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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — JULY 30, 2018

Meeting. The Executive Council met on Monday, July 30, 2018. The following are highlighted agenda items approved by the Council:

- On behalf of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Director Janet Phipps presented a request for approval of Annual Group Insurance Renewal rates beginning January 2019. A request for proposal was completed in early 2018 for the new health care contract, and out of three bidders, Wellmark was issued an intent to award beginning January 1, 2019. The new health care plan will continue to provide the same plan design and options as the previous plan, with a contract length of two years with four one-year renewal options. Projected 2019 claims are expected to rise by 1.0%, for a total of approximately \$332 million.

Additionally, Director Phipps also presented the renewal contract for dental insurance. Delta Dental will remain the provider of this service and premiums are expected to rise by 1.6% for all employees with the exception of State Police Officer's Council-covered employees, for whom the premium rate is expected to rise 3.6%. The new enrollment period will begin October 8, 2018, and run through November 9, 2018. The Council unanimously voted to approve the new Wellmark health care contract and renew the existing Delta Dental insurance contract.

- The Office of the Attorney General (AG) requested approval for payment pursuant to Iowa Code section [7D.10](#) for court costs and expenses incurred in prosecuting civil commitments under Iowa Code chapter [229A](#) for the sexually violent predator commitment program. The AG requested a total of approximately \$25,000 to cover costs related to expert witness fees. Additionally, the AG requested approval of a \$30,000 expenditure on behalf of the Department of Revenue. The payment will come from the Litigation Expense Fund and will be paid out in the first quarter of the 2019 fiscal year. The Council unanimously approved both of these requests.
- The Council approved a five-year lease between the Department of Natural Resources and Hendricks River Logistics, L.L.C., terminating on September 30, 2023. The annual lease fee is approximately \$22,500.
- Finally, the Council also unanimously approved payment of various cost items totaling approximately \$117,000, including a payment of approximately \$56,000 to Barnes and Thorne, L.L.P., of Chicago for legal services related to the Peregrine Financial Group (PFG) bankruptcy. The payment will be made by the University of Northern Iowa.

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

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