

RESOLUTION 2014-8

A RESOLUTION OF IRON COUNTY OPPOSING TRANSPORTING CATTLE CONFISCATED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN NEVADA THROUGH IRON 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; and

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

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

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; and

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

WHEREAS, feral cattle are likely to be interbred, and interbreeding co cattle creates numerous problems with maintaining a healthy and vibrant herd; and

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; and

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

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

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

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; and

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 IRON COUNTY:

1. Urges the BLM to not transport confiscated cattle through Iron 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 IRON COUNTY COMMISSION AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON APRIL 4, 2014.

DATED this 4th day of April, 2014.

BOARD OF IRON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

David J. Miller, Chair

ATTEST:

David I. Yardley
Iron County Clerk

VOTING:

David J. Miller _____
Dale M. Brinkerhoff _____
Alma L. Adams _____