

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monthly Report of County Activities (March 2006)**  
**Linking County/Local Government for Efficient Public Services**

- At the March 28, 2006 meeting of the Board of Commissioners action was taken to re-establish metal detector security in the courthouse – annual costs for this security are approximately \$100,000 to \$120,000 but was considered a high priority by some county officials and other parties
- A tremendously successful summit concerning intergovernmental cooperation was held on March 29, 2006 with 52 representatives of County, City, Villages and Township government from throughout the county in attendance – valuable ideas and information was exchanged concerning methods of partnering to maintain, improve and finance services in these challenging economic times – those in attendance felt a follow-up summit in several months would be valuable – priority areas of interest included: economic development, tourism, and planning/zoning
- Household hazardous waste such as oil based paint, household cleaner, pool chemicals, pesticides and fertilizers can be taken to the Tuscola County Recycling Center on Saturday April 29, 2006 – if you plan to take materials you need to contact the Tuscola County Recycling Center at 672-1673 by April 27, 2006
- Information was forwarded in February to municipal/township governments explaining the planning, zoning and economic development advantages of membership in the East Central Michigan Planning and Development Region and requesting consideration of becoming members of this organization under a joint funding plan with the county – There are 34 local units of government in the county to date 11 have agreed to participate – this will not likely be a sufficient number of participants to rejoin – if you need additional information please contact your county commissioner – if you have not acted on this issue please do so
- At the March 28, 2006 meeting of the Board of Commissioners a county smoking ordinance was adopted that does not permit the use of tobacco products in county buildings and on county grounds
- Majestic construction was awarded the bid to install new plumbing in the county jail
- In April of 2006, the Board of Commissioners will begin the development of a three-year financial plan in striving to preserve as many services as possible with growing financial constraints – this plan will determine actions to be taken to maintain fiscal stability and balanced budgets over the next several years
- Planning for the mosquito season is underway – mosquito abatement will work with the county health department in tracking birds that may have the West Nile Virus – collection of mosquitoes for disease surveillance will continue – mosquito abatement continues to expand available equipment and personnel annually in an effort to keep up with the increasing demand for service – this expansion is planned to continue slowly for years to come, but has to stay in the confines of the available budget

- The development of a county government emergency operations plan is underway – the Emergency Services Director of the County will facilitate the plan development with assistance from departments heads and others

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