

**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

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:

David Erickson
Chair, County Board

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>	_____

<p>Either Eliminate or Totally State-Fund Continued Health Insurance For Disabled Peace Officers.</p>	<p>299A.465</p>	<p>Employers are required to pay the employer share of disabled peace officers' and their dependents' health insurance until the peace officer reaches age 65 even if the officer gains other employment and health insurance coverage. Since this benefit was created in the late 1990's, there has been a surge in disability retirements. In part because of this, both employer and employee contribution rates to the PERA Police and Fire pension plan are increasing over 50%. When this benefit was originally enacted it was predicated on the state paying 100% of its costs. The state has not kept it part of that bargain for several years. If the state cannot meet that obligation, the mandated payment by the employer should be eliminated.</p>
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