

ESDA & CLAIMS COMMITTEE

APRIL 14, 2026

The ESDA & Claims Committee held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 6:19 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3rd floor, Law Library. Committee Members present were Chair Eric Chapman, Vice Chair Clayton Murphy, Larry Aurelio, Joe Erlandson, 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 and Craig Foster

Chair Eric Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

Approval of March 16, 2026 Minutes

Member Aurelio 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 spoke about a grant opportunity that will be coming up. This application will need to be sent in by the end of June.

Approval of Committee Claims

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

Approval of County Claims

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

Discuss Storm Sirens

While discussing the grant, Edgar also mentioned a draft intergovernmental agreement he plans to present to the municipalities for new storm sirens. After some discussion, a few sentences were identified for changes. The county would apply for the grant, coordinate the projects and vendors, and oversee maintenance. The municipalities would be responsible for paying for any maintenance done with the county's help, making them the owners of the sirens. More discussion will take place with State's Attorney Matt Kwacala, and the topic will return at next month's ESDA meeting.

Other Items as Needed

None.

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

Eric Blakeley updated the committee about the county and city taking financial responsibility of the ambulance system in the next year.

Adjourn

Member Aurelio moved with a second by Member Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.
Motion carried on a voice vote.