

January 13, 2021

A Special Meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Chairman Chuck Mehlbrech. Members present: Dean Koch. Absent: Charles Liesinger, Marc Dick, and Steve Gordon.

No quorum was present.

Chairman Mehlbrech noted that FEMA staff will be sharing and discussing updated flood risk information for McCook County and its communities. The meeting began, via Zoom, at 9:00 a.m.

Others present at the Courthouse: Cori Kaufmann, Dir of Equalization, Kristin Benidt, Secog Planner, Jerald Kurth, Jefferson Twp, and Brad Stiefvater.

Attending the meeting via Zoom: Commissioner Gordon, Hwy Supt Kreuzfeldt, EDS Director Stiefvater, and many city and township officials/officers.

FEMA Floodplain Mapping Flood Risk Review Meeting - McCook County SD.

Commissioner Liesinger joined the meeting.

Numerous comments from several county and city officials were made regarding the inaccuracies of the mapping (based upon actual data). FEMA staff noted that the “draft” mapping is a result of enhanced studies.

More questions were asked.

FEMA staff continued to point out that today’s meeting was for flood risk mapping review noting that there will be an appeal and comment period later. Attendees were encouraged to check out <http://bit.ly/SDakotaMapJournal>. This website provides the draft maps that were reviewed today. Attendees were also asked to contact FEMA with any additional data that could alter results of the mapping, within the next 60 days. FEMA will proceed with development of the final mapping if they do not hear from the county, city, or township officials. It was also noted that it is not likely that the mapping will change.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was also talked about.

Attendees were thanked for attending this meeting.

The Zoom meeting ended at 10:30 a.m.

At 11:00 a.m., with a quorum present, Chairman Mehlbrech called the meeting to order.

Chairman Mehlbrech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mehlbrech called for approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Koch to approve the Agenda as sent/posted. Second by Liesinger. Motion carried.

Citizen Input: none.

Commission Reports: none.

Motion was made by Liesinger to convene as Planning Commission. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Present: Cori Kaufmann, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Mike Fink, States Attorney, and Kristin Benidt, Secog Planner. Benidt presented Chapter 4 – Schools, Parks, and Open Space and Chapter 5 – Infrastructure Assessment to those present. These chapters and accompanying maps were reviewed and discussed. Benidt asked that Chapter 8 – Existing Land Use and Chapter 10 – Planning Policy Framework be reviewed (homework) prior to the next group review. Benidt instructed those present to be prepared to give input. Benidt sited examples of areas that can have policy written such as where do we want expansion? How do we want to address Lake Residential? How do we continue to regulate our rural areas?

The next discussion/review will be held on February 9th at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 13th day of January 2021.

Charles Mehlbrech _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:
Geraldyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County