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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — APRIL 3, 2023

Meeting. The Executive Council met on Monday, April 3, 2023. The following are agenda items approved by the Council:

- The Council approved the minutes from the Executive Council meeting held on March 6, 2023.
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, on behalf of Iowa PBS for the retention of special counsel. Fees will range from \$442 to \$447 per hour.
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for special council to represent the State of Iowa in criminal cases when the offenses are committed by non-natives on the Sac and Fox Indian Settlement in Tama County. Retainer fees will be approximately \$5,000 per month with a prorated \$1,900 March retainer.
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, on behalf of the State Treasurer's Office (TOS), for retention of special counsel to provide legal services for the Unclaimed Property Division in regard to unclaimed property. Attorney fees and costs will be paid from the Unclaimed Property Fund. Legal fees will be paid as follows: routine matters, \$175 per claim; complicated matters, \$350 per claim; complex matters, hourly with a 10.0% discount from standard rates.
- The Council approved a request from Rob Sand, Auditor of State (AOS), to employ the services of FORVIS, LLP, to perform the annual audits of the Office of the AOS, the State Executive Council, the State Appeal Board, and the Tobacco Settlement Authority. The total reimbursement is not to exceed \$70,000, \$75,000, and \$80,000 respectively for FY 2023, FY 2024, and FY 2025.
- The Council approved emergency and supplemental emergency allocations totaling approximately \$1.9 million for the following purposes:
 - Approximately \$200 to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for repairs as a result of flood damage to Pikes Peak State Park in Clayton County.
 - Approximately \$3,000 to the DNR for repairs as a result of flood damage to Walnut Woods State Park in Polk County.
 - Approximately \$800 to the Board of Regents — University of Iowa to cover repair costs as a result of a power outage.
 - Approximately \$9,000 to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for repair costs as a result of stolen cables at the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) communication tower in Keosauqua.
 - Approximately \$341,000 to the Department of Corrections (DOC) for repair costs as a result of damages caused by a hot water leak to the Clarinda Correctional Facility.
 - Approximately \$375,000 to the DOC for repair costs related to wind damage to the roof of the Clarinda Correctional Facility.
 - Approximately \$177,000 to the DOC for repair costs related to damages caused by a unit hot water tank leak to the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility on May 9, 2022.
 - Approximately \$223,000 to the DOC for repair costs related to damages caused by a unit hot water tank leak to the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility on December 20, 2022.
 - Approximately \$10,000 to the DOC for repair costs sustained by the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women due to extreme cold weather.
 - Approximately \$10,000 to the DOC for repair costs sustained by the Newton Correctional Facility due to extreme cold weather at the Correctional Release Center (CRC).

- Approximately \$744,000 to the Iowa Veterans Home for repair costs as a result of derecho damage; of that amount, \$638,000 is to be paid to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), and the remaining \$106,000 is to be paid to the Iowa Veterans Home.
- The Council approved the payment of cost items totaling approximately \$458,000 for the following purposes:
 - Approximately \$31,000 to the DNR for repair costs as a result of flood damage.
 - Approximately \$278,000 to the Board of Regents — University of Northern Iowa to repair the Nielsen Fieldhouse and Wellness and Recreation Center as a result of storm damages.
 - Approximately \$91,000 to the Board of Regents — University of Iowa to repair Macbride Hall as a result of water damage.
 - Approximately \$18,000 to the Board of Regents — University of Iowa to repair the Biology Building East as a result of water damage.
 - Approximately \$23,000 to the Board of Regents — University of Iowa to repair the English-Philosophy Building as a result of water damage.
 - Approximately \$2,000 to the DNR for drainage assessments pursuant to Iowa Code section [468.23](#)
 - Approximately \$4,000 from Iowa PBS for legal fees.
 - Approximately \$5,000 from the General Fund for legal fees.
 - Approximately \$2,000 from the Attorney General's Office's Forfeiture Fund for special council.
 - Approximately \$1,000 from the DNR for legal services.
 - Approximately \$300 from the Iowa Department of Revenue for legal services.
 - Approximately \$3,000 from the Second Injury Fund for legal fees.
- The Council took note of the following information item: the Benton Washington Levee made its first contingency loan payment of \$310,000. This loan was approved for \$1.0 million on June 8, 2020, and is prorated not to exceed 20 years. Total repayment to date is \$310,000.

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