

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2006 at 8:30 a.m., that the above constitutes a true and correct copy thereof, that the same has not been amended or rescinded and is in full force and effect.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)

Continued health insurance for disabled peace officers	M.S. §299A.460	Employers are required to pay the employer's 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 percent. When this benefit was originally enacted, it was predicated on the State paying 100 percent of its cost. The State has not kept its part of that bargain for several years. If the State cannot meet that obligation, the mandated payment by the employer should be eliminated.
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