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January 26, 2026

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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January 16, 2026

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	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$6,000.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Kristi Onstot

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Executive Secretary

Marquess Law Office, P.C.

203 W. High St., P.O. Box 51
Toledo, Iowa 52342
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Invoice # 4602
Date: 01/15/2026
Due On: 02/14/2026

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	01/15/2026	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	12/16/2025	PEREZ SANTOS: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	12/16/2025	ADZIMA: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	12/16/2025	BARRIENTOS: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	12/16/2025	SHORT: Edited and filed Appearance, Application for Probation Revocation, Report of Violation, and proposed Order Setting Hearing.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	12/17/2025	STEIL: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	12/17/2025	JOHNSON: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	12/18/2025	URBAN: Plea hearing.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	12/18/2025	BROWN: Plea hearing.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	12/18/2025	ROGERS, II: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	12/18/2025	MARES RODRIGUEZ: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	12/18/2025	SEDLACEK: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	12/18/2025	RUN-SAM: Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	12/18/2025	RODRIGUEZ GARCIA: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	12/18/2025	YARDLEY: Drafted and filed Appearance, Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00

Service	12/18/2025	FROIAS: Drafted and filed Appearance, Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	12/22/2025	SEDLACEK: Edited and filed Application for Recommitment After Bail, Report of Violation, and proposed Order to Issue Warrant.	0.20	\$300.00	\$60.00
Service	01/05/2026	FLECK: Edited and filed Application for Revocation of Pretrial Supervision and proposed Order.	0.30	\$300.00	\$90.00
Service	01/05/2026	SIMATOVICH: Reviewed and filed Probation Discharge Report and Probation Discharge Order.	0.20	\$300.00	\$60.00
Service	01/05/2026	SCHULTE: Reviewed and filed Probation Discharge Report and proposed Probation Discharge Order.	0.20	\$300.00	\$60.00
Service	01/05/2026	PERKINS: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	1.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Service	01/05/2026	JORDAN: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	1.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Service	01/05/2026	LAMPIGNANO: Drafted and filed Appearance, Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	1.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Service	01/05/2026	WILLIAMS: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	1.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Service	01/06/2026	FRANKLIN: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/06/2026	FORRESTER: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/06/2026	WHEELER: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/06/2026	CASTILLON: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/07/2026	RODRIGUEZ: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	1.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Service	01/08/2026	JOHNSON: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/08/2026	YARDLEY: Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/08/2026	STEIL: Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/08/2026	SHORT: Initial appearance.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/08/2026	IBARRA RODRIGUEZ: Plea hearing.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/08/2026	FROIAS: Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/08/2026	PORTILLO-RIVAS: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/08/2026	BEDOLLA JAIMES: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/08/2026	SALGADO: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/13/2026	STROM: Drafted and filed Appearance, Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00

Service	01/15/2026	RODRIGUEZ: Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/15/2026	SHORT: Initial appearance.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/15/2026	DRONEBARGER: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/15/2026	THURMAN: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/15/2026	BEDOLLA JAIMES: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/15/2026	CLINTON: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
				Total	\$6,000.00

Detailed Statement of Account

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
4602	02/14/2026	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Outstanding Balance				\$6,000.00
Total Amount Outstanding				\$6,000.00

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

Payment due within 30 days of receipt.