

## **ESDA & CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

**December 18, 2018**

The ESDA & Claims Committee held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 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 Scott Schwerer, Trevor Toland, Letha Clark, Jo Erlandson, and Dick Marcott. Also present was Edgar Rodriguez, Patrick Stout, County Vice Chairman Mike Cox, and County Clerk Gretchen DeJaynes.

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

### **Approval of November 13, 2018 Minutes**

Member Clark moved with a second by Member Toland to approve the November 13, 2018 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

### **ESDA Director Report**

Director Edgar Rodriguez gave the report. Information was sent to key leaders of the county for GETS and WPS. Kent Cox will be helping choose an Emergency Alert System for the County. Four various classes will be offered during January and February, seats are still available. WIU has funding for a new radar system, it should be up and running in April.

Rodriguez has requested to appoint Derek Carle as a volunteer ESDA Deputy Director. Member Toland moved with a second by member Marcott to send to Full Board in January the appointment of Derek Carle as a volunteer ESDA Deputy Director. Motion carried on a voice vote.

During the recent blizzard Rodriguez was very pleased with response from local responders, plow and tow truck drivers. He received excellent information prior to the storm, and has found some areas that can be improved. On December 1<sup>st</sup> McDonough County had two EF-0 tornadoes touch down, fortunately there was not any damage and it did not hurt anyone. Sirens were activated in Macomb under Rodriguez's authority and they were also activated in other local communities which led to the discovery that the siren in Bardolph was not working correctly so a test was conducted on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Rodriguez and Chad Sperry with WIU GIS went to Taylorville to assist the local responders with damage assessment after the tornado that caused major damage in Taylorville.

### **Approval of Claims**

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

### **Other**

Member Toland moved with a second by Member Clark to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.