



# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Teleconference Only

Monday, March 02, 2026 at 10:00 AM

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## 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 Auditor Sand that the Council approve of the minutes from the Executive Council meeting held on February 2, 2026.

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

Nays:            None

### 2. Iowa Code §7D.10

Moved by Auditor Sand and seconded by Secretary Naig 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 \$28,671.60.

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

Nays:            None

### 3. Special Counsel

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

- 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 Meta Platforms Inc., WhatsApp, LLC, and related entities (the Meta Entities).

Firm: Keller Postman LLC (Keller Postman)  
2333 Ponce de Leon Blvd.  
Suite R240  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
Rate: Contingent-fee

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

Nays: None

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

- 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 litigation of certain business practices of Lux Vending, LLC (d/b/a Bitcoin Depot, Inc.) and Bitcoin Depot Operating, LLC (d/b/a Bitcoin Depot).

Firm: Hilgers Graben PLLC  
1320 Lincoln Mall  
Suite 200  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
Rate: Contingent-fee

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

Nays: None

#### 4. Leases

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Auditor sand that the Council approve the following lease:

- A. DNR Lease 140-N Zen-Noh America Holdings Corp.  
Date of Lease: January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029  
Legal Description: Mississippi River frontage at river mile 418.3 in Section 10, Township 71 North, Range 1 West of the 5th P.M., Des Moines County, Iowa  
Purpose: Barge loading and unloading  
Annual Fee: \$4,424.57

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

Nays: None

**5. Emergency Allocations**

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

- A. Board of Regents requested an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$145,520.39. On January 18, 2025, the Hamilton Hall received water damages due to failed valve lever. Request was to cover repair costs.
- B. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$15,985.18. On June 23, 2024, Wilson Island State Recreation Area was damaged due to flooding. Request was to cover repair costs.
- C. Department of Corrections requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$3,117.54. On November 21, 2025, a light pole was damaged by a vehicle due to medical emergency. Request was to cover repair costs.
- D. Department of Public Safety requested an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$7,807.97. On August 11, 2025, the Post 11 basement was damaged due to heavy rains. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, and this allocation will be closed.
- E. Department of Public Safety requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On January 13, 2026, the Radome Cover on the Beaverdale ISICS Tower was damaged by high winds. Request was to cover repair costs.
- F. Iowa State Fair requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$40,875.00. On January 7, 2026, there were damages to the electrical boxes and copper cables due to vandalism. Request was to cover repair costs.

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

Nays:              None

**6. Payment of Cost Items**

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Treasurer Smith that the Council approve the following items:

- A. Board of Regents .....\$78,619.36  
 On December 15, 2024, the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory was damaged by an overflowed sink. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment.
- B. Board or Regents .....\$69,100.00  
 On May 24, 2024, the State Hygienic Laboratory roof was damaged by high winds. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment.
- C. Board of Regents .....\$17,707.92  
 On December 16, 2024, the University of Iowa Theatre Building was damaged by a roof leak. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment.

- D. Department of Natural Resources .....\$7,500.00  
On September 2, 2025, Bellevue State Park was damaged due to a fallen tree branch. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$4,114.00 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
- E. Department of Natural Resources .....\$70,710.40  
On June 24, 2024, multiple wildlife management areas were damaged by flood. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents partial payment.
- F. Department of Natural Resources .....\$20,863.74  
On June 25, 2024, the Law Enforcement Bureau facilities were damaged due to extreme flooding and waves. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment.
- G. Department of Natural Resources .....\$7,984.48  
On July 29, 2025, the DNR State Fair building roof and windows were damaged by windstorms. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment.
- H. Department of Public Safety .....\$16,152.00  
On August 18, 2025, the microwave system at the Atlantic ISICS Tower was damaged due to lightning strike. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$348.00 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
- I. Department of Public Safety .....\$39,615.00  
On August 15, 2025, the microwave system on the Brooklyn ISICS Tower was damaged by lightning strike. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$5,385.00 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
- J. Department of Public Safety.....\$13,926.00  
On March 5, 2025, Cedar Rapids ISICS Communication Tower was damaged due to winter blizzard event. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$11,938.00 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
- K. Department of Public Safety .....\$9,500.00  
On September 15, 2025, a radome cover on the KTIN Bradgate ISICS tower was damaged due to severe storms. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents partial payment.
- L. Department of Public Safety .....\$13,845.00  
On August 18, 2025, the microwave system on the Lourdes ISICS Tower was damaged by lightning strike. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$655.00 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
- M. Department of Public Safety .....\$15,000.00  
On July 15, 2025, the Woodbury ISICS Communication Tower was damaged by strong winds. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment.
- N. Department of Public Safety .....\$210,025.38  
On May 21, 2024, the Adair South ISICS Tower was damaged by a tornado. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents partial payment.

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. Gray Miller Persh, LLP.....\$452.00  
2233 Wisconsin Avenue NW  
Suite 226  
Washington, D.C. 20007  
Iowa PBS

Q. Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts, P.C.....\$162.50  
The Davis Brown Tower  
215 10th Street, Suite 1300  
Des Moines, IA 50309-3993  
Legal Services to state agencies on issues related to the visa status of prospective state employees

Payment will be made from the funds of the Iowa Department of Revenue.

R. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$245.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 729  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Anderson, Jennifer v. Woodward Resource Center and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

S. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$35.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 729  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Barnes, Adam v. Iowa State Penitentiary, State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

T. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$32.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 729  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Therese Blake v. Woodward Resource Center and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

U. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$35.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
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

- V. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$472.50  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 729  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Cashman, Michele v. University of Iowa Hospitals and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund
- W. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$17.50  
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
- X. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$210.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 729  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Dolph, Ronnie v. Glenwood Resource Center and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- Y. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$35.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 729  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Marrero, Brenda f/k/a Brenda Shaefer v. Independence Mental Health Institute and state of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- Z. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$52.50  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
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
- AA. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$1,163.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 729  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
McInroy, Mark v. Iowa Department of Natural Resources and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- BB. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$432.00  
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

- CC. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$1,412.50  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
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
- DD. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$175.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 729  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Ortiz Correa, Edson A v. Community Based Corrections District 6 and State of Iowa and Second Injury
- EE. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$1,232.50  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 729  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Peppers, Amber v. UIHC, State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- FF. 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
- GG. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$455.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 729  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Starrett, Christopher v. Department of Public Safety and State of Iowa, Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- HH. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$647.50  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 729  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Starrett, Christopher v. Department of Public Safety and State of Iowa, Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- II. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$35.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 729  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
VanHorn v. Eldora State Training School, State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

JJ. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$105.00  
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

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

                                 Nays:              None

**7. Information Items**

- A. Notification from the State Auditor’s Office that funds previously allocated for the Department of Administrative Services to cover damages to Vehicle #2325 due to damage by a deer on September 8, 2025 are not required; \$6,400.50 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
- B. Notification from the State Auditor’s Office that funds previously allocated for the Department of Administrative Services to cover damages to Vehicle #2346 due to damage by a deer on November 12, 2025, are not required; \$9,406.35 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

**Adjourn Meeting**

Moved by Secretary Pate and seconded by Auditor Sand that the meeting adjourns.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristi Onstot*

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