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### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — FEBRUARY 17, 2020

**Meeting.** The Executive Council met on Monday, February 17, 2020. The following are highlighted agenda items approved by the Council:

- A personal appearance was made by Executive Officer Christie Templeton of the Department of Human Services to submit a request for a transfer of funds pursuant to Iowa Code section [29C.20B](#) for \$11,000. The Council approved the request.
- A personal appearance was made by Commissioner Stephan K. Bayens of the Department of Public Safety to submit a request for a Resolution of Funds pursuant to Iowa Code section [29C.20\(5\)](#) for \$3,000. The Council approved the request.
- The Council approved a request from the Attorney General's Office to retain Ryan Clark of Patterson Law Firm, L.L.P., at a rate of \$140 per hour as outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.3](#) in *Debra J. Breckenridge v. Iowa Judicial Branch, State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa*.
- The Council approved a request from the Attorney General's Office to retain McKee, Vorhees & Sease, P.L.C., at a rate of \$250 per hour to represent Iowa State University pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.7](#) in a trademark enforcement action against Jersey Cyclone Brewing Company. All fees and costs are to be paid directly by Iowa State University.
- The Council approved a request from the Attorney General's Office to Belin McCormick at a rate of \$350 per hour to represent Iowa State University pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.7](#) in *Speech First, Inc. v. Wintersteen*.
- The Council approved a request from the Auditor of State's Office to employ Hogan Taylor L.L.P. to perform an audit of the Iowa Fund of Funds, Fund A, L.L.L.P., as required by Iowa Code section [15E.65](#). The total reimbursement for the audit shall not be for more than \$17,500.
- The Council approved supplemental and emergency allocations for approximately \$1.1 million, including allocations for the following departments and purposes:
  - Emergency and supplemental allocations of approximately \$643,000 to the various entities for building repairs.
  - Emergency and supplemental allocations of approximately \$52,000 to the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) to repair damaged communications cables.
  - Emergency allocations and reimbursements of approximately \$130,000 to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for building and vehicle repairs.
  - Emergency allocations of approximately \$26,000 to the Department of Public Safety for vehicle repairs.
  - Emergency and supplemental allocations of approximately \$125,000 to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for various repair projects.
  - An emergency allocation of approximately \$62,000 to the Iowa State Fair to repair the roof of the cattle barn, which was damaged by strong winds on October 1, 2019.
- The Council also approved a total of approximately \$242,000 in cost items for the following departments and purposes:
  - Approximately \$87,000 to the DNR for various repair projects.
  - Approximately \$67,000 to the ICN to repair damaged underground cables.

- Approximately \$16,000 to the Board of Regents to repair a building on the Iowa Center for Higher Education Campus.
- Approximately \$37,000 to the Iowa State Fair to repair damage caused by strong winds and a fallen tree.
- Approximately \$26,000 to the DAS for vehicle repairs.
- Approximately \$17,000 to various law firms for legal fees.

**Additional Information.** Additional information is available from the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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