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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — APRIL 6, 2026

Meeting. The Executive Council met on Monday, April 6, 2026. The Council took action on the following agenda items:

- Approved the minutes from the Council meeting held on March 2, 2026.
- Approved a request from Dennis Harper, Recovery Division Administrator, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, for a contingency fund loan for the city of Portsmouth.
- Approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for a payment of expenses pursuant to Iowa Code section [7D.10](#) for approximately \$34,000.
- Approved three 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 a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for retention of special counsel on a contingent fee basis pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.7](#) to represent the State regarding possible litigation of business practices of Institutional Shareholder Services.
- Approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for retention of special counsel on a contingent fee basis pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to represent the State regarding possible litigation of business practices of Meta.
- Approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for retention of special counsel on a contingent fee basis pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to represent the State regarding possible litigation of business practices of PDD Holdings and Whaleco, Inc., doing business as Temu.
- Approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for retention of special counsel at a standard hourly rate after applying a 10.0% discount for attorney offices located in Iowa pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to provide legal advice to the Treasurer of State (TOS) on issues in connection with the duties of the office related to banking, investments, and finance.
- Approved a lease between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and American River Transportation Co., LLC. The lease is for barge fleetting in Dubuque County. The lease runs from March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2031. The annual fee of the lease is approximately \$16,000.
- Approved a lease between the DNR and Leonard Verbeck. The lease is for a driveway, a retaining wall, a portion of a house, a portion of a deck, and a liquid propane tank in Clayton County. The lease runs from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030. The annual fee of the lease is \$327.
- Approved a lease between the DNR and Hans and Bernice Willadsen. The lease is for shed purposes in Dickinson County. The lease runs from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2031. The annual fee of the lease is \$283.
- Approved emergency allocations of approximately \$1.8 million for the following:
 - \$9,000 to the Iowa Veterans Home for repair costs to burst water lines.
 - \$59,000 to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for repair costs to Iowa Statewide Interoperability Communications System (ISICS) communication towers throughout the State.
 - \$11,000 to the Department of Corrections (DOC) for repair costs for damage caused by sewage backup at the North Central Correctional Facility.
 - \$123,000 to the DOC for repair costs for a damaged air conditioner at the Anamosa State Penitentiary.
 - \$85,000 to the DNR for repair costs for flood damage at Rock Creek State Park.

- \$1.1 million to the DNR for repair costs for damage caused by drought conditions at Lewis and Clark State Park.
- \$76,000 to the DNR for repair costs for ice damage at Lake Macbride State Park.
- \$173,000 to the DNR for repair costs for damage caused by flooding at Great Lakes and Prairie Lakes wildlife units.
- \$48,000 to the Board of Regents (BOR) for repair costs for damage to an HVAC system hot water pump at Trowbridge Hall.
- \$130,000 to the BOR for repair costs for fire damage at the University of Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories Building.
- \$23,000 to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for vehicle repair costs.
- Approved payment of cost allocations of approximately \$548,000 for the following:
 - \$40 to the DNR for drainage assessments pursuant to Iowa Code section [468.43](#).
 - \$24,000 to the BOR for repair costs to the Field House in Iowa City due to water damage.
 - \$10,000 to the BOR for repair costs to the 1120 East Court Street building in Iowa City due to burst pipes.
 - \$5,000 to the BOR for repair costs to the dock at Lakeside Labs due to flood damage.
 - \$86,000 to the BOR for repair costs to the Myriad Technology Plaza due to damaged pipes.
 - \$37,000 to the DAS for vehicle repairs.
 - \$308,000 to the BOR for repair costs to the Pappajohn Business Building due to water damage.
 - \$39,000 to the BOR for repair costs for hot water pipe damage.
 - \$27,000 to the DPS for repair costs to an ISICS communication tower.
 - \$362 from the Iowa PBS for legal fees.
 - \$6,000 from the General Fund for legal fees.
 - \$5,000 from the Second Injury Fund for legal fees.

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