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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — AUGUST 3, 2026

Meeting. The Executive Council (Council) met on Monday, August 3, 2026, and took action on the following agenda items:

- Approved the minutes from the Council meeting held on July 20, 2026.
- Approved a request from Dennis Harper, Recovery Division Administrator, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD), for a resolution of funds of approximately \$156,000 regarding a portion of actual expenses to administer Iowa Code sections [29C.20A](#) and [29C.20B](#) during State fiscal year (SFY) 2026.
- Approved a request from Harper for hazard mitigation financial assistance of approximately \$1.7 million for the Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund (STRLF) program pursuant to Iowa Code section [29C.7](#).
- Approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for payment of expenses of approximately \$54,000 pursuant to Iowa Code section [7D.10](#).
- 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 lease between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and John and Linda Thomsen. The lease is for the use of a gravel driveway in Creston. The lease runs from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030. The annual fee of the lease is approximately \$164.
- Approved emergency allocations of approximately \$1.0 million for the following repair costs:
 - \$7,500 to the Iowa State Fair for wireless access points, security cameras, and network switches damaged by a lightning strike.
 - \$51,000 to the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) for damaged cables.
 - \$55,000 to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for multiple damaged Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communication System (ISICS) towers across the State.
 - \$86,000 to the Department of Corrections (DOC) for the Clarinda facility damaged by lightning strikes.
 - \$44,000 to the DNR for Stephens State Forest West Campground damaged during a severe storm.
 - \$25,000 to the DNR for a roof at the Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery damaged by severe wind.
 - \$6,000 to the DNR for a damaged floor at the Rathbun Fish Hatchery.
 - \$227,000 to the DNR for McIntosh State Park damaged by a severe storm.
 - \$12,000 to the DNR for Lake Ahquabi State Park damaged by a severe storm.
 - \$5,000 to the DNR for a deck at George Wyth State Park damaged by theft.
 - \$37,000 to the DNR for Clear Lake State Park damaged by a severe storm.
 - \$33,000 to the DNR for Big Creek State Park damaged by a severe storm.
 - \$282,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for a canteen roof and fire detection system damaged by a severe storm.
 - \$36,000 to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for wind and flood damage to the Centennial Building.
 - \$95,000 to the DAS for vehicle repair costs.
- Approved payment of cost items of approximately \$112,000 for the following:
 - \$65,000 to the DPS for repair costs to multiple ISICS towers across the State.
 - \$26,000 to the DAS for vehicle repair costs.

- \$6,000 from the State Fish and Game Protection Fund for legal fees.
- \$950 from Iowa PBS for legal fees.
- \$7,000 from the General Fund for legal fees.
- \$8,000 from the Second Injury Fund for legal fees.
- The Council received an information item regarding a notification from the Auditor of State's (AOS's) Office that funds previously allocated for the DAS for vehicle repair costs are not required. Approximately \$9,000 will be reverted and the allocation closed.

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