also your service,  
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