

COCHISE COUNTY

**Board of Supervisors Work Session
Regarding Animal Welfare**

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Public Programs...Personal Service

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Purpose

Follow up on discussion from BOS Work Session held on July 27, 2023.

- Discuss property tour of Marsh Development location in Huachuca City;
- Discuss cost/benefit for partnering on Sierra Vista Animal Care Center expansion; Benson Shelter
- Discuss Bisbee project and impact changes can have to USDA grant.



Tour of Marsh Development Property

- July 31, attended by Sheriff Dannels, Supervisor English, and multiple staff members.
- Nearby RV Park has stated no concerns with noise.
- Listed at \$570,000; will need renovations to make it an animal care site- HVAC, plumbing, parking.
- Who operates? Costs to county year-over-year?



Sierra Vista Animal Care Center Expansion

Est. \$1.5 million in County funding

- Needs Assessment recommended - \$35,000
- Estimate additional 200 dogs = 14 kennels needed.
- Cost of additional kennels = \$750,000 – 1.2m
- Isolation room needed = \$265,000
- Architecture/Engineering - \$220,000
- Ongoing IGA cost for operations



Benson Shelter

- CCSO discussions with Benson Shelter
- Staff will prepare IGA for Board and Council approval



County Shelter in Bisbee

- Grant through USDA for \$1.1 m
 - USDA currently reviewing architecture contract based on current scope.
 - Per USDA, any County changes to project scope need to be for an architectural reason.
 - Changes will delay project.
- County appropriated \$1.9 million for project
- County to pay HSSA to operate

