
FISCAL UPDATE Article

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — NOVEMBER 20, 2017

Meeting. The Executive Council met on Monday, November 20, 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 Matteson Marine Service, Inc. The lease will expire on December 31, 2021, and requires an annual fee of \$5,327.
- The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requested the Council approve retention of special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section [13.7](#) regarding the University of Iowa in litigation matters related to [Title IX](#) of the [Civil Rights Act of 1964](#). The Council unanimously agreed to hire Husch Blackwell of Kansas City, Missouri, at a rate of \$305 per hour.
- A total of approximately \$47,800 was unanimously approved for payment of various requested emergency allocations. This includes a payment of approximately \$8,400 requested by the Department of Public Safety to cover costs necessary to repair damage to a State Patrol vehicle resulting from an accident involving a deer.
- The Council also unanimously approved payment of various cost items totaling approximately \$67,000. This includes a payment of approximately \$6,800 to Foley & Lardner, LLP, of Chicago, Illinois, to cover costs associated with legal advice to the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO). The payment will be made using OCIO funds. Additionally, the Council also unanimously approved a payment of approximately \$55,000 from the Tobacco Settlement Authority Fund.

Next Meeting. The Council will not meet on November 27, 2017. The next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2017.

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

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