

**ESDA & CLAIMS COMMITTEE**  
**September 15, 2020**

The ESDA & Claims Committee held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, Courtroom 201. Committee Members present were Chair Dave Nissen, Vice Chair Letha Clark, Ken Durkin, Joe Erlandson, Travis Hiel, Dick Marcott, and Julie Melvin. Also present was ESDA Director Edgar Rodriguez, Ben Thompson, County Board Chair Scott Schwerer, County Clerk DeJaynes and Patrick Stout.

Chair Nissen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of August 18, 2020 Minutes**

Member Durkin moved with a second by Member Melvin to approve the August 18, 2020 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**ESDA Director Report**

Director Edgar Rodriguez gave the report. Rodriguez informed the Committee that he would like to appoint Eric Arnold as a liaison for the County under ESDA. Rodriguez has been working with the County Clerk on elections, ESDA is supplying election judges with face shields. He has been working hard to secure funding for reimbursement.

He discussed the case numbers for Covid-19, there has been 417 positive, 9,516 negative, 112 are pending and 54 are active at this time. There has been 267 positive, since last month with a 4.29% positivity rate. At this time there are not any severe cases and no hospitalizations. Communication with the Health Department is still an issue as they are not reporting numbers from Thursday through Monday, and they do not have a procedure in place to notify schools which are great concerns for the schools. WIU has been very proactive regarding Covid, they have been using saliva tests that are very reliable and have a 24 hour turn around time. The State is also pushing for everyone to get a flu shot. Chair Nissen asked if the 79 cases reported on Monday via the news was a 3 day accumulation, Rodriguez would like to see these numbers released daily. Member Marcott asked how the positivity rate is calculated, Rodriguez said that they take the number of positive cases and divide it by the number of tests given. Member Durkin asked how often tests are negative on the 1<sup>st</sup> test and positive on the 2<sup>nd</sup> test that is done 5 days later, Rodriguez said that he does not have that information.

**Executive Session for the ESDA Director Overtime**

Motion to go into executive session by Member Hiel with a second by Member Marcott at 7:28 p.m.. Motion to exit executive session by Member Marcott moved with a second by Member Durkin at 7:40 p.m.

A motion to Compensate ESDA Director, Edgar Rodriguez \$20.00 per hour for the additional hours worked over 20.5 hours per week. Effective March 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020 was made by Member Marcott with a second by Member Clark.

**Approval of Committee Claims**

Member Erlandson moved with a second by Member Melvin to approve the committee claims as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Approval of Claims**

Member Marcott moved with a second by Member Clark, to approve the claims as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Other**

None

**County Board Chair Comments**

None

**Adjourn**

Member Hiel moved with a second by Member Durkin to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.