

Scotts Bluff County Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Sunset Hills Venue being developed by Courtney and Taylor Severyn. This project represents a thoughtful and much-needed addition to our community, and I respectfully encourage you to approve their application under the newly established Class 1 event facility classification.

Sunset Hills Venue is planned as a beautifully renovated 3,600-square-foot indoor event space with a capacity of approximately 250 guests. Nestled at the base of the Wildcat Hills just south of Gering, the venue offers not only functionality but also a unique scenic experience, including stunning views of the Scotts Bluff National Monument. Its design allows for both indoor and outdoor opportunities, making it a versatile location for weddings, receptions, private parties, corporate events, and more.

Courtney and Taylor Severyn are exactly the type of individuals we should want to invest in our county. Courtney is a well-known local business owner through Severyn's Photography, where she has built strong relationships with residents and other small businesses. Taylor serves our community as a paramedic for MCCH and as a volunteer firefighter. In addition to their professional contributions, they operate a local farm and provide fresh, locally sourced products. Their continued involvement and investment reflect a deep commitment to the growth and well-being of Scotts Bluff County.

The proposed venue has already met multiple inspection requirements and includes practical considerations such as ample parking, a dedicated driveway access, and ADA-compliant accommodations, including five accessible parking spaces with two van-accessible spots. These features demonstrate careful planning and a commitment to safety and accessibility.

While I understand that some nearby residents have expressed concerns, it is important to recognize that this property is in a rural setting where some level of agricultural and business activity is expected. Additionally, based on widespread community feedback, including social media discussions, it is clear that a significant portion of the county supports this project. There is a genuine desire for more event spaces in our area, as current options are limited and often lack the capacity or setting that Sunset Hills Venue will provide.

Beyond its initial offerings, this venue has the potential to grow into a valuable community hub. Plans for future events such as family game nights, comedy shows, live music, yoga sessions, vendor fairs, and even a U-pick flower garden highlight the Severyns' vision for creating a space that brings people together in meaningful ways.

Too often, promising ideas in Scotts Bluff County face barriers when they should be encouraged. Supporting Sunset Hills Venue would send a clear message that our county welcomes responsible growth, supports small businesses, and values community-driven innovation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully urge you to support the approval of Sunset Hills Venue.

Sincerely,
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