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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

March 30, 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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March 30, 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

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Acting Executive Secretary

Marquess Law Office, P.C.

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Invoice # 4661
Date: 03/15/2026
Due On: 04/14/2026

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	03/15/2026	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	02/23/2026	SCHEIDLER: Edited and filed probation discharge report and proposed Order.	0.20	\$300.00	\$60.00
Service	02/23/2026	KELSO: Telephone call with victim.	0.30	\$300.00	\$90.00
Service	02/26/2026	MCNEESE: Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/26/2026	BEHYMER: Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/26/2026	RODRIGUEZ GARCIA: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/26/2026	RAZO-AGUILAR: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	02/26/2026	STAMBAUGH: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	03/02/2026	COFFLAND: Drafted and filed Appearance, Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	03/05/2026	GONZALEZ CALDERON: Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	03/05/2026	FLECK: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	03/05/2026	PORTILLO RIVAS: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	03/05/2026	YARDLEY: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	03/05/2026	JOHNSON: Edited and filed Application for Probation Revocation, Report of Violation, and Order Issuing Warrant.	0.30	\$300.00	\$90.00
Service	03/05/2026	MYERS: Edited and filed Probation Discharge Report and proposed Order of Discharge.	0.20	\$300.00	\$60.00

Service	03/05/2026	CAVANH: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	03/05/2026	ANDERSON: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	03/05/2026	ARTHUR: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	03/05/2026	ZIMMERMAN: Drafted and mailed letter to victim's mother re Zimmerman's sentencing hearing and victim impact statement	0.30	\$300.00	\$90.00
Service	03/10/2026	MAO: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	03/10/2026	BEARBOWER: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	03/10/2026	RUKAKIZA: Drafted and filed Trial Information, Minutes of Testimony and proposed Order Setting Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	03/11/2026	Telephone call with tribal prosecutor.	0.30	\$300.00	\$90.00
Service	03/11/2026	WISEK: Telephone call with public defender.	0.20	\$300.00	\$60.00
Service	03/12/2026	GOODMAN: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	03/12/2026	BUGELY: Case management conference.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	03/12/2026	COFFLAND: Arraignment.	0.50	\$300.00	\$150.00
Service	03/12/2026	GONZALEZ CALDERON: Bond Review.	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
4661	04/14/2026	\$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.