

**ESDA & CLAIMS COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 20, 2026**

The ESDA & Claims Committee held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Law Library. Committee Members present were Chair Eric Chapman, Vice Chair Clayton Murphy, Larry Aurelio, Joe Erlandson, Craig Foster, Mike Kirby, and Jarad Royer. Also present was ESDA Director Edgar Rodriguez, County Board Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck. Members absent were Jack Lowderman.

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

**Approval of December, 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. He informed the committee that a siren in Bardolph failed during the most recent siren test. Edgar explained that there is nothing wrong with the siren itself; the issue is that its frequency is off. He also stated that he is still awaiting a 2025 grant for his department.

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

**Other Items as Needed**

None.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**County Board Chair Comments**

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the architecture will be in the Courthouse to complete the final walkthrough. Eric told the committee there will also be a flag raising ceremony held at the Courthouse for the bi-centennial celebration.

**Adjourn**

Member Foster moved with a second by Member Aurelio to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.