

MEEKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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MEEKER COUNTY RESOLUTION STATE MANDATE REFORM PROPOSAL Resolution #2006- 14

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

WHEREAS, the cost of Meeker 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 Meeker 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 Meeker County Board of Commissioners requests that the state auditor take any measure available to aid in the repeal of these mandates

Adopted March 7, 2006

By:

Theresa C. Wagner
Meeker County Board Chair

Attest:

Barbara Loch
Barbara Loch, County Auditor

STATE OF MINNESOTA

MEEKER COUNTY

I, Barbara Loch, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the minutes of all proceedings had and held by the Board of Commissioners of said Meeker County, that I have compared the above resolution with the original passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of said Meeker County at a regular meeting thereof held on the 7th day of March, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., that the above constitutes a true and correct copy thereof, that the same has not been amended or rescinded and is in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and signature this 7th day of March 2006, and have hereunto affixed the seal of the County.

Barbara Loch

County Auditor/Board Clerk

(SEAL)

Mandate	Statute	Comments
<p>Counties are required to initiate and pay for civil commitment proceedings against level 3 sex offenders when they are released from prison.</p>	<p>M.S. §253B.185</p>	<p>Counties must initiate civil commitment proceedings against level 3 sex offenders when they are released from prison. Counties must then bear the cost of hold orders, confinement, and examinations prior to judicial ruling. This process can become lengthy and extremely expensive because the individuals are held in regional treatment centers for examination, and the annual cost of the RTC is approximately \$100,000. The assessments for these individuals could be started while they are still in State prisons because they have been identified; and the State is required to give the County one-year notice prior to their release from prison. This would avoid expensive placements and delays in the civil commitment process.</p>