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November 3, 2025

Accounting Department
Office of the Treasurer
Lucas Building
321 E 12th Street
Des Moines, IA, 50319

The Executive Council, in a meeting held on this date, approved payment of the following cost items:

Marquess & Hoyer Law Office, P.C.....\$6,000.00
203 W. High Street
P.O. Box 51
Toledo, IA 52342
Criminal Prosecution for Meskwaki Settlement Matters

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Kristi Onstot

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Executive Secretary

BRENNA BIRD
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STEVEN BLANKINSHIP
CHIEF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL



1305 E. WALNUT ST.
DES MOINES, IA 50319
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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

October 27, 2025

Kristi Onstot
Executive Secretary
Executive Council
State Capitol
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Re: Payment of Claims for Fees by Special Counsel

Dear Kristi:

Our office requests Executive Council approval for payment of attorney fees in the amount of \$6,000.00. Under that Agreement, payment should be made to Michael Marquess for providing legal services.

The amount of the claim appears to be reasonable. We have reviewed both the billing and the Services Agreement and recommend payment. Payment should be made from the General Fund.

Sincerely,

Steven Blankinship
Chief Deputy Attorney General

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October 16, 2025

Mr. Steve Blankinship
Chief Deputy Attorney General
Attorney General Office-Hoover Bldg.
LOCAL

Re: Approval of attorney fees

Dear Mr. Blankinship:

I received the enclosed statement from Marquess Law Office, P.C. for the following fees:

Criminal Prosecution for Meskwaki Settlement Matters

Current balance	\$6,000.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$6,000.00 – 10/06 EC Meeting
Outstanding Total	\$6,000.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

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Acting Executive Secretary

Marquess Law Office, P.C.

203 W. High St., P.O. Box 51
Toledo, Iowa 52342
Phone: 6414841001
<https://www.mhlawia.com/>

Invoice # 4483
Date: 10/15/2025
Due On: 11/14/2025

Iowa Executive Council
Room 114
State Capitol
Des Moines, IA 50319

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Criminal Prosecution for Meskwaki Settlement Matters

Type	Date	Notes	Quantity	Rate	Total
Expense	10/15/2025	IA AG Flat Rate Fee: Flat rate fee for Prosecution of Non-Native individuals allegedly committing crimes on the Meskwaki Nation Settlement	1.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Non-billable entries					
Service	09/15/2025	IBARRA RODRIGUEZ: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/18/2025	SCHEIDLER: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/18/2025	BUGELEY: Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/18/2025	RAMIREZ: Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/18/2025	GRULKEY: Plea hearing.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/18/2025	SANCHEZ GONZALEZ: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/18/2025	WESTEN: Plea hearing.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/18/2025	UNG: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/18/2025	CHRISTENSEN: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/24/2025	ORDONEZ MARTINEZ: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/24/2025	BEDOLLA JAIMES: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/24/2025	DARLING: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/24/2025	AGUILAR TOLENTINO: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/24/2025	JOHNSON: Plea hearing.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/24/2025	KARR: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/24/2025	CALLAHAN: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00

Service	09/24/2025	BENHART: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/24/2025	WHISTLER: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/25/2025	RAMIREZ: Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/25/2025	PHILLIPS: Initial appearance.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/25/2025	MARES RODRIGUEZ: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/25/2025	VISEK: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/25/2025	WESTEN: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/25/2025	ZIMMERMAN: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	09/29/2025	ZIMMERMAN: Drafted and mailed letter to Maria Robinson	0.30	\$300.00	\$90.00
Service	10/03/2025	DUNCAN: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	10/03/2025	CLINTON: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	10/03/2025	DRONEBARGER: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Approving Trial Information.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	10/03/2025	ROGERS: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Approving Trial Information.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	10/07/2025	FARIAS MOREIRA: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	10/07/2025	KELSO: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Approving Trial Information; drafted and filed Motion to Dismiss and proposed Order. (Note: multiple cases merged into one)	1.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Service	10/08/2025	GOODMAN: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Approving Trial Information.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	10/09/2025	SANCHEZ GONZALEZ: Plea hearing.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	10/09/2025	RAMIREZ: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	10/09/2025	IBARRA RODRIGUEZ: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	10/09/2025	CAVANH: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	10/09/2025	PORTILLO RIVAS: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	10/09/2025	RODRIGUEZ GARCIA: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Approving Trial Information.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	10/13/2025	LEOVAN: Edited and filed Probation Discharge Report and proposed Orders.	0.30	\$300.00	\$90.00
Service	10/13/2025	RODRIGUEZ GARCIA: Drafted and filed Additional Minutes of Testimony.	0.20	\$300.00	\$60.00

Service	10/13/2025	COUGHENOUR: Edited and filed Probation Discharge Report and proposed Order.	0.30	\$300.00	\$90.00
Service	10/13/2025	RODGERS: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	10/15/2025	RAZO AGUILAR: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
				Total	\$6,000.00

Detailed Statement of Account

Other Invoices

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
4457	10/15/2025	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
4483	11/14/2025	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Outstanding Balance				\$12,000.00
Total Amount Outstanding				\$12,000.00

To pay your invoice, please feel free to use the QR code.

Payment due within 30 days of receipt.