

**COMMISSIONER MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2012**

The Caribou County Commissioners met in special session on August 2, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Lloyd Rasmussen, Commissioner Chairman, Earl Somsen Commissioner and Phil Christensen. Also in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Veda Mascarenas, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Prosecuting Attorney Gregg Haney, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Extension Office Steve Harrison, Landfill Supervisor Jason Lower, Weed Supervisor Scott Shuler, Ambulance Director Larry Weaver, Courthouse and Grounds Jordan Bodily, and Mark Matthews.

Veda explained the problem with 2013 budget request being this year's county value is estimated at 702,040,044 a loss of 41,214,509 from last year. The balance to levy for 2013 can only be \$5,037,161. When all of the requests were put in the computer and calculated the balance to levy was \$5,452,161 leaving a balance of \$415,000 to cut from the requested budget. This was accomplished by the road and bridge, landfill, sheriff, and courthouse and grounds budgets being reduced.

Aaron Cook explained the loss of value came from the net profit of mines and personal property loss. The real property value continues to grow at a steady growth.

The board of commissioners and the Caribou County Sheriff discussed the moving of the dispatch center. Also discussed was the need of an additional jailer. The sheriff stated that an addition jailer was not necessary because he is able to cover the hours with his current work force.

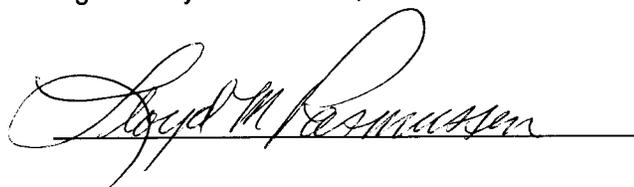
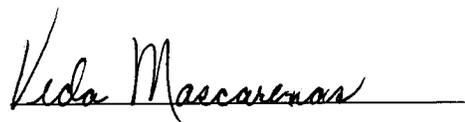
The loss of Personal Property Tax was discussed. The county taxes will shift to real property which will have a huge affect small business and tax payers.

Some suggestions for future planning were: (1) a 4-day week (2) cut services (3) Increase fees for concealed weapons and driver's license (4) look into other health insurance plans and (5) increase fees for all departments that can be increased.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Signed: Lloyd Rasmussen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Veda Mascarenas

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