

621—2.21(20) Costs of certified shorthand reporters and transcripts.

2.21(1) *Initial payment.* The agency may arrange for a certified shorthand reporter to report the contested case hearing and request that an original transcript of the hearing be prepared by the reporter for the agency's use. The agency initially shall pay the reporter's reasonable compensation for reporting the hearing and producing the agency-requested transcript.

2.21(2) *Transcript of record.* Oral proceedings in all hearings shall be recorded by a certified shorthand reporter or by mechanized means. The board does not furnish transcriptions, but oral proceedings shall be transcribed at the expense of any party requesting the transcription. Arguments on motions, oral arguments on appeal to the board, and arguments made in declaratory order and expedited negotiability dispute proceedings need not be recorded. The agency may request that an original transcript of the hearing be prepared by the reporter for the agency's use. The agency initially shall pay the reporter's reasonable compensation for reporting the hearing and producing the agency-requested transcript.

2.21(3) *Taxation as costs.* The cost of reporting and of the agency-requested transcript shall be taxed as costs against the nonprevailing party or parties, although the presiding officer, or the board on appeal or review of a proposed decision and order, may apportion such costs in another manner if appropriate under the circumstances.

2.21(4) *Payment of taxed costs.* Following final agency action in a case, the agency will prepare and serve a bill of costs upon the party or parties against whom the costs have been taxed. Those parties shall, within 30 days of such service, remit to the agency the amount specified in the bill of costs. Sums remitted to the agency shall be considered repayment receipts as defined in Iowa Code section 8.2.

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