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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — APRIL 1, 2024

Meeting. The Executive Council met on Monday, April 1, 2024. The following are agenda items approved by the Council:

- The Council approved the meeting minutes for the Executive Council meeting held on March 4, 2024.
- The Council approved the Attorney General's Office request for payment of expenses of approximately \$29,000 pursuant to Iowa Code section [7D.10](#).
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for the retention of special counsel at a rate between \$485 and \$805 per hour pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.7](#) to represent the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) in arbitration proceedings seeking approximately \$20.0 million from two Medicare Advantage payors for purported underpayments associated with drugs eligible for [304B](#) reimbursement. Attorney fees and costs will be paid from the UIHC Hospital Administration Fund.
- The Council approved a lease between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and CE Industries Nitrogen, LLC. The lease is for a part of the bed of the Missouri River in Woodbury County for the purpose of operation and maintenance of the pump house, well, bridge, and other structures located on the leased premises, barge unloading, and any related or incidental uses thereof. The lease will run from August 7, 2023, to December 31, 2027, and the annual fee of the lease is approximately \$3,000.
- The Council approved a lease between the DNR and Holcim Cement. The lease is for a portion of the sovereign bed of the Mississippi River in Scott County for the purpose of bulk barge loading and unloading of cement. The lease will run from September 1, 2023, to December 31, 2027, and the annual fee of the lease is approximately \$7,800.
- The Council approved payment of cost items totaling approximately \$19,000 for the following:
 - \$9,000 from the General Fund for legal fees.
 - \$5,000 from the Attorney General's Office's Forfeiture Fund for legal fees.
 - \$4,000 from the Second Injury Fund for legal fees.
 - \$1,000 from Iowa PBS for legal fees.

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