PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Frank Antenori, Chairman; Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman; Kathleen L. Gomez, Supervisor

Staff Present: Joe Casey, Deputy County Administrator
Dylan Hendel, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Chairman Antenori called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. Discussion and and possible direction regarding a proposed resolution expressing opposition to the current implementation of the Mexican Gray Wolf Reintroduction Program and recommending reforms including enhanced state-level authority, improved compensation for livestock losses, and development of response protocols.

   Mr. Casey presented this item. He stated the Board will review the last Wolf Resolution.

   Mr. Hendel confirmed that all requested edits were made, including clearer language, the return of the word "investigate," and legal support for sheriff authorities if deputies are trained. He also noted the inclusion of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) language, resources for sheriff training, and a request for an additional federal law enforcement officer in Willcox.

   Mr. Hendel explained that under the 14th Amendment, most constitutional rights have been incorporated to apply to all states. He emphasized that this incorporation, affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court, extends protections like those in the 5th Amendment to all 50 states.

   Mr. Hendel noted that page four, paragraph 12, includes a requirement for the sheriff to submit an annual report to the Clerk or Board of Supervisors. He also mentioned that pet and livestock language was separated from Canada-related content, and the resolution requests the federal government to rescind certain rules and regulations.

   In response to the Board, Mr. Hendel clarified that the current version is just a draft and will be properly formatted by his office. He also confirmed that all three board members could be added as signatories if that is their preference.

   The Board confirmed the resolution will be placed on Tuesday's agenda for a vote.

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 9:40a.m.

APPROVED:

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Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board