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## FISCAL UPDATE Article

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### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — JULY 21, 2025

**Meeting.** The Executive Council met on Monday, July 21, 2025. The Council approved the following agenda items:

- Minutes from the Council meeting held on July 7, 2025.
- A request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for the retention of outside counsel at a rate of \$175 per hour pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.3\(1\)](#) for a workers' compensation case filed by a State employee.
- A request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for the retention of special counsel at a rate between \$465 and \$485 per hour pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.7](#) to represent an Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officer in matter *Damer v. Gelly* in the Circuit Court for Macomb County, Michigan.
- 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 represent the Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC) in matters relating to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) authority over projects approved or authorized by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO).
- A lease between the DNR and Lucila Marquette. The lease is for a septic leach field in Fayette County. The lease runs from August 1, 2023, through December 31, 2027. The annual fee of the lease is \$224 with cumulative Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments in 2026 and 2027.
- A lease between the DNR and Guardian Holdings, LLC. The lease is for commercial use of two moorings, a concrete platform, and steel sheet pile retention walls in Scott County. The lease runs from December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2029. The annual fee of the lease is approximately \$1,300.
- Emergency allocations totaling approximately \$2.1 million for the following purposes:
  - \$77,000 to the Board of Regents (BOR) University of Iowa for repair costs to the University Capitol Centre for damage caused by a water pipe break.
  - \$163,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for repair costs to the storm-damaged roof at the Landry Building.
  - \$1.5 million to the DNR for repair costs to multiple wildlife management areas in Scott, Jackson, and Louisa counties damaged by flooding.
  - \$3,000 to the Department of Corrections (DOC) in Mitchellville for repair costs to damage caused by a pipe break.
  - \$183,000 to the Department of Veterans Affairs for repair costs to the Dack Building for damage caused by fire and water.
  - \$123,000 to the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) for repair costs to damaged equipment in multiple counties.
  - \$3,000 to Iowa PBS for repair costs to the HVAC system damaged by lightning.
  - \$61,000 to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for vehicle repair costs.
- Payment of cost items totaling \$289,000 for the following purposes:
  - \$15,000 to the DNR for repair costs to a gate and trail system at the Preparation Canyon State Park.
  - \$5,000 to the ICN for cable repair costs for damage from excessive erosion.
  - \$19,000 to the DAS for vehicle repair costs.
  - \$198,000 to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for repair costs to multiple Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communication System (ISICS) communication towers.

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- \$40,000 to the DPS for repair costs for equipment damaged by vandalism.
  - \$950 from Iowa PBS for legal fees.
  - \$3,000 from the Unclaimed Property Fund for legal fees.
  - \$225 from the Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR) Fund for legal fees.
  - \$6,000 from the General Fund for legal fees.
  - \$3,000 from the Second Injury Fund for legal fees.
  - A request from Mashal Husain, President of the World Food Prize, for permission for the World Food Prize Foundation to serve wine at the Laureate Award Ceremony reception held at the Iowa State Capitol on October 23, 2025, as part of the annual Laureate Award Ceremony pursuant to Iowa Code section [7D.16](#).
  - The Council took note of the following information items:
    - The IDR's fourth quarter status update of the Litigation Expense Fund.
    - The Status of State aid allocations quarterly update pursuant to Iowa Code section [29C.20](#).

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