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I find it necessary to address public inquiries regarding a perceived donation from Fur Love to Christian County for an expansion of the Christian County Animal Control Facility ("Animal Control Facility"). To date, no such donation has been tendered to the County. What has occurred is that Fur Love has raised funds for the express purpose of the expansion of the Animal Control Facility and later for the "proposed" expansion of the Animal Control Facility. The County has never proposed an expansion and has never authorized any person or entity to raise funds for an expansion. At the September County Board meeting earlier this week, the County Board unanimously voted to request that Fur Love cease and desist in raising funds for an expansion of the Animal Control Facility. We felt it important to let the public know that we are not contemplating any expansion and that we would decline to accept any sum of money ear-marked for an expansion. Given this, we felt it necessary that Fur Love stop advertising and fundraising with that as its goal.

The Animal Control Facility receives many generous donations both in money and volunteer hours. People provide help with adoption fees and spaying and neutering to facilitate adoption of abandoned animals. In-kind pet food donations are regularly received and appreciated. Our volunteers provide reliable and invaluable help caring for the animals. All of these donations of time, money and effort are greatly appreciated by the County Board. We welcome Fur Love to join the ranks of those who generously donate funds to help with any operational needs identified by our Animal Control Director and approved by the Christian County Board.

Bryan Sharp, Chairman Christian County Board