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Dear Commissioners,

We opened the shelter in July, 2010, and through November, 2018, we have taken in 2,540 companion animals with over 2,400 adopted into loving and responsible homes. By spaying or neutering all the animals admitted, we have reduced the number of future animals needing homes by 25,400. The animals we take in are surrendered from <u>all</u> over the county as well as abandoned, neglected, abused and injured animals.

The cost of the shelter including in-kind help was \$950,000.00. We receive no public funds other than approximately \$1,000.00 annually, from the City of Bay Minette. We have always depended on the wonderful and fine people of Baldwin County and their contributions to maintain and operate the shelter. It takes \$250,000.00 per year to operate the shelter and we do not receive any public funds other than the donation from the City of Bay Minette.

The operating cost includes the following:

- 1. One full time employee. (Beverly Poiroux, a wonderful lady who has been with us since we opened)
 - 2. Four part time employees.
 - 3. Food and medicines.
 - 4. Veterinary services.
 - 5. Utilities.
 - 6. Insurance.
 - 7. Maintenance.

We always keep the shelter exceptionally clean and let our dogs out twice a day into the exercise yards. My wife, Judy, has volunteered at the shelter every day since we opened and I go out every afternoon at 4:30 to help out.

We most respectfully need and sincerely appreciate any help the county commission can give us. I well realize you get called on for other help. We are so grateful to the commission for any contribution it can make to the shelter.

I would very much appreciate meeting with the Baldwin County Commission and answering any questions or comments you might have.

Thank you sincerely and I look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

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