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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — NOVEMBER 6, 2017

Meeting. The Executive Council (Council) met on Monday, November 6, 2017. The following are highlighted agenda items approved by the Council:

- The Council unanimously approved a request by the Department of Natural Resources to enter into a five-year lease between the Department and Tallgrass Apartments, LLC, of Sioux Center. The lease will expire on December 31, 2021, and requires an annual fee of \$300.
- The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requested the Council approve retention of outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.3\(1\)](#) for the workers' compensation case *Kareem A. Duckett v. Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility, State of Iowa, and Second Injury Fund of Iowa*. The Council unanimously agreed to hire Patterson Law Firm, LLP of Des Moines at a rate of \$120 per hour.
- A total of approximately \$90,000 was unanimously approved for payment of various requested emergency allocations. This includes a payment of approximately \$27,000 requested by the Department of Corrections to cover repair costs for damage sustained at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility as a result of recent inclement weather.
- The Council also unanimously approved payment of various cost items totaling approximately \$127,500. This includes a payment of approximately \$42,600 to the Iowa Communications Network to repair cable damaged at multiple locations in Winneshiek and Allamakee counties due to flooding, and a payment of approximately \$37,300 from the Tobacco Settlement Authority Fund.

Additional Information. Additional information is available from the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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