

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

- 2005 County State Equalized Value (SEV) is \$1,728,731,237 -increase of 5.65% from previous year- SEV increases over past 10 years averaged 8.14%. SEV is no longer used to determine property tax revenue which is now based on Taxable Value. 2005 County Taxable Value is \$1,269,585,053- increase of 4.74% from the previous year-Taxable Value increases over the past 10 years averaged 4.83%. Specific values by local unit of government are on the County web site: www.tuscolacounty.org
- On April 28, 2005, a State Senate Panel recommended a \$22 million cut in state revenue sharing to local units of government- all of this cut would be made from the statutory portion of revenue sharing
- Meetings with the Humane Society of Tuscola County were held and letters sent to resolve differences regarding: public access for adoption of animals, increasing the number of animals placed, appropriate care of animals according to Department of Agriculture regulations- problems must be corrected within 30 days
- The number of professional managers in the county increased with the recent addition of the Mayville Village Manager- units of government with professional managers include: Tuscola County, City of Vassar and the Villages of Caro, Cass City, Millington, Reese and Mayville
- State lease of the current Human Services (formerly Family Independency Agency) Building expires mid-year 2008- county is waiting to evaluate a proposal from the state for a new lease whereby the state will pay the county to lease the county building
- County officials discussed concerns expressed by the union that the jail is not adequately staffed- Commissioners agreed to hire an additional corrections officer for the night shift- financing detailed are being prepared- another topic related to the Jail is that inmate medical costs have increased tremendously
- County Emergency Planning Committee is increasing preparedness for emergency situations- current grant funds are being used to strengthen homeland security and include purchases of: generators, communications radios, bomb locating dog, computer hardware/software to coordinate personnel and tracking of equipment during an emergency- questions can be directed to Pat Finn Emergency Services Coordinator (9890-673-8161 Ext. 2235)
- State has made a dramatic change in policy for 2006 related to Emergency Service Funds- these funds have been redirected from rural to urban areas- in 2005 Tuscola county received approximately \$400,000- for 2006 \$18,563 will be received- Commissioners and others consider this an inappropriate policy change that will severely weaken emergency preparedness in Tuscola County and other rural areas
- Commissioner and staff continue to meet on a regular basis with our state senator and representative- recent agenda topics included: state budget, veteran's funding, Camp Tuscola, Caro Center, sugar beet industry, committee to recommend methods of funding local government and economic development