



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Teleconference Only

Monday, April 06, 2026 at 10:00 AM

MINUTES

The Executive Council met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. via conference call. Governor Kim Reynolds presided over the meeting. Treasurer of State Roby Smith, Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, Secretary of State Paul Pate and Auditor of State Rob Sand were present.

1. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Secretary Pate and seconded by Treasurer Smith that the Council approve of the minutes from the Executive Council meeting held on March 2, 2026.

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds
 Treasurer Smith
 Secretary Naig
 Secretary Pate
 Auditor Sand

Nays: None

2. Personal Appearances

Moved by Auditor Sand and seconded by Secretary Pate that the Council approve the following request:

- A. Dennis Harper, Recovery Division Administrator, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, was present to request a Contingency Fund Loan for the City of Portsmouth.

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds
 Treasurer Smith
 Secretary Naig
 Secretary Pate
 Auditor Sand

Nays: None

3. Iowa Code §7D.10

Moved by Auditor Sand and seconded by Treasurer Smith that the Council approve the following request:

- A. Attorney General's office requested Payment for Expenses under Iowa Code §7D.10 in the amount of \$34,102.11.

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds
 Treasurer Smith
 Secretary Naig
 Secretary Pate
 Auditor Sand

Nays: None

4. Outside Counsel

Moved by Auditor Sand and seconded by Secretary Pate that the Council approve the following requests:

- A. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requested retention of outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3(1) in *Deatsch, George v. University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa*, a workers' compensation case filed by a state employee.

Firm: Patterson Law Firm, L.L.P.
Attorney: Ryan Clark
505 5th Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309
Rate: \$175.00 Per Hour

- B. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requested retention of outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3(1) in *Peterson, Christine v. Woodward Resource Center d/b/a State of Iowa, Self-Insured, Second Injury Fund of Iowa*, a workers' compensation case filed by a state employee.

Firm: Patterson Law Firm, L.L.P.
Attorney: Ryan Clark
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Des Moines, IA 50309
Rate: \$175.00 Per Hour

- C. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requested retention of outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3(1) in *Zimmerman, Holly v. Independence Mental Health Institute and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa*, a workers' compensation case filed by a state employee.

Firm: Patterson Law Firm, L.L.P.
Attorney: Ryan Clark
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Suite 729
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Rate: \$175.00 Per Hour

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds
Treasurer Smith
Secretary Naig
Secretary Pate
Auditor Sand

Nays: None

5. Special Counsel

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Treasurer Smith that the Council approve the following special counsel requests:

- A. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requested retention of special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to provide legal services and representation to Iowa with respect to an investigation into and possible litigation of certain business practices of Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. (ISS).

Firm: Torridon Law PLLC (Torridon)
801 17th Street NW
Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20006

Rate: Contingent-fee basis

- B. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requested retention of special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to provide legal services and representation to Iowa with respect to an investigation into and possible litigation of certain business practices of Meta Platforms, Inc. (Meta).

Firm: Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP (Quinn Emanuel)
86 S. Figueroa Street
10th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Rate: Contingent-fee basis

- C. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requested retention of special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to provide legal services and representation to Iowa with respect to an investigation into and possible litigation of certain business practices of PDD Holdings, Inc. and Whaleco, Inc. d/b/a Temu (the Temu Group).

Firm: Nachawati Law Group (Nachawati)
5489 Blair Rd.
Dallas, TX 75231

Rate: Contingent-fee basis

- D. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requested retention of special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to provide legal advice to the Treasurer's Office on issues in connection with the Office's duties related to banking, investments and finance.

Firm: Dentons Davis Brown PC
215 10th Street
Suite 1300
Des Moines, IA 50309

Rate: Standard hourly rate with 10% discount for attorneys in Iowa

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds
Treasurer Smith
Secretary Naig
Secretary Pate
Auditor Sand

Nays: None

6. Leases

Moved by Secretary Pate and seconded by Secretary Naig that the Council approve the following leases:

