

## TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – August 2007 Activity Report

- The Sirolli Program of Enterprise Facilitation has been implemented in Tuscola County – the Board of Commissioners implemented this important job creating component to spur economic development – a Board of Management will be appointed and Enterprise Facilitator hired to work with the Economic Development Corporation and others to lead program implementation
- The County is soliciting proposals to accounting firms to conduct the county audit (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) – this is being done to determine which firm can best perform this critical work to confirm that generally accepted accounting practices are being performed to safeguard county funds to the highest of standards
- The third County Board of Commissioners meeting is at a location other than the county seat will be September 11, 2007 in the new Wells Township Hall at 2190 Frankfort Road, Caro, Michigan – the County Board of Commissioners are attempting to increase communications by meeting in each of the five commissioner districts of the county
- Please mark your calendar for Monday, September 24, 2007 to attend the second annual intergovernmental forum – last years forum had over 50 attendees, this year's program is designed to provide more information and exchange ideas to determine methods of delivering services with decreasing revenues through on-going collaboration – for more information contact the Controller-Administrator's Office at 989-672-3700
- The County Veterans Affairs Director is retiring in mid-October, steps need to be taken soon to begin the process to replace this important position – Veteran organizations need to be involved in this process
- The County jail overcrowding problem continues and costs to Tuscola County to house prisoners in other counties continue to increase – the Board of Commissioners approved hiring Landmark Architects to develop staged short and long term plans to deal with this problem under the financial constraints of the county
- The Thumb Area Tourism Council is a nonprofit corporation created to market the area by promoting the many things to see and do in the Thumb – A web site has been created specific to Tuscola County and identifies business and tourism attractions – [www.thumbtourism.org](http://www.thumbtourism.org)
- Building activity in the county continues to decline – in August of 2006 there were 355 permits issued compared to 295 for August of 2007 – permit activity in the County has steadily fallen for the last several years
- The state still has not resolved the dispatch/911 funding issue
- Dedication of the Human Development Commission Multi-Generational Building was recently conducted
- The 2007/2008 state budget is still not balanced and the impacts of this situation on

county and other local government funding are not known at this time

- Costs and methods to change warrant entry from dispatch to the courts are under review

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