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To: Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

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RE: Overview of Current Major County Issues

County Issues Summary

1. Wind energy assessing and taxation
2. Health insurance cost increases and federal health insurance changes in 2014
3. Jail overcrowding and aging facility
4. Potential establishment of dental clinics for citizens without insurance
5. Agricultural groundwater irrigation and impacts on residential wells
6. Financial impacts of state changes in the personal property tax
7. Maintaining joint Huron/Tuscola Equalization Director and cost savings – in jeopardy with State Tax Commission ruling
8. Developing financial projections to determine strategy 2013 labor negotiations and budget development
9. Declining Great Lakes water levels
10. Economic development – job creation – county unemployment rate remains high
11. Impact of potential state/federal revenue cuts on county government
12. Working to achieve comparable county/court personal policies
13. Fracking for gas, regulations, land leases, protection of ground water, etc.
14. Adjusting to major staff turnover
15. Unfunded state and federal mandates
16. Road Commission funding, gas tax
17. Maintenance of 14 county facilities twenty year plan
18. Potential re-use of Camp Tuscola
19. Determine the effects of Right-To-Work law on county labor and union contract negotiations
20. Others.....