



**BLUE EARTH COUNTY**  
**Blue Earth County Board**

**RESOLUTION**

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

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

RESOLVED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2006

Signed

Attest

Katy Wortel  
Chairperson  
Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners

Dennis McCoy  
County Administrator  
Blue Earth County

Counties are required to initiate and pay for civil commitment proceedings against level 3 sex offenders when they are released from prison.	253B.185	Counties must initiate civil commitment proceedings against level 3 sex offenders when they are released from prison. Counties then must bear the costs 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 \$100,000.00. 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 being released from prison. This would avoid expensive placements and delays in the civil commitment process.
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