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Again in support of an ordinance on CO2 pipelines, with fire depts in most all towns in Lincoln Co being severely understaffed especially during day time hours when many volunteers are working jobs away from stations, how does the county ensure the public that the county has assured a reasonable study on response time and staffing? Summit is offering their "grant money bribes" of 50 thousand plus so much per mile on the route through the county. First, they should have to show is this grant money part of the federal money available for these projects? If so its once again we tax payers who are paying for this. Secondly 50000 is enough to supply between 12-14 individual SCBA units, breathing apparatuses the responders will need once a special hazmat team from Minnehaha Co deems the air quality is safe to enter wearing those, we have a proposed prison within 2 miles of Summits current route, how will a prison with over 1600 occupants be evacuated within moments in the event of a rupture, you have towns, schools etc who easily could be having to be evacuated as well as the route stands now. Volunteer responders didn't sign up for these unique pipelines that carry risks unlike any other pipeline now in the county, Summit will tell you they are no different than oil or natural gas but thats the farthest thing from the truth and we know it and they know it also, they just can't tell the truth or it would be counter productive to their race for tax dollars. Summit should have to pay to hire full time first responders ample enough to handle any situation in a county, open 24-7 365 days a year, they like to claim about jobs they will create so why aren't they responsible for first response teams that have all the needed equipment to respond to a leak as well carry out evacuations within a respond time of 15 minutes to any part of the route through the county. Again using that brochure of the CO2 pipeline company for the CO2 pipeline in ND it has a section on responders and what they can and can't do and the response times to a rupture mattering. I would like to see the committee address these real concerns of who will respond and how to ensure county residents that anyone will come and not leaving those forced to deal with these new unique risks from a pipeline carrier on their own, telling them that they are unfortunately in the wrong place at the wrong time in that event. Again here is the link to the only manual for a working CO2 pipeline under living and working near a CO2 pipeline. <https://www.dakotagas.com/about-us/pipelines/souris-valley-pipeline?fbclid=IwAR3da5BPIHGnDbCJxHc3UdQiliQJ8Nv-EBwa-E1gr2SDEdm2GurvUS6EPJs>

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