

**PARK COUNTY, COLORADO  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Resolution No. 2025-022**

**A RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE SERVICE PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED  
PLATTE CANYON HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Park, State of Colorado, is vested by Section 32-19-101, C.R.S., *et seq.*, with the authority to consider and approve Service Plans for proposed health service districts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-1-202, C.R.S., a Service Plan concerning the proposed Platte Canyon Health Service District (the "District") was filed with the County on April 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Park County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed Service Plan for the District on May 14, 2025, June 4, 2025, and June 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the hearings were preceded by the public notice required by Section 32-19-108(1), C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearings the Board of County Commissioners reviewed the proposed Service Plan, considered testimony and evidence presented by the applicant and members of the public, and deliberated on whether the plan satisfied the statutory criteria set forth in Section 32-1-203(2) and (2.5), C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the Service Plan and considered the criteria set forth in Section 32-1-203(2) and (2.5), C.R.S. and finds that the proposed Service Plan does not meet said criteria.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF PARK, STATE OF COLORADO, THAT:**

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby disapproves the proposed Service Plan for the Platte Canyon Health Service District because the petitioners have *not* demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence the following in accordance with Section 32-1-203(2) and (2.5), C.R.S.:

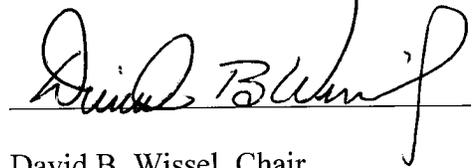
1. There is sufficient existing and projected need for organized service in the area to be served by the District; and
2. The existing service in the area to be served by the District is inadequate for present and projected needs; and

- 3. The District is capable of providing economical and sufficient service to the area within their proposed boundaries; and
- 4. The area to be included in the District does have, and will have, the financial ability to discharge the proposed indebtedness on a reasonable basis.
- 5. The creation of the District will be in the best interests of the area to be served.

Section 3. In accordance with Section 32-1-204(4), C.R.S., the specific detailed reasons supporting the disapproval are set forth in the attached Exhibit A and are adopted hereby as the Board's specific detailed reasons for such disapproval.

Moved, seconded, and passed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2025.

**PARK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



David B. Wissel, Chair

ATTEST:

  
County Clerk

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| Amy Mitchell        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| Jason Gemmer        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| David Wissel, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |

**EXHIBIT A**

to

**PARK COUNTY, COLORADO**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Resolution No. 2025-\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE SERVICE PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED PLATTE  
CANYON HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT  
June 18, 2025, Park County - Board of County Commissioners Meeting**

Section 32-1-203(2), C.R.S. provides that the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) shall disapprove a special district service plan unless evidence satisfactory to the Board of certain criteria is presented. Section 32-1-204(4), C.R.S. requires that the Board provide specific detailed reasons for such disapproval in writing to the petitioners of the special district. The specific detailed reasons for the Board’s disapproval of the proposed Service Plan concerning the proposed Platte Canyon Health Service District (the “District”) are as follows<sup>1</sup>:

**Criteria No.1: There is sufficient existing and projected need for organized service in the area to be serviced by the proposed special district.**

The Petitioners have not shown a sufficient existing or projected need for organized service in the area to be served. Evidence presented to the Board through testimony from the public shows that the existing health care clinics are capable of adequately serving the area and are experiencing low utilization and attendance. Further testimony received by the Board indicates that the existing health care clinics are prepared to expand their services if demand increases.

The Stride Community Health Center (“Stride”) provides medical services in Bailey once a week and accepts Medicaid. Stride has worked hard to provide consistent health care services to the service area but has been experiencing low attendance during its visits to the County. According to testimony by the public, if demand for Stride’s services increases, Stride is willing to increase its service to the area. Additionally, the Conifer Clinic provides services needed in the area and evidence presented at the hearing states that the clinic is currently accepting new patients.

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<sup>1</sup> *This exhibit is provided in accordance with C.R.S. 32-1-204(4) to provide for specific detailed reasons for disapproval. It is not intended to serve as a verbatim record of the proceedings.*

Testimony at the hearing shows that a new clinic, as proposed by the Petitioners, is not warranted by current demand. Testimony further shows that the existing clinics have the capacity to grow without requiring a sales tax to be levied on the public.

**Criteria No. 2: The existing service in the area to be served by the proposed special district is inadequate for present and projected needs.**

The Petitioners have not shown that the current service in the area is inadequate for present and projected needs. Based on evidence presented at the public hearings, the health care services provided in the area meet current demand. As discussed in Criteria No. 1, the Stride clinic is available in Bailey once a week and has been met with low attendance. Stride services are available without increasing taxes levied on the public. According to evidence presented at the hearing, Stride is willing to increase service in the area if demand increases. This shows that current services are adequate for present and projected needs for health care services. Furthermore, Stride’s services are available to the area now. In contrast, according to the timeline presented by Petitioners, the District would not be able to provide health care services until at least January 2027.

**Criteria No. 3: The proposed special district is capable of providing economical and sufficient service to the area within its proposed boundaries.**

The Petitioners have not shown that the proposed special district is capable of providing economical and sufficient service to the area within its proposed boundaries. The Petitioners have not presented a viable budget for the services the District is intending to provide. There is a lack of transparency in cost, funding mechanisms, and showing of long-term sustainability of the proposed District. As evidenced by testimony from the public, budget items do not accurately reflect the cost of build out of the facility. It would be detrimental to the community to allow a special district to go forward that may not be successful. Furthermore, the Petitioners did not show that the proposed sales tax would be able to consistently serve the District.

**Criteria No. 4: 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.**

The proposed special district does not include any proposed indebtedness; therefore, this criterion is not applicable.

**Section 32-1-203(2.5), C.R.S.**

Section 32-1-203(2.5), C.R.S., sets forth additional criteria the Board may consider when reviewing a proposed service plan. The Board has found the Petitioners have not met the following criteria in Section 32-1-203(2.5)(e), C.R.S.:

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**The creation of the proposed special district will be in the best interests of the area proposed to be served.**

The Petitioners have not shown that the creation of the District will be in the best interests of the area to be served. The proposal requires the community to be taxed at least a year before the community would be served by the proposed District. As evidenced by Criteria No. 1, the area is being served by existing health care clinics and a tax on the public is not necessary to achieve health care services in the area.