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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — JANUARY 25, 2021

Meeting. The Executive Council met on January 25, 2021. The following are agenda items approved by the Council:

- The Council approved a request from the Attorney General's Office for the payment of approximately \$19,000 pursuant to Iowa Code section <u>7D.10</u> for court costs and expenses incurred in prosecuting civil commitments under Iowa Code chapter <u>229A</u> for the Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) program.
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, to retain Patterson Law Firm, LLP, as outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section <u>13.3</u> at a rate of \$140 per hour to provide legal services for workers' compensation cases filed by state employees.
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, to retain Finley Law Firm as special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section <u>13.7</u> at a rate of \$235 per hour to provide legal services to State Agencies related to the professional licensure of State employees.
- The Council approved approximately \$12,000 in emergency allocations to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for repair costs due to flood damage within the Great Lakes Wildlife Unit.
- The Council also approved the payment of cost items totaling approximately \$15,000 to various law firms for legal fees.

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