

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CONTROLLER/  
ADMINISTRATOR  
Monthly Report of County Activities  
(February 2005)**

- County is collaborating/partnering with the County Economic Development Corporation, MSU-Extension, Tuscola 2011, and other economic development entities to prepare a comprehensive update to the County Economic Development Strategy
- County will concentrate on pursuing grants and other financing tools to implement the economic development strategy
- County and local governments have experienced unprecedented state revenue cuts crippling the ability to provide essential services
- Within the next 30 days, the Governor will appoint a committee of county, city, village, township and state representatives to begin the essential task of determining how to fund county and local government-recommendations and implementation of state actions from this committee will have tremendous implications on the financial future of county and local government
- Commissioner Jerry Peterson will likely be appointed as a county representative to this committee
- County has led an active effort to restore jobs cuts at the Caro Center and prevent the closure of Camp Tuscola-these state cuts were imposed as part of the Governor's Executive Order to balance the 2005 state budget
- Cuts would have further devastating impacts on the local economy-many governmental entities have gained tremendous benefits from the work crews from the prison-your written or telephone contacts may make the difference in preventing these negative state actions
- Statutory portion of state revenue sharing to local units of government sunsets in 2007-unknown whether the state will restore funding after this point in time-state revenue sharing to county government was replaced with a "property tax roll forward"-county is unsure whether its' state revenue sharing will be reinstated after 2008
- County Web Site has recently been improved-please review the valuable information at: [www.tuscolacounty.org](http://www.tuscolacounty.org)
- Medical Care Facility expansion and remodeling project is anticipated to be completed by September of 2005-we can all be proud of this upgraded facility that provides for an improved quality of life for our residents that are in need.
- Other noteworthy county activities underway include: reviewing optional methods of reorganizing courts for cost savings, reviewing alternative solutions to county storage and office space needs, determining options for Vanderbilt Park and continuing to conduct multi-year financial plans and making adjustments to keep the county in good financial standing