

ESDA & CLAIMS COMMITTEE
January 17, 2017

The ESDA & Claims Committee held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Law Library. Committee members present were Chairman Trevor Toland, Larry Aurelio, Letha Clark, Joshua Jefferson, Richard Marcott, Dave Nissen, Earl Sims, Paul Trimmer and County Board Chairman Scott Schwerer. Others present were ESDA Director Dan Kreps and County Clerk Gretchen DeJaynes. Beth Jameson was present as recording secretary.

Chairman Toland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of December 20, 2016 Minutes

Member Nissen moved with a second by Member Marcott to approve the December 20, 2016 minutes with grammatical correction. Motion carried on a voice vote.

ESDA Director Report

ESDA Director Dan Kreps presented an overview of himself and the ESDA office/position. Dan has been the ESDA Director for 11 years in March. The ESDA position is part-time and he is employed full-time as an OPS Night Sergeant at WIU. He deals with a lot of acronyms FEMA-Federal Emergency Management Agency and IEMA-Illinois Emergency Management Agency are two of the most used. The department has an annual budget of \$ 28,600.00. The costs are shared by Intergovernmental Agreement between McDonough County, City of Macomb and WIU. Dan doesn't spend unless he has to and usually doesn't hit the budgeted total unless matching a Grant. WIU provides an office at 413 A & B Memorial Hall. 50% of the ESDA office costs (including SS, Unemployment & Work Comp.) are reimbursed by the EMA Grant. To be eligible Dan and the office must maintain accreditation. To keep the accreditation he must have continuing education, NIMS trained, conduct exercises and have an Emergency Operation Plan. He has held many types of exercises and a full scale active shooter drill was held at WIU in 2009. The \$ 100,000.00 cost of that exercise was covered by the State. He actively searches out grants and recent ones included: TICP, Hazardous Mitigation, EOC and Exercise Grants.

The EOC (Emergency Operations Center) was established in the City of Macomb training room and is the Command Center able to operate on backup power (generator) and with the mobile command unit(s). He is responsible for Disaster Declarations. In 2013 he opened data collection sites for the flooding and was able to get McDonough County eligible for disaster aid. Many cities, townships and businesses were able to get assistance. In 2011 we were eligible for snow disaster aid. We are one of 29 counties in Illinois that are Storm Ready. He serves on the 911 Board, WIU committees and sets up the annual storm spotter class. He coordinates with many organizations including but not limited to: Health Department, Fire, Police, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Highway Department, Utility Companies, Hospital, Schools and State & Federal agencies. ESDA has two emergency trailers that are now stored in the County West building. Board Chairman Schwerer stated that Dan handles emergency situations professionally and swiftly sighting the ice storm several years ago in December.

Discussion was held on the radar unit. It currently is not operating and the dome may need to be taken down and examined.

Approval of Claims

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

Member Nissen moved with second by Member Aurelio to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.