- A. Lease between DNR and American River Transportation Company LLC
Date of Lease: March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2031
Legal Description: Mississippi River frontage at river mile 576.50 in Section 5, Township 88 North, Range 3 East of the 5th P.M., Dubuque County, Iowa.
Purpose: Barge fleeting purposes
Annual Fee: \$16,041.31
- B. Lease between DNR and Leonard Verbeck
Date of Lease: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030
Legal Description: A portion of Lot 12 in Block 36 of James McGregor's Jr's Addition, Clayton County, Iowa
Purpose: A driveway, retaining wall, portion of a house, portion of a deck and an LP tank
Annual Fee: \$327.00
- C. Lease between DNR and Hans and Bernice Willadsen
Date of Lease: April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2031
Legal Description: East Okoboji Lake frontage adjacent to Lot #5, Block 4, Osborne's Addition to the Town of Spirit Lake, Dickinson County, Iowa
Purpose: Shed purposes
Annual Fee: \$282.53

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds
Treasurer Smith
Secretary Naig
Secretary Pate
Auditor Sand

Nays: None

7. Emergency Allocations

Moved by Auditor Sand and seconded by Secretary Pate that the Council approve the following allocations:

- A. Iowa Veterans Home requested an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$15,455.12. On December 27, 2022, water lines burst due to cold temperatures. Request was to cover repair costs. The request included estimated costs of \$6,044.94 for water overages resulting from the burst water line. It was the conclusion of the State Auditor's Office that these estimated costs do not qualify for allocation and reimbursement under Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. Therefore, the request was reduced by this amount.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$9,410.18. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.

- B. Department of Public Safety requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On February 17, 2026, radome cover on Woodbury WIT ISICS Tower was damaged by high winds. Request was to cover repair costs.
- C. Department of Public Safety requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On February 25, 2026, radome cover on the Kossuth County ISICS Tower was damaged due to high winds. Request was to cover repair costs.
- D. Department of Public Safety requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On February 20, 2026, radome cover on Grundy County ISICS Tower was damaged due to high winds. Request was to cover repair costs.
- E. Department of Public Safety requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$20,000.00. On February 17, 2026, the Cherokee ISICS Tower lighting system was damaged due to water intrusion. Request was to cover repair costs.
- F. Department of Public Safety requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On February 26, 2026, radome covers on the Atlantic ISICS Tower were damaged due to high winds. Request was to cover repair costs.
- G. Department of Corrections requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$1,685.50, for a total request of \$11,239.90. This brings the total allocation to \$40,149.98. On March 21, 2025, buildings and equipment at North Central Correctional Facility were damaged by sewage backup/failed pumps. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- H. Department of Corrections requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$122,620.00. This brings the total allocation to \$351,750.00. On April 27, 2024, the air conditioner at Living Unit A at the Anamosa State Penitentiary was damaged due to limestone falling off the prison wall. Request was to cover repair costs.
- I. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$85,349.92. On May 21, 2024, Rock Creek State Park in Jasper County was damaged by flood. Request was to cover repair costs.

- J. Department of Natural Resources requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$1,096,787.00. This brings the total allocation to \$1,762,500.00. On August 4, 2025, drought conditions caused damaged and dead trees at Lewis & Clark State Park. Request was to cover repair costs.
- K. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$75,761.60. On February 3, 2026, Lake Macbride State Park doc system was damaged by ice heaving/water infiltration and freezing. Request was to cover repair costs.
- L. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$173,293.44. On June 24, 2024, Great Lakes and Prairie Lakes Wildlife Units were damaged by significant flooding in NW Iowa. Request was to cover repair costs.
- M. Board of Regents requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$47,667.34. On November 22, 2024, Trowbridge Hall was damaged by a failed coupling on a HVAC system hot water pump. Request was to cover repair costs.
- N. Board of Regents requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$129,681.88. On August 31, 2023, the University of Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories Building was damaged by fire. Request was to cover repair costs.
- O. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$10,899.32. On January 8, 2026, Vehicle #59 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- P. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,321.57. On January 14, 2026, Vehicle #423 was damaged by a hawk. Request was to cover repair costs.
- Q. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$3,449.75. On February 2, 2026, Vehicle #1639 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- R. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$3,242.44. On January 31, 2026, Vehicle #490 was damaged by a raccoon. Request was to cover repair costs.
- S. Department of Administrative Services requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,069.64. This brings the total allocation to \$10,706.11. On October 27, 2025, Vehicle #105571 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- T. Department of Administrative Services requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$188.37. This brings the total allocation to \$2,250.59. On October 16, 2025, Vehicle #93 was damaged by a pheasant. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- U. Department of Administrative Services requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$595.71. This brings the total allocation to \$3,211.83. On November 20, 2025, Vehicle #73 was damaged by a raccoon. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds
Treasurer Smith
Secretary Naig
Secretary Pate
Auditor Sand

