

ESDA & CLAIMS COMMITTEE

MARCH 16, 2026

The ESDA & Claims Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3rd floor, Law Library. Committee Members present were Larry Aurelio, Joe Erlandson, Craig Foster, and Mike Kirby. Also present was ESDA Director Edgar Rodriguez, County Board Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck. Members absent were Committee Chair Eric Chapman, Vice Chair Clayton Murphy, Jarad Royer and Jack Lowderman.

Eric Blakeley called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Approval of February 17, 2026 Minutes

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

ESDA Director Report

Director Edgar Rodriguez presented the report. He informed the committee of several sirens that failed the siren test. Since then, they have been fixed by the company that works on them.

Approval of Committee Claims

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

Approval of County Claims

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

Discuss Storm Sirens

As discussed in a previous meeting, the county does not own the sirens in the surrounding townships. The committee believes the bills should be billed directly to the towns. The committee will speak to Matt Kwacala to potentially have a resolution made.

Other Items as Needed

None.

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

Eric encouraged everyone to vote.

Adjourn

Member Foster moved with a second by Member Kirby to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.