

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monthly Report of County Activities (November 2005)**  
**Linking County/Local Government for Efficient Public Services**

- Renewal of the telephone surcharge that funds 911/Dispatch passed November 8, 2005 - Yes, 1,874 No, 640 – Next renewal has to be done no later than 2011
- The Sheriff Department recently has been successful in obtaining funding including: foundation funds for bullet proof vests, cameras for police cars and jail monitoring camera from the county insurance company, technology grant from the Evercom Systems, Inc. and fingerprinting equipment from a state grant – extra effort to receive this funding is helpful in difficult financial times – we tip our hat to the Sheriff's Department and parties providing the funding
- Your help is needed to assist in rebuilding our local economy – please mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. – A crucial public forum will be conducted at the County Technology Center (Intermediate School District) by a Community Assessment Team (Economic Development Experts) to obtain your input regarding rebuilding the local economy – economic development is a critical important issue for all of us
- Board of Commissioners recently formed a Hospital Finance Authority to assist hospitals in lowering the costs of borrowing for renovation and expansion projects – there is no financial risk to the county government in forming such a financing tool
- The county has again applied for funding to continue the operation of a housing rehabilitation and financing program through the Community Development Block Program of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority – the amount of funding available has been reduced from approximately \$350,000 to \$200,000 for the next two year period
- The following county citizens were appointed or reappointed to boards and commissions that play an integral part in overseeing the delivery of services in the county: Board of Health – Tina Middaugh and Eileen Hiser, Board of Public Works James Wickman III and James McMinn, Human Services Board – Kelly Clements Recycling Board – James McMinn, Ed Kimbrue , Sharon Mika and Jane Ryba, County Planning Commission – Keith Kosik, Construction Code of Appeals – Keith Kosick, Marvin Klein, Ken Martin and William Campbell, County Canvassers Board – Phillip Hardy and Kathy Gierman, Dispatch Authority Board – David Mattlin, David Lich and Matthew Foley, County Building Authority – Allen Quick
- The new Director of the theTuscola County Department of Human Services is Leonard Richards who began his new position on November 21, 2005
- Solutions to a deficiency of space to properly store permanent county records are being reviewed - this is a mandated responsibility of county government and must be resolved and will involve a combination of reorganizing current county space and gradually moving to more record storage by use of optical imaging
- In December, the Board and staff will meet with the architects, who assisted with the addition of 24 jail beds to the county jail in 1996, to evaluate what has to be done to repair plumbing and other infrastructure problems at the aging county jail

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