

Atchison County Adopts New Flood Plain Ordinance

(KAIR)--Atchison County officials have adopted a flood plain management resolution that updates the counties flood plain maps and gives residents a tool to better prepare for possible flooding.

Commission Chair Jeff Schuele says that most Kansas counties have already adopted the statewide resolution that reflects the updated maps the Federal Emergency Management Agency has put out across the United States.

Schuele says FEMA had to do this because most maps were outdated. The actual maps were dated past World War Two, and the updates could be a benefit to those residents located in the flood way.

Schuele says the updated maps could be a useful tool for residents purchasing insurance for their property. Flood insurance is offered through the federal government, so it is subsidized. The new maps could also inform some people that their insurance premium may not be reflective of their risk.

Atchison County residents can now go to the county appraisers office to find out if their property falls within the new flood zone maps.

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