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County board leaders respond to criminal charges against Barry County Animal Shelter Director

Commissioner Ben Geiger
Board Chair
(R-Nashville)

"The charges issued against the animal shelter director are troubling. Effective immediately, the Barry County Administration Department has suspended her without pay, assumed operational duties of the shelter, and launched an employment investigation into the matter. The Board of Commissioners looks forward to the receiving the results of that investigation.

Respect is one of Barry County's core values. The board respects our judicial process and is committed to providing a safe, quality animal shelter for our residents."

Commissioner Dave Jackson
Board Vice Chair
(R-Delton)

"I'm both surprised and saddened by today's developments. These allegations run against the high standards we seek to uphold at the Barry County Animal Shelter for stewardship and responsibility. As this process unfolds, be assured the shelter will continue serving our residents and providing a safe place for pets."

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