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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — AUGUST 5, 2024

Meeting. The Executive Council met on Monday, August 5, 2024. The following are agenda items approved by the Council:

- The Council approved the meeting minutes for the Executive Council meeting held on July 15, 2024.
- The Council approved a request from Dennis Harper, Recovery Division Administrator, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to allocate approximately \$56.9 million pursuant to Iowa Code section [29C.6\(17\)](#) for Presidential Disaster Declarations FEMA-4779-DR, FEMA-4784-DR, FEMA-4796-DR.
- The Council approved a request from the Attorney General's Office, for payment of expenses of approximately \$43,000 pursuant to Iowa Code section [7D.10](#).
- The Council approved 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\(1\)](#) for workers' compensation cases filed by State employees.
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for the retention of special counsel at a rate of \$60 per hour pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.7](#) to the State of Iowa in criminal appeals cases for a six-month duration, with a renewal option. Costs are to be paid from the Forfeiture Fund.
- The Council approved a lease between Cargill and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The lease is for a portion of the bed of the Mississippi River in Scott County, Iowa, for the purpose of barge loading and unloading. The lease will run from May 1, 2023, through December 31, 2027, and the annual fee is approximately \$9,000.
- The Council approved emergency allocations totaling approximately \$205,000 for the following:
 - \$140,000 to the Iowa Department of Administrative Services for vehicle repairs.
 - \$11,000 to the Iowa State Fair for repair costs for lightning-damaged communication equipment.
 - \$35,000 to the Board of Regents — University of Iowa for repair costs to the Medical Research Building for fire damage.
 - \$9,500 to the Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS) for repair costs to the Dubuque Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) communications tower for a storm-damaged radome cover.
 - \$9,500 to the DPS for repair costs to the Holy Cross ISICS communications tower for a storm-damaged radome cover.
- The Council approved the payment of cost items totaling approximately \$17,000 for the following:
 - \$130 from the Iowa PBS for legal fees.
 - \$2,000 to the DNR for drainage assessments pursuant to Iowa Code section [468.43](#).
 - \$7,000 from the Iowa Department of Revenue for legal fees.
 - \$3,000 from the Attorney General's Office's Forfeiture Fund for legal fees.
 - \$1,000 from the Unclaimed Property Fund for legal fees.
 - \$4,000 from the Second Injury Fund for legal fees.
- The Council took note of the following information items:
 - The Muscatine Louisa Drainage District made its sixth contingency loan payment of approximately \$9,000. The loan was approved for approximately \$188,000 on June 3, 2019, and is prorated not to exceed 20 years. Total repayment to date is approximately \$56,000.
 - Quarterly status update of disaster aid allocations pursuant to Iowa Code section [29C.20](#).

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