

**BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
RICE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION #06-011

Resolution Proposing State Mandate Reform

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes § 6.79 allows local governments to submit to the State Auditor proposed reforms to state mandates; and

WHEREAS, mandate proposals will be listed on the State Auditor's website, along with the name of the local government submitting the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Rice County Board of Commissioners supports the concept of mandate reform and urges the Minnesota Legislature to give serious consideration to all proposals made by Cities, Townships and Counties.

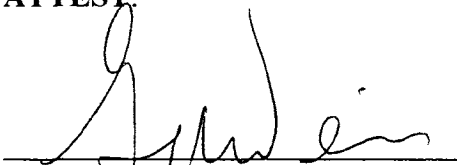
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rice County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following mandate proposals and directs the County Administrator to submit this listing to the State Auditor:

Dated this 14th day of February, 2006.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Milt Plaisance, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Gary Weiers, Rice County Administrator

Eliminate Budget Appeals and Independent Spending Authority by County Elected Officials Other Than the Board of Commissioners	357.18, subd. 4; 384.151; 385.373; 386.015; 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. 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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