

## **ESDA & CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

**November 13, 2018**

The ESDA & Claims Committee held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 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 Chairman Trevor Toland, Larry Aurelio, Paul Trimmer, Letha Clark, Ed Lavin, and Dick Marcott. Committee Members Earl Sims, and Dave Nissen were absent. Also present was Edgar Rodriguez, Patrick Stout, Terra Litchfield, County Chairman Scott Schwerer, County Clerk Gretchen DeJaynes, and Sara Kluthe as Committee Secretary.

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

### **Approval of October 16, 2018 Minutes**

Member Clark moved with a second by Member Lavin to approve the October 16, 2018 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

### **ESDA Director Report**

Director Edgar Rodriguez gave the report. Rodriguez along with Chad Sperry from the WIU GIS Center recently returned from California where they attended training for SARGIS. They learned new techniques and processes for search and rescue operations in our region and will now be able to train other locations.

The hard work that has been put in by Rodriguez is starting to show as there will be 3 classes hosted in McDonough County, Responding to Incidents Involving Flammable Liquids Transported by Rail on 1/9/19, MGT 415 Disaster Recovery for Rural communities on 2/1/19, and PER 294 Testing an Emergency Operations Plan in a Rural Emergency Operations center on 2/26/19. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter IEMA Regional meeting will be held in McDonough County on 8/21/19. Facilities have been reserved for the upcoming classes and meeting in 2019.

MCESDA is the McDonough County Administrator for the Department of Homeland Security Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS) and Wireless Priority Service (WPS). Certain County Officials will be given a pin to be used in emergency and disaster situations for telephone calls, during these situations the phone lines often become so busy that it is hard to place a call. This pin gives the caller a high priority status in the phone system and will allow them to make calls ahead of everyone else, 911 works the same way. In 2019 a drill will be held once a month.

WIU and MCESDA will be working on a grant proposal to build an Emergency Operations Center for the City of Macomb and all of McDonough County. They currently have a “cold” location in the Macomb Police Department, a new facility would give them a “warm” facility. At a “cold” facility all equipment is brought in and completely set up when needed, a “warm” facility will have the equipment there and set up at all times.

### **Approval of Claims**

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

### **Other**

County Chairman Schwerer reminded the Committee that the full Board meeting is a week early this month and will be held tomorrow night.

Member Clark moved with a second by Member Trimmer to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.