

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—Cease & Desist Letter Regarding Fur Love

At the September meeting of the Christian County Board held on September 17, 2024, the County Board unanimously voted that Fur Love, and all authorized agents and representatives, cease and desist from using the County's name for advertising, fundraising or other purposes and immediately remove any and all references to the County on any advertising, facebook page, other documents or sources, internally or publicly-facing. The County Board subsequently unanimously voted to authorize the County Board Chairman to send a cease and desist letter to Fur Love reflecting this. A copy of that letter is attached.

All inquiries should be directed to the Office of the Chairman of the Christian County Board: 217-824-4011.

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Hand Delivered and Sent Via Certified Mail

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Cease & Desist

Mr. & Mrs. Craggs:

At no point since I have been Chairman of the Christian County Board has the County Board considered an expansion of the Animal Control Facility of the nature you presented last night at the September meeting of the County Board. On more than one occasion at the Committee level and at the full Board level over the past year or so, I have stated that no expansion plans exist. Further, I submit the following observations:

1. At no point has the Christian County Board authorized any person or entity to raise funds for an expansion of the Christian County Animal Control Facility.
2. At no point did the Christian County Board or its Chairman imply or endorse any fundraising efforts on behalf of the Christian County Animal Control Facility.
3. Upon any inquiry by private citizens regarding a proposed expansion of the Christian County Animal Control Facility, I, as Chairman of the County Board, have consistently and repeatedly indicated that there are no plans to expand the Christian County Animal Control Facility.
4. Upon more than one occasion during informal conversations between myself and Steve, I directly expressed my dissatisfaction and concern that the Fur Love efforts were being advertised to fund an expansion plan that does not exist at the County level.
5. It is my belief that Steve, who held himself out to me as representative of Fur Love, fully understood my dissatisfaction and the above-stated concerns.
6. Despite this, it is my belief that Fur Love has persisted in promoting a perception to prospective donors that funds generated would be used for the expansion of the Christian County Animal Control Facility--a project that does not exist.

As representatives of Fur Love, you were in attendance last night and are aware that the County Board unanimously voted that Fur Love, and all authorized agents and representatives, CEASE AND DESIST from using the County's name for advertising, fundraising or other purposes and immediately remove any and all references to the County on any advertising, facebook page, other documents or sources, internally or publicly-facing. The County Board subsequently unanimously voted to authorize me to send this letter to you in furtherance of our position in this matter.



Bryan Sharp, Chairman
Christian County Board