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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Meeting. The Executive Council met on Monday, November 6, 2023. The following are agenda items acted on by the Council:

- The Council approved the minutes from the Executive Council meeting held on October 2, 2023.
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, to distribute moneys from the [Civil Reparations Trust Fund](#).
- The Council approved a request from Dennis Harper, Recovery Division Administrator for the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to allocate \$448,000 pursuant to Iowa Code section [29C.7](#) for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program. Federal financial assistance was granted to the Program on September 23, 2023.
- The Council authorized a request from Nate Ristow, Administrative Rules Coordinator for the Office of the Governor, to file several Notices of Intended Action for rulemakings that resulted from [Executive Order 10](#) (Red Tape Review).
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for a payment of \$46,000 in expenses pursuant to Iowa Code section [7D.10](#).
- The Council approved a request 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 four workers' compensation cases filed by State employees.
- The Council approved a request from the Iowa Department of Revenue to expend \$120,000 from the Litigation Expense Fund to cover potential expenses for the second quarter of FY 2024.
- The Council approved emergency allocations totaling approximately \$714,000 for the following purposes:
 - \$36,000 to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for vehicle repairs.
 - \$17,000 to the DPS for repair costs to the radome covers on the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) communication tower in Sioux County.
 - \$14,000 to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for vehicle repairs.
 - \$32,000 to the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) for repair costs to damaged cables.
 - \$183,000 to the Board of Regents (BOR) for repair costs to various buildings at the University of Iowa.
 - \$394,000 to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for various repair costs.
 - \$38,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for repair costs to the Woodward Resource Center for damage caused by the August 10, 2020, derecho.
- The Council approved the payment of cost items totaling approximately \$320,000 for the following purposes:
 - \$32,000 to the DAS for vehicle repairs.
 - \$34,000 to the DAS for repair costs to the Hoover building as a result of storm damage.
 - \$85,000 to the DPS for vehicle repairs.
 - \$139,000 to the DNR for drainage assessments pursuant to Iowa Code section [468.43](#).
 - \$3,000 to the Department of Cultural Affairs for repair costs to the Western Historic Trails Center.
 - \$7,000 from Iowa PBS for legal fees.
 - \$10,000 from the General Fund for legal fees.
 - \$1,000 from the Attorney General's Office's Forfeiture Fund for legal fees.
 - \$4,000 from the Unclaimed Property Fund for legal fees.

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- \$100 from the Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR) for legal services to State agencies on issues related to the visa status of prospective State employees.
 - \$5,000 from the Second Injury Fund for legal services.
 - The Council took note of the following items:
 - The Litigation Expense Fund had a balance of \$476,000 at the end of FY 2023.
 - Notification from the State Auditor's Office that funds previously allocated to the DPS to cover damages due to wind at the Buchanan and Allamakee ISICS communication towers on July 23, 2022, are not required; \$33,000 will be reverted and the allocation closed.
 - Notification from the State Auditor's Office that funds previously allocated to the DPS to cover damages due to wind at the Marshalltown and Grundy ISICS communication towers on May 1, 2022, are not required; \$16,000 will be reverted and the allocation closed.

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