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Fiscal Services Division

Fiscal Update Article

Executive Council Meeting — October 5, 2026

October 20, 2026

Meeting

The Executive Council (Council) met on Monday, October 5, 2026, and took action on the following agenda items:

- Approved the minutes from the Council meeting held on September 8, 2026.
- Approved a request from Dennis Harper, Recovery Division Administrator, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD), for disaster aid of approximately \$819,000 pursuant to Iowa Code section [29C.6\(17\)](#) for Presidential Disaster Declarations ([FEMA-4942-DR](#)).
- Approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for payment of expenses of approximately \$37,000 pursuant to Iowa Code section [7D.10](#).
- Approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for retention of outside counsel at a rate of \$175 per hour pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.3](#) for a workers' compensation case filed by a State employee.
- Approved a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for retention of special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.7](#) at a rate of \$650 per hour to represent the University of Iowa regarding a lawsuit filed by the city of Coralville.
- Approved emergency allocations of approximately \$1.8 million for the following repair costs:
 - \$12,000 to the Iowa State Fair for damage caused by severe storms.
 - \$81,000 to the Board of Regents (BOR) for damages to multiple buildings at the University of Iowa.
 - \$688,000 to the BOR for the Warren Madden Building, which was damaged by frozen pipes.
 - \$85,000 to the Department of Public Safety for damage to multiple Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) towers.
 - \$48,000 to the Department of Corrections (DOC) for sewer damage.
 - \$371,000 to the DOC for damage at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville.
 - \$6,000 to the DOC for carpet repairs in the Correctional Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Training Room.
 - \$344,000 to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for damage to multiple State parks and wildlife areas.
 - \$138,000 to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for vehicle repairs.
- Approved payment of cost items of approximately \$601,000 for the following:
 - \$129,000 to the DNR for drainage assessments pursuant to Iowa Code section [468.43](#).
 - \$12,000 to the DAS for repair costs for damage at the Iowa State Fairgrounds.
 - \$7,000 to the Iowa State Fair for repair costs for wireless access points, security cameras, and network switches that were damaged by lightning.

- \$233,000 to the DOC for repair costs to multiple facilities.
- \$93,000 to the DNR for repair costs for damage to multiple State parks.
- \$112,000 to the DAS for vehicle repairs.
- \$1,500 from Iowa PBS for legal fees.
- \$7,000 from the General Fund for legal fees.
- \$7,000 from the Second Injury Fund for legal fees.
- The Council took note of the following information items:
 - A notification from the Auditor of State's (AOS's) Office that funds allocated to the DAS for vehicle damage are no longer needed. Approximately \$9,000 will be reverted, and the allocation will be closed.
 - The city of Seymour made its tenth contingency loan payment of approximately \$17,000. The loan was approved for approximately \$285,000 on May 8, 2017, and is prorated not to exceed 20 years. The total repayment to date is approximately \$113,000.

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