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## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — MARCH 6, 2023**

**Meeting.** The Executive Council met on Monday, March 6, 2023. The following are agenda items approved by the Council:

- The Council approved the minutes from the Executive Council meeting held on January 23, 2023.
- The Council approved the following requests from Dennis Harper, Recovery Division Administrator, for the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management:
  - An allocation in the amount of approximately \$2.5 million pursuant to Iowa Code section <u>29C.6</u>(17) for Presidential Disaster Declaration <u>DR 4483-IA</u> (Coronavirus Disaster 2019, January 20, 2020, and continuing).
  - Hazard mitigation financial assistance in the amount of approximately \$221,000 pursuant to lowa Code section 29C.7 for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program.
- The Council approved three requests from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, totaling approximately \$30,000 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 two requests from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for retention of outside counsel at a rate of \$160 per hour pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3 for workers' compensation cases filed by State employees.
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, on behalf
  of the Department of Revenue to expend \$175,000 to cover potential expenses for the third quarter of
  FY 2023 from the Litigation Expense Fund.
- The Council approved emergency and supplemental emergency allocations totaling approximately \$3.0 million for the following purposes:
  - Approximately \$100 to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for repair costs to various wildlife management areas within the Great Lakes Wildlife Unit as a result of flooding.
  - Approximately \$14,000 to the DNR for repair costs at Odessa Wildlife Management Area in Louisa County as a result of flooding.
  - Approximately \$408,000 to the DNR for repair costs at Red Haw State Park as a result of a tornado.
  - Approximately \$4,000 to the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) for repair costs at the intersection of Plank Road and High Street in Lee County as a result of a cut cable.
  - Approximately \$16,000 to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for vehicle repairs.
  - Approximately \$560,000 to the Iowa Veterans Home for repair costs as a result of extreme weather damage to roofs, buildings, trees, and the Veterans Cemetery.
  - \$2.0 million to Iowa State University for repair costs at Ross Hall as a result of a fire.
- The Council approved the payment of cost items totaling approximately \$808,000 for the following purposes:
  - Approximately \$4,000 to the DNR for repair costs as a result of flood damage.
  - Approximately \$18,000 to the DAS for vehicle repairs.
  - Approximately \$25,000 to the Department of Public Safety for vehicle repairs.
  - Approximately \$442,000 to the Department of Human Services for repair costs to the Woodward Resource Center as a result of storm damage.
  - Approximately \$5,000 to the ICN for repair costs as a result of a derecho.
  - Approximately \$40,000 to the Board of Regents University of Iowa for repair costs to the Lindquist Center as a result of damage caused by a sewer backup.

- Approximately \$247,000 to the Board of Regents University of Iowa to repair the Main Library as a result of water damage.
- Approximately \$21,000 to the Board of Regents University of Iowa to repair the Sciences Library as a result of water damage.
- Approximately \$15,000 to the Board of Regents University of Iowa to repair Hawkeye Tennis
  and Recreation Complex as a result of snow and ice damage.
- Approximately \$3,000 from the Attorney General's Office's Forfeiture Fund for special counsel.
- Approximately \$2,000 from Iowa PBS for legal fees.
- Approximately \$5,000 from the Second Injury Fund for legal fees.
- Approximately \$5,000 from the General Fund for legal fees.
- Approximately \$600 from the DNR for legal services.
- Approximately \$100 from the lowa Department of Revenue (IDR) for legal services.
- The Council took note of the following information items:
  - Funds previously allocated to the Iowa State Fair to cover damages to the Administration Building are not required. Approximately \$7,000 will be reverted.
  - Funds previously allocated to the Department of Corrections Iowa Medical and Classification Center for the emergency replacement of the main facility boiler are not all needed.
     Approximately \$21,000 will be reverted.

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