## **FISCAL UPDATE Article**

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## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

**Meeting.** The Executive Council met on Monday, November 16, 2020. The following are agenda items approved by the Council:

- The Council approved emergency allocations totaling approximately \$250,000, including allocations for the following departments and purposes:
  - Emergency allocations totaling approximately \$127,000 to the Iowa Communications Network for repair costs associated with equipment damage due to the August 2020 derecho storm event and excessive erosion.
  - Emergency allocations totaling approximately \$53,000 to the Board of Regents for repair costs associated with a mercury spill on the University of Iowa campus.
  - An emergency allocation totaling approximately \$9,000 to the Department of Natural Resources for repair costs associated with damage to the State Forest Nursery from the August 2020 derecho storm event.
  - Supplemental emergency allocations totaling approximately \$63,000 to the Department of Corrections for repair costs associated with damage due to hot water loop failure at Newton Correctional Facility.
- The Council also approved approximately \$107,000 for payment of cost items for the following purposes:
  - Approximately \$9,000 to the Department of Administrative Services for repair costs associated with a sinkhole on the Capitol Complex and derecho storm damage to Terrace Hill.
  - Approximately \$11,000 to the Department of Natural Resources for repair costs associated with vandalism to Palisades-Kepler State Park.
  - Approximately \$2,000 to the Department of Public Safety for repair costs due to water damage to a State Patrol vehicle.
  - Approximately \$22,000 to the Iowa Communications Network for repair costs due to cable damage as a result of excessive erosion.
  - Approximately \$50,000 to the Board of Regents for repair costs associated with water damage and theft at the University of Iowa. Approximately \$23,000 was reverted due to the decision to forgo replacement of river sensors at the Hydroscience and Engineering Department at the University of Iowa.
  - Approximately \$2,000 to the Department of Corrections for repair to the taut wire system at Anamosa State Penitentiary. Damage was caused by an electrical storm in June 2020.
  - Approximately \$12,000 to various law firms for legal fees.

**Information Item.** On October 19, 2020, the Executive Council approved payment of cost items for drainage taxes for Hamilton County in the amount of approximately \$300. This was a duplicate item from the August 3, 2020, Executive Council meeting and had been previously paid. Hamilton County has issued payment back to the State for the stated amount.

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

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