

<b>Eliminate Budget Appeals and Independent Spending Authority by County Elected Officials Other Than the Board of Commissioners</b>	<b>357.18, subd. 4; 384.151; 385.373; 386.015; 387.20; 388.18</b>	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. In addition, the county recorder has discretion over spending the dedicated county recorder technology fund. 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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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DODGE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Date: April 25, 2006

Resolution # 2006-14

Motion by Commissioner: Hanson

Seconded by Commissioner: Tjosaas

Division: Administration  
Department: County Administrator  
Name: Mandate Submissions to the  
State Auditor

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**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Session Laws 2005, Chapter 156, Art. 2 now codified in Minn. Stat 6.79 states, "A county, town, school district, or statutory or home rule charter city may file a written resolution with the state auditor objecting to a state mandate or making recommendations for reforming a state mandate," and

**WHEREAS**, the State Auditor has encouraged local governments to consider submitting those state mandates, to list on her website, that they believe are in need of reform or repeal to help legislators identify them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Minnesota Counties has worked to develop a sample list of mandates to aid counties in their response to the State Auditor's request; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Counties are facing massive cuts in federal funding for provision of state mandated social services due to the recently passed Federal Budget Reconciliation Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dodge County Board supports actions which improve efficiency and increase effectiveness of state and local public services delivered to our joint constituents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dodge County Board finds that listing and reforming mandates is only one way to improving the state-county relationship and enhancing outcomes for citizens.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dodge County Board of Commissioners supports forwarding the attached list, "Mandates Submission to the State Auditor from Dodge County" to the State Auditor for listing with other mandate reforming proposals on her web site.

**ATTEST:**

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David Erickson  
Chair, County Board

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Becky Lubahn  
Deputy Clerk

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Alberts	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Erickson	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Gray	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Hanson	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Tjosaas	<u>  X  </u>	_____