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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL — MARCH 8, 2021

Meeting. The Executive Council met on March 8, 2021. The following are agenda items approved by the Council:

- A personal appearance was made by Dennis Harper of the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to request a contingency fund loan in the amount of approximately \$755,000 for the City of Nashua pursuant to Iowa Code section [29C.20B](#).
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for the payment of approximately \$22,000 pursuant to Iowa Code section [7D.10](#) for court costs and expenses incurred in prosecuting civil commitments under Iowa Code chapter [229A](#) 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 [13.3](#) at a rate of \$140 per hour to provide legal services for a workers' compensation case filed by a State employee.
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, to retain Whitt Law, LLC, as special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.7](#) to provide legal services to the Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR) for centrally assessed property tax cases. Fees will range from \$210 to \$250 per hour and will be paid by the IDR from the Litigation Expense Fund.
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, to retain Wandro and Associates, PC, as special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to provide legal advice to the Treasurer's Office for probate issues. Fees range from \$75 for routine matters up to \$250 for probate matters and will be paid from the Unclaimed Property Fund.
- The Council approved supplemental emergency allocations totaling approximately \$3,000 for the following departments and purposes:
 - Approximately \$1,000 to the Department of Administrative Services for vehicle repairs.
 - Approximately \$2,000 to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for vehicle repairs.
- Approximately \$8,000 in emergency allocations previously approved for the DPS was reverted back to the State Treasury.
- The Council also approved approximately \$12,000 for the payment of cost items for the following purposes:
 - Approximately \$4,000 to the Department of Natural Resources for damage assessments.
 - Approximately \$8,000 to various law firms for legal fees.

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

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