
FISCAL UPDATE Article

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — APRIL 15, 2018

Meeting. The Executive Council met on Monday, April 16, 2018. The following are highlighted agenda items approved by the Council:

- Christy Niehaus, Chief Operating Officer of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), presented the Council with a request to approve an amendment to insurance services provided by Wellmark. Wellmark has added the provider UnityPoint to its Blue Distinction Total Care program. The DAS estimates that approximately 9,400 individuals will be affected by this change, which is intended to be cost-effective and result in lower plan prices. With Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald abstaining, the Council approved the request to amend the Blue Distinction Total Care program.
- The Council unanimously approved a request by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to enter into a five-year lease between the Department and AGREX, Inc. The lease will expire on April 30, 2023, and requires an annual fee of \$3,600. The Council also unanimously approved a lease between the DNR and Bruce A. Lorch, expiring on October 31, 2021. The annual fee is \$150.
- The Council also unanimously approved a total payment of approximately \$121,000 to cover the payment of multiple cost items, including a payment of approximately \$27,000 to cover storm damage to the Anamosa State Penitentiary and approximately \$31,400 to be paid by the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) for legal advice to the OCIO.

State Board of Canvass. Upon adjournment of the Executive Council meeting, the State Board of Canvass met to discuss the recent Special Election for State Senate District 25 held on April 10, 2018. The Senate seat in District 25 was left vacant after the resignation of former Senator Bill Dix, R-Shell Rock, and filled by former State legislator Annette Sweeney. The State Board of Canvass verified the Special Election results and voted unanimously to adopt the canvass of the votes as tabulated.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Executive Council has not been scheduled at this time.

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

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