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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — OCTOBER 6, 2025

Meeting. The Executive Council met on Monday, October 6, 2025. The Council took action on the following agenda items:

- Approved the minutes from the Council meeting held on September 2, 2025.
- Approved 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 \$52,000.
- Approved 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 two workers' compensation cases filed by State employees.
- Approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for retention of multiple firms for special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.7](#) regarding the business practices of General Motors and various contracting partners regarding data privacy.
- Approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for retention of special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 regarding the business practices of GPD Holdings, LLC, d/b/a CoinFlip.
- Approved emergency allocations totaling approximately \$936,000 for the following purposes:
 - \$86,000 to the Iowa State Fair for repairing damage to the grounds, buildings, equipment, and campgrounds due to high winds and heavy rain.
 - \$2,000 to the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) for repair costs to a generator at Northeast Iowa Community College.
 - \$202,000 to the ICN for repair costs to Network Operations Center equipment damaged by storms at the Iowa National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters.
 - \$273,000 to the Department of Veterans Affairs for repair costs to an exterior wall of a dispatch building damaged during a derecho.
 - \$51,000 to the Department of Public Safety for repair costs to multiple Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System communication towers damaged by severe storms.
 - \$4,000 to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for repair costs to a maintenance shed at Shimek State Forest damaged by severe storms.
 - \$75,000 to the DNR for repair costs to the Manchester Fish Hatchery, damaged by strong winds.
 - \$3,000 to the DNR for repair costs to cabin nine at Backbone State Park due to lightning damage.
 - \$4,000 to the DNR for repair costs to the Cedar Rock Park Shop and trees that were damaged by high winds and severe storms.
 - \$4,000 to the DNR for repair costs to water patrol boat hoists at Clear Lake damaged by strong winds.
 - \$5,000 to the DNR for repair costs to drywall at the Fort Atkinson Museum damaged by honeybees.
 - \$5,000 to the DNR for repair costs to a shelter at Lake Macbride State Park damaged by a tree branch.
 - \$60,000 to the DNR for repair costs for damage caused by wind storms at the Loess Hills State Forest and the Preparation Canyon State Park.
 - \$23,000 to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for repair costs to the Centennial Building for damage caused by fire.
 - \$2,000 to the DAS for repair costs to the Iowa Laboratories Facility for damage caused by a storm.

- \$34,000 to the DAS for repair costs to the Iowa State Capitol building for damage caused by a water main break.
- \$101,000 to the DAS for vehicle repair costs.
- Approved payment of cost items totaling approximately \$284,000 for the following purposes:
 - \$6,000 to the ICN for repair costs to maintenance splice locations in Buchanan County for damage caused by brush fire.
 - \$16,000 to the ICN for repair costs for cable damage caused by erosion and rodents in Franklin County.
 - \$29,000 to the Department of Corrections for repair costs to the North Central Correctional Facility buildings and equipment for damage caused by sewage backup and failed pumps.
 - \$70,000 to the DAS for vehicle repair costs.
 - \$143,000 to the DNR for drainage assessments pursuant to Iowa Code section [468.43](#).
 - \$5,000 from the Iowa Department of Revenue for legal fees.
 - \$2,000 from Iowa PBS for legal fees.
 - \$6,000 from the General Fund for legal fees.
 - \$500 from the Unclaimed Property Fund for legal fees.
 - \$6,000 from the Second Injury Fund for legal fees.
- Approved a request from the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS) for reimbursement for federal-state agreement administration costs in the amount of approximately \$6,000.

The Council also took notice of the following information items:

- A notification from the Auditor of State's Office that funds previously allocated for the ICN to cover damages to Iowa Central Community College's generator on April 29, 2025, are not required. Approximately \$16,000 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
- The city of Seymour made its ninth contingency loan payment of \$17,000. The loan was approved for a total of approximately \$285,000 on May 8, 2017, and is prorated not to exceed 20 years. The total repayment to date is approximately \$96,000.
- The World Food Prize Foundation will not be hosting the 2025 World Food Prize Laureate Award Ceremony and Reception at the Iowa State Capitol Building on October 23, 2025, and will not be serving wine as previously approved by the Council on July 21, 2025.

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