# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

**Teleconference Only**
**Tuesday, September 8, 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 Secretary Naig that the Council approve of the minutes from the Executive Council meeting held on August 3, 2026.

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| The vote: | Ayes: | Governor Reynolds<br>Treasurer Smith<br>Secretary Pate<br>Secretary Naig<br>Auditor Sand |
| | Nays: | None |

## 2. Personal Appearances

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

A. Dennis Harper, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department, was present to request a Resolution of Funds in the amount of $545,985.00 pursuant to Iowa Code §29C.20A and Iowa Code §29C.20B with regard to the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Disaster Emergency for Cass, Decatur, Franklin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jasper, Marshall, Osceola, Polk and Story counties.

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| The vote: | Ayes: | Governor Reynolds<br>Treasurer Smith<br>Secretary Pate<br>Secretary Naig<br>Auditor Sand |
| | Nays: | None |

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

B. Dennis Harper, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, was present to request additional Disaster Aid in the amount of $2,294,522.00 pursuant to Iowa Code 29C.6(17) for Presidential Disaster Declarations FEMA-4483-DR.

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

Nays: None

**3. 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 $29,257.50.

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

Nays: None

**4. Outside Counsel**

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

A. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requested retention of outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3(1) in *Guill, Joshua v. Anamosa State Penitentiary, 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

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

Nays: None

**5. Special Counsel**

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Auditor Sand 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 investigations into and possible litigation of certain business practices of: (1) TP-Link Systems Inc. (and any affiliates), (2) Resideo Technologies, Inc. (and any affiliates), and (3) Lorex Corporation (and any affiliates).

Firm: Culper Law PLLC
111 W. Marshall Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Rate: Contingent-Fee Basis; 2% discount will be applied to any fee owed based on section 23B.

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

Nays: None

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Auditor Sand 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 assistance in the defense of the pending lawsuits relating to the March 23, 2021, attacks at the Anamosa State Penitentiary, as well as the materials underlying this request.

Firm: Nyemaster Goode, P.C.
700 Walnut Street, Suite 1300
Des Moines, IA 50309
Rate: Rate per hour based on attorney

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

Nays: None

**6. Emergency Allocations**

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

A. Board of Regents requested an emergency allocation in the amount of $64,868.00. On June 11, 2026, the greenhouse garage roof at the University of Northern Iowa was damaged by severe storms and high winds. Request was to cover repair costs.

B. Department of Natural Resources requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of $39,891.56. This brings the total allocation to $290,466.06. On April 29, 2019, various wildlife management areas along the Missouri River Wildlife Unit sustained damage due to flooding. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, and this allocation will be closed.

C. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of $191,109.00. On June 11, 2026, Viking Lake State Park was damaged by severe storms and high winds. Request was to cover repair costs.

D. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of $10,250.00. On July 14, 2026, the Department of Natural Resources' Upper Iowa Wildlife Unit sustained damage due to heavy rains. Request was to cover repair costs.

E. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of $14,364.00. On May 19, 2026, the Kirke Woods Wildlife Management Area and the Dekalb Wildlife Management Area sustained storm damages. Request was to cover repair costs.

F. Department of Corrections- Clarinda Correctional Facility requested an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of $55,157.81. On February 25, 2025, fiber optic communications cable sustained damage due to being severed. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, and this allocation will be closed.

G. Department of Corrections requested an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of $130,668.92. On April 21, 2026, Living Unit C at the Department of Corrections – Newton Correctional Facility sustained damage due to a power outage. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, and this allocation will be closed.

H. Iowa Communications Network requested an emergency allocation in the amount of $26,701.78. On June 26, 2026, cable along Iowa Highway 3, 220th Street, and Iowa Avenue in Humboldt County sustained damage due to rodent activity. Request was to cover repair costs.

I. Iowa Communications Network requested an emergency allocation in the amount of $15,938.82. On July 28, 2026, cable along 280th Street, west of Highway 71, at the Raccoon River Bridge in Sac County sustained damage due to vandalism. Request was to cover repair costs.

J. Department of Public Safety requested an emergency allocation in the amount of $3,315.40. On July 11, 2026, Vehicle #141 sustained damage due to deer collision. Request was to cover repair costs.

K. Department of Public Safety requested an emergency allocation in the amount of $15,000.00. On July 21, 2026, the alignment of the microwave path between the Allamakee and Clayton ISICS towers sustained damage due to high winds. Request was to cover repair costs.

L. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of $11,895.26. On July 24, 2026, Vehicle #1745 sustained damage due to a deer collision. Request was to cover repair costs.

M. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of $9,205.63. On July 27, 2026, Vehicle #478 sustained damage due to a deer collision. Request was to cover repair costs.

N. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of $5,146.43. On July 27, 2026, Vehicle #2283, sustained damage due to a deer collision. Request was to cover repair costs.

O. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of $10,096.74. On July 25, 2026, Vehicle #326 sustained damage due to a deer collision. Request was to cover repair costs.

P. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of $3,185.45. On July 30, 2026, Vehicle #452 sustained damage due to collision with a pheasant. Request was to cover repair costs.

Q. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of $3,629.61. On July 10, 2026, Vehicle #235 sustained damage due to a racoon collision. Request was to cover repair costs.

R. Department of Administrative Services requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of $2,973.28. This brings the total allocation to $5,213.93. On May 16, 2026, Vehicle #382 sustain hail damage. 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 Pate
Secretary Naig
Auditor Sand

Nays: None

**7. Payment of Cost Items**

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Auditor Sand that the Council approve the following costs:

A. Iowa State Fair …….....$86,442.35
On July 29, 2025, the grounds, buildings, equipment and campgrounds were damaged by high winds and heavy rain. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, and this allocation will be closed.

B. Department of Natural Resources ……..…….....$3,704.40
On July 29, 2025, Cedar Rock State Park shop roof and trees were damaged by high winds and severe storms. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, $495.60 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

C. Department of Natural Resources ……..…….....$725,713.00
On August 4, 2025, Lewis & Clark State Park had damaged and dead trees due to drought conditions. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents partial payment.

D. Department of Natural Resources ……...…….....$99,223.34
On March 15, 2019, Wapsipinicon State Park in Jones County was damaged by flood. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, $47,740.84 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

E. Department of Natural Resources …….....$6,486.77
On April 15, 2026, a portion of Fire Tower Road at Yellow River State Forest washed out due to heavy rainfall. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, $7,438.23 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

F. Department of Administrative Services ……...…….....$8,893.68
On April 2, 2026, Vehicle #440 was damaged by hail. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, $387.00 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

G. Department of Administrative Services ……...…….....$4,830.06
On April 14, 2026, Vehicle #2991 was damaged by hail. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, $8,001.74 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

H. Department of Administrative Services…….....$6,238.50
On April 14, 2026, Vehicle #2679 was damaged by hail. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, $9,200.78 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

I. Department of Administrative Services ……...…….....$10,773.70
On May 16, 2026, Vehicle #411 was damaged by hail. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, $1,185.80 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

J. Dentons Davis Brown Law Firm……...……..……$801.85
The Davis Brown Tower
215 10th Street, Suite 1300
Des Moines, IA 50309
Special Counsel Dentons Davis Brown Unclaimed Property Fund

K. Butzel Long…….....$5,841.60
150 West Jefferson
Suite 100
Detroit, MI 48226
Iowa DNR - Damer v. Gelly

L. Gray Miller Persh, LLP…….....$2,375.00
2233 Wisconsin Avenue NW
Suite 226
Washington, D.C. 20007
Iowa PBS

M. Marquess & Hoyer Law Office, P.C…….....$7,000.00
203 W. High Street
P.O. Box 51
Toledo, IA 52342
Criminal Prosecution for Meskwaki Settlement Matters

N. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P……..……..…….....$140.00
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

O. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P……..…….....$48.00
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

P. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P……..……..…….....$87.50
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

Q. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P……..……..…….....$350.00
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

R. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P……..……..…….....$35.00
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Gibbs, Christi Lynn V. Iowa Correctional Institution for Women and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

S. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P……..……..…….....$595.00
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

T. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P……..……..…….....$402.50
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Miers, Richard v. Clarinda Correctional Facility, State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

U. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P……..……..…….....$420.00
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Peterson, Christine v. Woodward Resource Center d/b/a State of Iowa, Self-Insured, Second Injury Fund of Iowa

V. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P……..……..…….....$105.00
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

W. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P……..……..…….....$87.50
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

X. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P……..……..…….....$227.50
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

Y. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P……..……..…….....$35.00
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Zimmerman, Holly v. Independence Mental Health Institute and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

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

Nays: None

**8. Iowa Code §97C.13A**

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

A. Request from IPERS for reimbursement for Federal-State Agreement Administration Costs in the amount of $4,135.21.

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

Nays: None

**9. 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 #2202 due to damage by hail on April 23, 2026, are not required; $9,307.23 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 #1728 due to damage by hail on April 23, 2026, are not required; $11,471.80 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

C. Notification from the State Auditor's Office that funds previously allocated for the Department of Administrative Services to cover damages to Vehicle #1728 due to damage by hail on April 14, 2026, are not required; DAS Vehicle #2520 AOS Claim 4357 Reversion Request will be reverted and this allocation closed.

**Adjourn Meeting**
Moved by Secretary Pate and seconded by Treasurer Smith that the meeting adjourns.

Respectfully submitted,
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