

COCHISE COUNTY

Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan Work Session Regarding Animal Welfare

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Public Programs...Personal Service

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Purpose

Provide the Board an update on short term and long-term strategic initiatives for animal care facilities and animal welfare.

- Review Current Agreements
- Discuss plans for Shelter in Bisbee
- Progress to update County Ordinance
- Questions



Current Agreements

- Sheriff's Office – responsible for Animal Control Officers to enforce county ordinance and state laws
- Douglas IGA
- Willcox IGA
- Humane Society of Southern Arizona – Service Agreement



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Douglas

- IGA with City approved May 24, 2022
- FY 23 = \$60,126
- FY 24, 3% increase per agreement = \$61,930
- City provides services for County ACO impounds abiding by State law and City protocols and operations.
- Not a County building

Cochise County Animal Control Activity Douglas			
	2020	2021	2022
Dogs	186	233	309
Cats	30	16	12



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Willcox

- IGA with City approved Aug 13, 2019
- Total annual cost = \$77,570
- City has not requested an increase to date
- City provides services for County ACO impounds abiding by State law and City protocols and operations.
- County building

Cochise County Animal Control Activity			
Willcox			
	2020	2021	2022
Dogs	309	347	359
Cats	68	88	86



Humane Society of Southern Arizona

- Agreement for sheltering services to County approved in August 2021
- Ends August 10, 2023
- Contract not to exceed \$32,000 per FY

HSSA/County Agreement Activity		
	Cost	Animals
FY22 (Sept - June)	\$ 5,250.00	96
FY23 (July - May)	\$ 7,185.00	119
Total	\$ 12,435.00	215



Project Update: County Shelter in Bisbee

- County shelter operated by HSSA – pending agreement.
- Grant through USDA for \$1.1 m
- County funded additional \$1.9 m
- In discussion with architect for project scope
- Asbestos abatement underway



County Ordinance Review

- Animal Control Ordinance 039-10, passed 04/06/2010
- Review in progress by CCSO, County Attorney, and County Administration
- Potential changes in fines for cruelty, nuisances
- Update to address issues ACOs encounter in the field.



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Questions?

