

RESOLUTION 2006 –

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute §6.79 allows governments to submit to the State Auditor proposed reforms to state mandates; and; 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 Winona 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 Winona County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following mandate proposals and directs the County Administrator to submit this listing to the State Auditor:

Mandate	Statutory Citation	Comments
Either Eliminate or Totally State-Fund Continued Health Insurance For Disabled Peace Officers.	299A.465	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 When this benefit was originally enacted it was predicated on the state paying 100% of its costs.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.

Adopted at Winona, Minnesota, this 7th day of February 2006.

WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dwayne A. Voegeli, Chair

Attest:

Robert F. Reinert
Clerk/County Administrator