

ESDA & CLAIMS COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

The ESDA & Claims Committee held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3rd floor, Law Library. Committee Members present were Chair Eric Chapman, Vice Chair Clayton Murphy, Larry Aurelio, Joe Erlandson, Craig Foster, Mike Kirby, Jack Lowderman, and Jarad Royer. Also present was ESDA Director Edgar Rodriguez, County Board Chair Eric Blakeley, and County Clerk Jeremy Benson.

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

Approval of August, 2025 Minutes

Member Aurelio moved with a second by Member Foster to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

ESDA Director Report

Director Edgar Rodriguez presented the report. New weather station technology was installed at Veterans Park. This will be up and running soon.

There was a lengthy discussion held regarding the burn ban issued Monday, September 15th. Several Committee Members voiced their concern that all requirements of the ordinance were not met to issue the burn ban.

Approval of Committee Claims

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

Approval of County Claims

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

Other Items as Needed

None.

Executive Session

Member Erlandson moved with a second by Member Foster to enter into Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 5, Illinois Compiled Statutes Section 120/2 c (1). Motion carried with a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 0 absent.

Member Foster made a motion to exit Executive Session moved with a second by Member Aurelio at 7:12 p.m. with no action taken. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 pass, and 0 absent.

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

Klingler will be at the Court House for a final walk through for the Court House remodel, and addressing the remaining punch list items. A brief discussion was held regarding the status of the generator project.

Adjourn

Member Aurelio moved with a second by Member Kirby to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.