Official Proceedings of the Stutsman County Commission

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At 3:00 p.m., Chairman Klose called the special meeting of the Stutsman County Commission to order. Dale Marks, Doug Kaiser, Craig Neys and Mark T. Klose answered roll call. Absent was Commissioner Ova.

Barbara Fitzpatrick, FEMA Region VIII Senior Natural Hazards Program Specialist, reviewed the regulations for political subdivisions that want to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Participation by local government was voluntary. Building restrictions applied to those areas within an identified flood plain to encourage people to build out of harms way.

Only a few Cities and Townships in Stutsman County were mapped. As of now, there were no plans to map any other areas of the County. Because the County was not mapped, flood insurance could be available to residents at the base rate of $122 to $364 per year.

If the county was mapped, the county would be responsible for part of the mapping cost. An ordinance would have to be passed and the county would be responsible for compliance with building restrictions within any identified flood plain.

The Commission questioned why individual Townships couldn't participate for their jurisdictions. Each Township could participate individually, but they did not have full time staff to administer the program. The Commission expressed concerns that this would create another layer of bureaucracy.

Steve Thompson, Interstate Engineering, indicated that in areas with identified flood plains, costs were higher to construct roads and bridges.

Jerry Bergquist, 911 Coordinator/Emergency Manager, indicated that at some point, Counties would be required to participate in the program or individual and public assistance from FEMA may not be available.

Neys made a motion that was seconded by Marks to adjourn. At 4:12 p.m., the special meeting of the Stutsman County Commission was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Noel A. Johnson
County COO (Auditor)

Mark Klose
Commission Chairman