

RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1800

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING TRANSPORTING CATTLE CONFISCATED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN NEVADA THROUGH WASHINGTON COUNTY AND OPPOSING THE SALE OF CONFISCATED CATTLE IN UTAH

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) and Cliven Bundy, a southeast Nevada rancher, have been involved in a legal dispute for decades regarding land where Bundy runs cattle;

WHEREAS, the BLM has recently decided to confiscate and sell Bundy’s cattle at a significant expense to the public;

WHEREAS, the BLM has arranged for the cattle to be sold at auction in central Utah—over 200 miles from the site where the seizure of cattle is to occur;

WHEREAS, it is believed that a large number of the cattle have been running free for years and are feral;

WHEREAS, transporting feral cattle, as opposed to domestic cattle, increases safety risks to the people and animals involved in the loading, transportation, and unloading of the cattle;

WHEREAS, feral cattle do not receive proper immunizations or other veterinary care;

WHEREAS, feral cattle are likely to interbreed, and interbreeding of cattle creates numerous problems with maintaining a healthy and vibrant herd;

WHEREAS, numerous cattlemen in southern and central Utah rely on cattle as a primary or secondary source of income and need that income to provide for their families;

WHEREAS, if feral cattle are auctioned off in central Utah, it is likely that some of these cattle could intermingle with healthy herds in this state and harm the health of those herds;

WHEREAS, the confiscation and sale of Nevada cattle should not put the health and viability of Utah cattle herds in jeopardy;

WHEREAS, Utah Governor Gary Herbert has taken the position that the confiscated cattle should be sold in Nevada;

WHEREAS, there is a significant amount of public outcry over the confiscation and sale of cattle, and the County sees no need to transplant the issue from Nevada to Utah and unnecessarily involve Utah citizens and state employees;

WHEREAS, there may be additional legal concerns involved in confiscating, transporting, and selling unbranded cattle; and

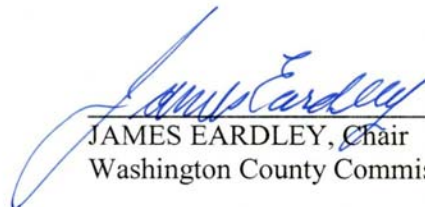
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of this County for cattle to not be transported through the county nor sold in Utah.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY:

1. Urges the BLM to not transport confiscated cattle through this County;
and
2. Urges the BLM to not sell cattle in Utah that have been confiscated in Nevada; and
3. Urges its citizens to remain peaceful and abide by the law in any protest activities they may engage in regarding this or any other issue.

VOTED UPON AND PASSED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON APRIL __, 2014.


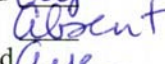
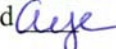
WASHINGTON COUNTY


JAMES EARDLEY, Chair
Washington County Commission

ATTEST:


for

Kim M. Hafen
Washington County Clerk-Auditor

Commissioner Eardley voted 
Commissioner Drake voted 
Commissioner Gardner voted 

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