

COCHISE COUNTY

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

May 1, 2024

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Public Programs...Personal Service

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Purpose

Follow up on discussion from Work Session held on August 22, 2023.

- IGAs with City of Benson and City of Willcox
- Outlook for Douglas Animal Shelter/CCSO
- Humane Society of Southern Arizona changes
- Bisbee project, architect contract and potential grant for management consultant.
- Viability of purchasing business in Sierra Vista



IGAs with Benson and Willcox

- Both on agenda for approval - May 7 meeting
- Benson (for action): New IGA, \$63,000 flat rate
 - Community Enhancement funds approved to expand space capacity – \$48k
- Willcox (consent agenda): Renew IGA for three years, no changes, \$77,570 for county proportionate share of expenses.



Outlook for Douglas Animal Shelter/CCSO Management

- City of Douglas reached out to CCSO to assist with management due to staffing issues.



Humane Society of Southern Arizona (HSSA)

- The HSSA is currently undergoing organizational changes and cannot in good faith, commit to supporting a valued partner, when their current and future capacity is focused on rebuilding basic operations at the Tucson location.
- HSSA is available to assist as in sharing of information as we go through the planning process.
- HSSA is still available to transfer animals from Cochise County to HSSA as necessary – contract renewal in August 2024.
- HSSA's availability beyond 2024 will be reevaluated in late 2024/early 2025.



County Shelter in Bisbee

- Grant through USDA for \$1.1 m
- County appropriated \$1.9 million for project
- Contract for architect pre-design and design services to come before BOS – May 7 meeting for approval.
- Maddie’s Million Pet Challenge – shelter management consultation grant from PetSmart Charities.



Tail Topia Purchase?

- 1601 S. Wardle Rd, Sierra Vista
- Currently a boarding kennel that could be adapted to work as a fully functional shelter
- Current owner willing to consult on shelter operations after sale.
- Asking price: \$1.5 million
- Packet attached from real estate agent



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Questions and Discussion

