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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 23, 2026

Kristi Onstot
Executive Secretary
Executive Council
State Capitol
L O C A L

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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Executive Council of Iowa

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February 16, 2026

Mr. Steve Blankinship
Chief Deputy Attorney General
Attorney General Office-Hoover Bldg.
L O C A L

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.

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Invoice # 4628
Date: 02/15/2026
Due On: 03/17/2026

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	02/15/2026	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	01/20/2026	SHRESTHMA: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/20/2026	MOZ: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/22/2026	WILLIAMS: Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/22/2026	PERKINS: Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/22/2026	STEIL: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/22/2026	BAXTER: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/22/2026	KARR: Drafted and filed Motion to Amend Trial Information, Amended Charge, and proposed Order to Amend.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/22/2026	RAMIREZ: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/22/2026	BUGELY: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/27/2026	PEREZ SANTOS: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/28/2026	MARTIN: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/28/2026	LIZARDE GARCIA: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/29/2026	KARR: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/29/2026	RUN-SAM: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/29/2026	EGGERS: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/29/2026	RAZO-AGUILAR: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00

Service	01/29/2026	PHILLIPS: Contempt purge hearing.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	01/29/2026	JENSEN: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/03/2026	JUHL: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/03/2026	JEYS: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/03/2026	WHEELER: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/03/2026	ALVAREZ LORENTE: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/04/2026	WILCOX: Drafted and filed Motion to Dismiss and Proposed Order Granting Motion to Dismiss	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/05/2026	DJAFALO: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/05/2026	ZAPKA: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/05/2026	SALGADO: Suppression hearing and prep time.	1.50	\$300.00	\$450.00
Service	02/09/2026	BEHYMER: Drafted and filed Appearance, Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/09/2026	MCNEESE: Drafted and filed Appearance, Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony, and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/10/2026	CASTILLON: Case management conference.	1.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Service	02/10/2026	LAMPIGNANO: Arraignment (defendant appeared on wrong day, assisted with pro se arraignment).	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/10/2026	MARTIN: Drafted and filed Waiver of Appearance at the Hearing on Defendant's Request for Reasonability to Pay Determination	0.40	\$300.00	\$120.00
Service	02/11/2026	KOTH: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/12/2026	JENSEN: Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/12/2026	RODGERS: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/12/2026	DUNCAN: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/12/2026	IBARRA RODRIGUEZ: Plea hearing.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/12/2026	EGGERS: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/12/2026	GOODMAN: 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	
4628	03/17/2026	\$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.