



**BLUE EARTH COUNTY**  
**Blue Earth County Board**

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, on behalf of the taxpayers of Blue Earth County, the Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners continually seeks ways to keep the cost of county government as low as possible; and

WHEREAS, the cost of Blue Earth County government is significantly affected by mandates from the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Legislature in 2005 passed legislation which allows local governments to file resolutions with the state auditor which either object to specific state mandates or make recommendations for reforming specific state mandates; and

WHEREAS, the state auditor has encouraged local governments to submit mandate reform proposals to her office and has expressed a willingness to partner with local governments to achieve those reforms; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners hereby submits to the state auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the attached (Exhibit 1) list of mandates along with statutory citations and comments as candidates for repeal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners requests that the state auditor take any measure available to aid in the repeal of these mandates.

RESOLVED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2006

Signed

Attest

Katy Wortel  
Chairperson  
Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners

Dennis McCoy  
County Administrator  
Blue Earth County

Eliminate budget appeals and independent spending authority by county-elected officials other than the board of commissioners.	387.20, 388.18	Each of the county-elected officials have statutory authority to appeal their budgets. These appeals generally occur after the county levy has been set and require both the elected official and the county to hire outside counsel. The county board is responsible for establishing the county's overall budget and tax levy. The board's accountability to taxpayers demands that it, and it alone, have full control over county spending decisions.
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