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## FISCAL UPDATE Article

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### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — AUGUST 4, 2025

**Meeting.** The Executive Council met on Monday, August 4, 2025. The Council approved the following agenda items:

- Minutes from the Council meeting held on July 21, 2025.
- A request from Dennis Harper, Recovery Division Administrator, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, for resolution of funds in the amount of approximately \$886,000 pursuant to Iowa Code sections [29C.20A](#) and [29C.20B](#) regarding the Governor's proclamation of a state of disaster emergency for Crawford, Harrison, Monona, and Woodbury counties.
- A request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for payment of expenses pursuant to Iowa Code section [7D.10](#) in the amount of approximately \$42,000.
- 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 on a contingent-fee basis pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.7](#) to represent the State with respect to investigations into and possible litigation of retention of moneys due to the State by refund aggregators affiliated with pharmacy benefits managers that do business with the State.
- A lease between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Cargill, Inc. The lease is for a dock for commercial barge loading and unloading in Scott County. The lease runs from March 1, 2025, through February 28, 2030. The annual fee of the lease is approximately \$5,000.
- A lease between the DNR and WME Holding Company, previously approved between the DNR and River Trading Company, LTD. The lease is for a dock for barge loading and unloading in Muscatine County. The lease runs from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2027. The annual fee of the lease is \$3,000.
- Emergency allocations totaling approximately \$120,000 for the following purposes:
  - \$15,000 to the DNR for repair costs to Lake Anita State Park for fire damage.
  - \$49,000 to the Department of Corrections for repair costs to the Newton Correctional Facility for damage and loss of items from a lightning strike.
  - \$56,000 to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for vehicle repair costs.
- Payment of cost allocations totaling approximately \$138,000 for the following purposes:
  - \$95,000 to the Department of Public Safety for repair costs to an Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System communication tower damaged by a tornado.
  - \$9,000 to the DNR for repair costs to two buildings at Beeds Lake State Park damaged by high winds and a fallen tree.
  - \$9,000 to the DNR for repair costs to a light pole at Stone State Park.
  - \$25,000 to the DAS for vehicle repairs.
  - \$900 from the Second Injury Fund for legal fees.
- The Council received an informational item regarding a notification from the Auditor of State that funds previously allocated for the DAS to cover a vehicle damaged during a blizzard on March 5, 2025, are not required. Approximately \$21,000 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

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