



Joseph P. Tuss
Montgomery County
Administrator

Mr. Tuss started his career in local government in 1983, and began working in economic development in 1989. He has over 20 years experience in community and economic development, the last 16 years serving in management and executive level positions.

Prior to joining Montgomery County in March 2001, he served as the Community Development Director (1996 to 1998) and the Economic Development Director (1998 to 2001) for the City of Dayton, Ohio. While with the City, Mr. Tuss worked on major urban revitalization projects including the Wright Dunbar Village Historic Redevelopment, the Beaver Power and the Cannery loft housing projects in downtown Dayton, the development of Fifth/Third Field, home of the Class A Dayton Dragons baseball team, and numerous industrial and office development projects.

In March of 2001, Mr. Tuss joined Montgomery County as the Community & Economic Development Director, was promoted to Deputy County Administrator in 2008, and in June 2012 was appointed Interim County Administrator. In his economic development role, Mr. Tuss is responsible for the implementation of the County's strategic economic development initiatives: 1. Aerospace Technology, 2. Logistics and Distribution, 3. Downtown Dayton – Urban Core, and 4. the I-75 Growth Corridor. He led the creation of the Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District, and manages the Montgomery County ED/GE program, which provides \$3.0 million annually for economic development project grants. He has lead responsibility for development and ongoing activities of the Dayton Region Israel Trade Alliance (DRITA), planning and participating in trade missions between the Dayton Region and Israel.

Mr. Tuss serves on various boards and organizations that foster regional economic development: the Greater Dayton Foreign Trade Zone 100, CityWide Development Corporation, the Entrepreneur's Center Technology Incubator, Montgomery County Community Improvement Corporation, and the National Composite Center.

Mr. Tuss is a graduate of the University of Arizona, a Certified Economic Development Finance Professional and member of Phi Beta Kappa.