
FISCAL UPDATE Article

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — JANUARY 5, 2026

Meeting. The Executive Council met on Monday, January 5, 2026. The Council took action on the following agenda items:

- Approved the minutes from the Council meeting held on December 1, 2025.
- Approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for payment of expenses pursuant to Iowa Code section [7D.10](#) of approximately \$31,000.
- Approved two requests 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 workers' compensation cases filed by State employees.
- Approved emergency allocations totaling approximately \$232,000 for the following:
 - \$79,000 to the Board of Regents (BOR) — University of Iowa for repair costs to the Hygienic Laboratory for water damage.
 - \$5,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services for repair costs to Eldora Training School for lightning damage.
 - \$500 to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for repair costs to Lake Macbride State Park for damage to a shelter caused by a fallen tree branch.
 - \$24,000 to the Department of Corrections (DOC) for repair costs to a Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) training room for damage caused by mold.
 - \$15,000 to the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) for repair costs to equipment exposed by excessive erosion in Palo Alto County.
 - \$23,000 to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for cable repair costs in Webster County.
 - \$85,000 to the DAS for vehicle repair costs.
- Approved payment of cost items totaling approximately \$187,000 for the following:
 - \$77,000 to the BOR for repair costs to the University Capitol Centre for pipe damage.
 - \$3,000 to the DAS for vehicle repair costs.
 - \$3,000 to the DNR for repair costs to the Backbone State Park for a cabin damaged by lightning.
 - \$4,000 to the DNR for repair costs to the Clear Lake Water Patrol Boat Hoist for damage caused by a windstorm.
 - \$4,000 to the DNR for repair costs to the Elk Rock State Park Campground equipment shed for damage caused by a break-in.
 - \$15,000 to the DNR for repair costs to Lake Anita State Park for damage caused by a mower fire.
 - \$43,000 to the DNR for repair costs to the Loess Hills State Forest building for damage caused by a hailstorm.
 - \$27,000 to the DNR for repair costs to Red Rock Wildlife Management Area for damage to the swan refuge caused by flooding.
 - \$770 from Iowa PBS for legal fees.
 - \$6,000 from the General Fund for legal fees.
 - \$3,000 from the Second Injury Fund for legal fees.

Information Item. The Council took note of an information item regarding the Civil Reparations Trust Fund Agreement. Approximately \$330,000 will be transferred to Iowa Legal Aid. This is the final payment.

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