

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2014

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL PER CAPITA LICENSE FEE ON THE OWNERS OR PERSONS IN POSSESSION OF CATTLE 9 MONTHS OF AGE OR OLDER LOCATED IN FERGUS COUNTY ON THE REGULAR ASSESSMENT DAY OF EACH YEAR, WITH SUCH FUNDS TO BE USED FOR A PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Title 81, Chapter 7, Part 6, Montana Code Annotated allows the Board of Commissioners to establish a per capita license fee on the owner or persons in possession of cattle 9 months of age or older which are located in Fergus County on the regular assessment day of each year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has been provided with a Petition, which has been signed by the resident owners of at least 51% of the cattle in the County, as shown by the property tax record of the last preceding assessment, with such determination having been written on the original petition; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 81-7-605, MCA, the Board is required to hold a public hearing on the issue, and the Board, on March 10, 2014 held such a hearing and for the purpose of receiving public comment; and

WHEREAS, the applicable statute, section 81-7-605, MCA, provides in part, that upon receipt of such a petition, with sufficient signatures, "the board shall establish the predatory animal control program and issue licenses and collect fees for the following year in an amount that will defray the cost of administering the program"; and

WHEREAS, the Petition recommends imposition of a license fee of fifty cents per head per year; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners finds the Petition to be in Order and timely filed, and in accordance with the statutes cited above, hereby establishes a County Predator Control Program for cattle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there shall be imposed a per capita license fee of fifty cents per head, on the owners or persons in possession of any cattle 9 months or older in the county of the regular assessment day of each year as provided in section 15-24-903, MCA, with such license fees to be placed in a separate fund to be known as the Predatory Animal Control Fund, with such proceeds to be used exclusively for such program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of the statutes contained in Title 81, Chapter 7, Part 6, Montana Code Annotated shall apply to the program established herein.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Absent  
CARL SEILSTAD

Ken Ronish  
KEN RONISH

Sandy Youngbauer  
SANDY YOUNGBAUER

ATTEST:

Rana Wichman  
RANA WICHMAN, Clerk & Recorder