Nays: None

8. Payment of Cost Items

Moved by Secretary Pate and seconded by Treasurer Smith that the Council approve the following costs:

- A. Department of Natural Resources\$40.00
Drainage Assessments Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 468.43:

Clinton \$40.00
- B. Board of Regents\$24,082.15
On December 13, 2024, the frozen fan coil at Field House was damaged by water. Request was to cover repair costs.
- C. Board of Regents\$10,404.43
On February 15, 2022, the furnace control malfunction caused pipes to freeze and burst causing water damages at 1120 East Court Street. Request was to cover repair costs.
- D. Board of Regents\$5,458.00
On June 21, 2024, the dock at Lakeside Labs was damaged by flood due to heavy rains. Request was to cover repair costs.
- E. Board of Regents\$85,634.43
On January 16, 2024, the Myriad Technology Plaza's pipes froze and lost power due to failed heating unit. Request was to cover repair costs.
- F. Department of Administrative Services\$6,241.56
On October 26, 2025, Vehicle # 203 was damaged by deer. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$844.88 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
- G. Department of Administrative Services\$6,205.00
On January 1, 2026, Vehicle # 353 was damaged by deer. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$243.15 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
- H. Department of Administration Services\$4,241.30
On December 1, 2025, Vehicle # 603 was damaged by deer. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$134.00 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
- I. Department of Administrative Services\$18,125.50
On November 15, 2025, Vehicle # 1542 was damaged by deer. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$3,565.29 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
- J. Department of Administrative Services\$2,009.67
On November 5, 2025, Vehicle # 106073 was damaged by deer. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$7,913.64 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

- K. Board of Regents\$307,714.12
On February 12, 2024, the Pappajohn Business building had water damage due to failed commode valve. Request was to cover repair costs.
- L. Board of Regents\$38,729.48
On January 10, 2023, heating hot water pipe at the University of Iowa Hygienic Lab was damaged by water due to failed soldering joint. Request was to cover repair costs.
- M. Department of Public Safety\$27,283.00
On September 15, 2025, the Radome Cover on KTIN Bradgate ISICS Tower was damaged due to severe storms. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$2,717.00 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
- N. Gray Miller Persh, LLP.....\$361.60
2233 Wisconsin Avenue NW
Suite 226
Washington, D.C. 20007
Iowa PBS
- O. 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
- P. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$175.00
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Jennifer Anderson v. Woodward Resource Center and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- Q. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$1,430.00
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Jennifer Anderson v. Woodward Resource Center and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- R. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$96.00
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
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Therese Blake v. Woodward Resource Center and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

- S. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$17.50
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505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Carlson, Timothy M. v. University of Northern Iowa, State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- T. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$17.50
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
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Cashman, Michele v. University of Iowa Hospitals and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund
- U. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$105.00
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Chance, Diana v. University of Iowa and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- V. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$17.50
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
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Dolph, Ronnie v. Glenwood Resource Center and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- W. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$455.00
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Kidane, Dawit v. University of Iowa Hospitals and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- X. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$1,887.50
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505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
McBride, Darrell v. Newton Correctional Facility and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- Y. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$160.00
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Mendenhall, Mark v. Clarinda Correctional Facility and State of Iowa, Second Injury Fund of Iowa

Z. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$525.00
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505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Munoz, Jose v. Iowa State Penitentiary, State of Iowa, and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

AA. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$52.50
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Sonier, Emma v. State of Iowa Department of Correction, Self- Insured, Second Injury Fund of Iowa

BB. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$350.00
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Valipouralmasi, Azam v. University of Iowa and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

CC. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$17.50
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Wink, Stephen v. North Correctional Facility and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds
 Treasurer Smith
 Secretary Naig
 Secretary Pate
 Auditor Sand

Nays: None

Adjourn Meeting

Moved by Secretary Pate and seconded by Secretary Naig that the meeting adjourns.

Respectfully submitted,

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