

TUSCOLA COUNTY CONTROLLER/ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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To: Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

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RE: 2012 Accomplishments

Summary of 2012 County Accomplishments

1. Successfully protected wind energy taxes from being eliminated when the state eliminated the personal property tax
2. Fulfilled state required county government transparency requirements with the implementation of the citizens financial guide, performance measures and identification of service base consolidations
3. Prepared a balanced 2013 county budget
4. Completed the 2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Plan (Audit) with all funds in a positive financial position
5. Settled union contracts for four bargaining units
6. Began the process to issue bonds for the Medical Care Facility for the construction of a small house project in 2013 to provide state of the art patient assisted living in a non-institutional setting
7. Began the implementation of a camera monitoring system for the jail to gain compliance with new federal regulations for prisoners
8. Acquired the former Big Brother/Big Sister Building off of Luder Road for county use at no cost to the county with the further benefit of eliminating the cost of other leased space
9. Gained approval of a \$250,000 Michigan State Housing Development Authority Community Development Block Grant for housing rehabilitation in Tuscola County
10. Initiated a study with local dentists to determine the feasibility of establishing a dental clinic to serve the uninsured residents in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties

11. Bid county owned property for agricultural purposes which resulted in twice the amount of revenue being received compared to the last lease
12. Completed the second year of three years process to implement new radios and next generation 911 at county dispatch
13. Worked with state officials to pass legislation to help resolve the issue concerning the impact of agricultural irrigation on residential water wells
14. Several important building projects were completed in 2012 including: new roofs at the Courthouse and Jail along with bathroom and other remodeling work in District Court
15. The county is working to capitalize on savings by contracting with a company called Xoom to reduce natural gas costs
16. County now has representation on various boards and commissions that are identifying problems and reviewing solutions to declining water levels of the Great Lakes
17. Controller's office and Board of Public Works continued to assist many local units of government with the administrative functions involved with funds borrowed for sewer and water projects including: City of Caro, Village of Mayville, Richville, Village of Millington and Denmark, Wisner and Wisner Townships
18. The county is experiencing unprecedented staff turn over and has been adjusting by reorganizing and rehiring new individuals to various positions
19. Thumb Cellular leased land from the county to build a new tower on county property resulting in an increase in the lease payment increase to the county
20. Workers compensation coverage was changed to the Michigan Association of counties pool which is anticipated to reduce costs
21. County changed their policy on Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Financing (DDA/TIFA) to not allow captures of tax revenue on the portion of the for which the county has discretion
22. Successful working with the Michigan Association of Counties to increase the amount of taxes the state pays the county for state owned land (payment in lieu of taxes)
23. Gained compliance with PA 152 regarding the amount the county can pay for employer health insurance