
FISCAL UPDATE Article

Fiscal Services Division

December 16, 2024



Ground Floor, State Capitol Building

Des Moines, Iowa 50319

515.281.3566

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — DECEMBER 2, 2024

Meeting. The Executive Council met on Monday, December 2, 2024. The Council approved the following agenda items:

- The Council approved the meeting minutes from the November 4, 2024, meeting.
- The Council approved a request from Dennis Harper, Recovery Division Administrator, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in the amount of approximately \$1.2 million pursuant to Iowa Code section [29C.7](#), regarding the Flood Mitigation Assistance Swift Current ([FMA SC 2023](#)) federal financial assistance awarded September 25, 2024.
- The Council approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, 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 payment of expenses of approximately \$33,000 pursuant to Iowa Code section [7D.10](#).
- The Council approved requests from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for the 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 \$765 per hour pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.7](#) to provide legal services for the Treasurer of State's (TOS's) Office, Unclaimed Property Division, regarding the disposition of unclaimed property. Attorney fees and costs are to be paid from the Unclaimed Property Fund.
- The Council approved emergency allocations totaling approximately \$879,000 for the following:
 - \$263,000 to the Board of Regents — Iowa State University for repair costs at Marston Hall due to fire damage.
 - \$43,000 to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for repair costs at the Jessie Parker Building due to damages from a ruptured water line.
 - \$15,000 to the DAS for vehicle repair costs.
 - \$5,000 to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for repair costs at the Lower Gar State Recreation Area due to road damage caused by heavy rains.
 - \$400 to the DNR for repair costs at the Fairport State Recreation Area due to flood damage.
 - \$1,000 to the DNR for repair costs to a stone entrance damaged by snowfall at the Maquoketa Caves State Park.
 - \$495,000 to the DNR for repair costs at the Red Haw State Park due to tornado damages.
 - \$40,000 to the DNR for repair costs to a septic tank damaged by drought conditions at the Wapsipinicon State Park.
 - \$18,000 to the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) for equipment repair costs in Adams County due to excessive erosion.
- The Council approved payment of cost items totaling approximately \$520,000 for the following:
 - \$10,000 to the DAS for vehicle repair costs.
 - \$3,000 to the DNR for repair costs to a damaged log cabin roof caused by a fallen tree at the Ambrose A. Call State Park.
 - \$13,000 to the DNR for repair costs at Loess Hills State Forest due to wildfire damage.
 - \$6,000 to the DNR for repair costs at the Wildcat Den State Park as a result of damage caused by a winter storm.
 - \$262,000 to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for repair costs to various Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) communication towers due to weather damage.

- \$188,000 to the ICN for various cable repair costs.
- \$200 from the Department of Revenue (IDR) Fund for legal fees.
- \$1,000 from the Department of Transportation for legal fees.
- \$9,000 from the Unclaimed Property Fund for legal fees.
- \$5,000 from the Attorney General's Office's Forfeiture Fund for legal fees.
- \$12,000 from the General Fund for legal fees.
- \$3,000 from Iowa PBS for legal fees.
- \$9,000 from the Second Injury Fund for legal fees.
- The Council took note of the following information items:
 - The city of Volga made its fifth contingency loan payment of approximately \$2,000. The loan was approved for approximately \$31,000 on November 5, 2020, and is prorated not to exceed 20 years. Total repayment to date is approximately \$8,000.
 - There was notification from the DNR that funds previously allocated for Palo Alto drainage taxes have been canceled and approximately \$2.8 million will be reverted.
 - The schedule for the Executive Council meetings for calendar year 2025 has been released.

LSA Staff Contact: Joey Lovan (515.242.5925) joey.lovan@legis.iowa.gov

Doc ID 1518036