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## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING - MAY 6, 2024

**Meeting.** The Executive Council met on Monday, May 6, 2024. The following are agenda items approved by the Council:

- The Council approved the meeting minutes for the Executive Council meeting held on April 1, 2024.
- The Council approved a request from Dennis Harper, Recovery Division Administrator, Iowa
  Department of Homeland Security, to allocate \$800 pursuant to Iowa Code section <u>29C.8(3)(f)(1)</u> to
  the Specialty Team Activation Cedar Rapids Fire Department.
- The Council approved a request from Nate Ristow, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Office of the Governor, for the Adopted and Filed rulemaking(s) from the November 6, 2023, Red Tape Review.
- The Council approved the Attorney General's Office request for payment of expenses of approximately \$23,000 pursuant to Iowa Code section <u>7D.10</u>.
- The Council approved two requests from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for the retention of outside counsel at a rate of \$160 per hour pursuant to Iowa Code section <u>13.3</u> for workers' compensation cases filed by State employees.
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for the retention of special counsel at a rate of \$6,000 per month pursuant to Iowa Code section <u>13.7</u> to represent the State of Iowa in criminal cases committed by non-native individuals against non-native individuals on the Sac and Fox Indian Settlement in Tama County.
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Revenue to expend \$250,000 from the Litigation Expense Fund to cover potential expenses for the fourth quarter of FY 2024.
- The Council approved emergency allocations totaling approximately \$514,000 for the following:
  - \$19,000 to the Board of Regents University of Iowa for repair costs to the Seamans Center generators and Van Allen Hall.
  - \$155,000 to the Board of Regents Iowa State University for repair costs to Lagomarcino Hall.
  - \$27,000 to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for various vehicle repairs.
  - \$62,000 to the DAS for repair costs to the Oran Pape State Office Building for multiple equipment failures due to excessive heat.
  - \$6,000 to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for various vehicle repairs.
  - \$24,000 to the DPS for repair costs to the Hardin Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) Communication Tower for lightning damage.
  - \$60,000 to the lowa Communication Network (ICN) for cable repair costs.
  - \$152,000 to the Judicial Branch for repair costs to the Marshall County Courthouse due to tornado damage.
  - \$9,000 to the Department of Corrections (DOC) for repair costs to the Fort Dodge and Mount Pleasant correctional facilities.
- The Council approved payment of cost items totaling approximately \$1.1 million for the following:
  - \$753,000 to the Board of Regents University of Northern Iowa for repair costs to the Nielson Fieldhouse, Wellness Recreation Center, and Innovative Teaching and Technology Center.
  - \$17,000 to the Board of Regents University of Iowa for repair costs at the Carver Biomedical Research Building.
  - \$45,000 to the DAS for various vehicle repairs.
  - \$74,000 to the DPS for various repair costs to vehicles and ISICS Communication Towers.
  - \$197,000 to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for repair costs at various State parks.
  - \$10,000 to the DOC for repair costs at the Iowa Correctional Institute for Women.

- \$9,000 to the DNR for drainage assessments pursuant to Iowa Code section <u>468.43</u>.
- \$5,000 from the Attorney General's Office's Forfeiture Fund for legal fees.
- \$4,000 from the Unclaimed Property Fund.
- \$500 from the Department of Revenue (IDR) for legal fees.
- \$800 from Iowa PBS for legal fees.
- \$13,000 from the General Fund for legal fees.
- \$1,000 from the Second Injury Fund for legal fees.
- The Council took note of the following information items:
  - There was a quarterly status update on State aid allocation pursuant to Iowa Code section <u>29C.20</u>.
  - The South Central Iowa Landfill Agency made its second contingency loan payment of approximately \$50,000. The loan was approved for approximately \$1.0 million on August 8, 2022, and is prorated not to exceed 20 years. Total repayment to date is approximately \$100,000.
  - There was a notification from the Auditor of State's Office that funds previously allocated for the DNR to cover damages to Black Hawk State Park on May 5, 2023, are not required. Approximately \$16,000 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

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