



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Teleconference Only

Monday, February 02, 2026 at 10:00 AM

AGENDA

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Hon. Kim Reynolds | **Governor**
Hon. Paul D. Pate | **Secretary of State**
Hon. Rob Sand | **Auditor of State**
Hon. Roby Smith | **Treasurer of State**
Hon. Mike Naig | **Secretary of Agriculture**

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1. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of the minutes from the Executive Council meeting held on January 02, 2026 and the Board of Canvass meeting held on January 12, 2026.

2. Iowa Code §7D.10

- A. Attorney General's office requests Payment for Expenses under Iowa Code §7D.10 in the amount of \$51,284.00.

3. Outside Counsel

- A. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requests retention of outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3(1) in *Kidane, Dawit v. University of Iowa Hospitals and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund*, 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

4. Special Counsel

A. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requests 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 Change Healthcare Inc., UnitedHealth Group Incorporated, and Optum, Inc. (the Change Healthcare Group).

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

Rate: Contingent-fee basis

B. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requests renewal of the retention of Gray Miller Persch, to represent Iowa PBS on highly specialized FCC matters.

Firm: Gray Miller Persch
1200 New Hampshire Ave. N.W., Suite 410
Washington, D.C. 20036-3802

Rate: \$475 per hour for the duration of one year

C. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requests a rate increase for Marquess & Hoyer Law Office, P.C, to represent the State of Iowa in criminal crimes committed when the offenses are committed by non-natives against non-natives (or without a victim) on the Sac and Fox Indian Settlement in Tama County.

Firm: Marquess & Hoyer Law Office, P.C
203 W. High Street
P.O. Box 51
Toledo, IA 52342

Current Rate: \$6,000 per month

Requested Rate: \$7,000 per month

5. Emergency Allocations

A. Board of Regents is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$69,100.00. On May 24, 2024, the State Hygienic Laboratory roof was damaged due to high winds. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

B. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$4,994.05. On January 3, 2026, vehicle #349 was damaged by a bobcat. Request is to cover repair costs. The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

C. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$6,448.15. On January 1, 2026, vehicle # 353 was damaged by deer. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

D. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$8,323.54. On December 22, 2025, vehicle # 2282 was damaged by deer. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

E. Department of Administrative Services is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$210.00. This brings the total allocation to \$3,594.24. On November 3, 2025, vehicle #45 was damaged by a rabbit. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

F. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,616.12. On November 20, 2025, vehicle #73 was damaged by a raccoon. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

G. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,407.83. On December 10, 2025, vehicle #78 was damaged due to vandalism. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

H. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$14,647.65. On November 27, 2025, Vehicle #104 was damaged by shooting/vandalism. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

I. Department of Administrative Services is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$386.65. This brings the total allocation to \$3,405.75. On October 2, 2025, Vehicle #299 was damaged by a deer. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation and payment. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.

J. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$4,375.30. On December 2, 2025, vehicle # 603 was damaged by a deer. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

K. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$6,319.90. On December 21, 2025, vehicle #1209 was damaged by deer. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

- L. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$11,322.00. On December 16, 2025, vehicle #1847 was damaged by deer. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

- M. Department of Administrative Services is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,498.87. This brings the total allocation to \$5,640.19. On November 6, 2025, Vehicle #2552 was damaged by a deer. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation and payment. This represents full and final payment, and this allocation will be closed.

- N. Department of Administrative Services is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$1,278.05. This brings the total allocation to \$7,122.60. On November 3, 2025, Vehicle #105505 was damaged by a deer. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation and payment. This represents full and final payment, and this allocation will be closed.

- O. Department of Health and Human Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$17,108.90. On November 29, 2024, the medical examiner commercial dryer was damaged by fire. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

- P. Department of Natural Resources is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$10,000.00. On November 3, 2025, the Fort Defiance State Park windows were vandalized. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

- Q. Department of Natural Resources is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$20,863.74. On June 25, 2024, the Law Enforcement Bureau Facilities were damaged due to extreme flooding and waves. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

- R. Department of Natural Resources is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$67,878.00. On April 26, 2024, Loess Hills State Forest was damaged by a tornado. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

S. Department of Natural Resources is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$1,577.80. This brings the total allocation to \$3,780.00. On February 28, 2025, the Shelter Roof at Maquoketa Caves State Park was damaged due to high winds. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation and payment. This represents full and final payment, and this allocation will be closed.

T. Department of Natural Resources is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$7,984.48. On July 29, 2025, the State Fair DNR Building roof and windows were damaged by windstorms. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

U. Department of Corrections is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$41,451.89. On May 19, 2025, the Security and Operational Systems was damaged due to lightning strike. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

V. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$45,000.00. On August 15, 2025, the Microwave System on the Brooklyn ISICS Tower was damaged due to lightning strike. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

W. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$67,500.00. On December 19, 2025, various ISICS Tower (Mitchellville to Story, Denison to Shelby and Audubon to Carroll), Microwave System Paths were damaged. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

X. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On November 30, 2025, the Radome Cover on Cedar Rapids ISICS Tower was damaged due to severe Storms. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

Y. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On December 6, 2025, the Radome Cover on Newton ISICS Tower was damaged due to severe Storms. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

Z. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On December 19, 2025, the Radome Cover on Woodbury ISICS Tower was damaged due to severe Storms. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

6. Payment of Cost Items

A. Department of Administrative Services\$3,244.00
On November 17, 2025, Vehicle #614 was damaged by hail. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents full and final payment, \$38.50 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

B. Department of Natural Resources\$78,805.44
On June 12, 2024, buildings at Lewis and Clark State Park were damaged due to hail storm. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents full and final payment, \$143,194.56 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

C. Department of Natural Resources\$228,250.00
On April 13, 2023, Loess Hills State Park was damaged by a wildfire. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents partial payment.

D. Department of Natural Resources\$179,273.75
On July 29, 2025, McIntosh Woods State Park was damaged due to high winds and a storm. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents partial payment.

E. Department of Natural Resources\$14,142.50
On April 26, 2023, various wildlife management areas in Scott, Jackson and Louisa County were damaged by flood. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents partial payment.

F. Department of Natural Resources\$7,296.15
On April 27, 2023, Sny Magill Boat Ramp and Turkey River Boat Ramp and parking lot were damaged by flood. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents full and final payment, \$4,732.14 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

G. Iowa Communications Network\$31,182.93
On June 26, 2025, warning tape and a shallow cable at a culvert along Neon Road in Fayette County was exposed due to excessive erosion. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents full and final payment, \$7,408.67 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

H. Iowa Communications Network\$14,692.02
On October 14, 2025, equipment along Highway 4 at Beaver Creek in Palo Alto County was exposed due to excessive erosion. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents full and final payment, \$579.15 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

I. 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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the funds of the General Fund.

J. Gray Miller Persh, LLP.....\$226.00
2233 Wisconsin Avenue NW
Suite 226
Washington, D.C. 20007
Iowa PBS

Steve Blankenship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from Iowa PBS.

K. Butzel Long.....\$61,158.46
150 West Jefferson
Suite 100
Detroit, MI 48226
Iowa DNR - Damer v. Gelly

Steve Blankenship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the funds of State Fish and Game Protection Fund ("Trust Fund").

L. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$17.50
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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

M. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$130.00
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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

N. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$160.00
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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

O. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$337.50
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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

P. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$560.00
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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

Q. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$1,703.00
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Gabel-Reisen, Regina v. Anamosa State Penitentiary and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

R. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$80.00
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Gabel-Reisen, Regina v. Anamosa State Penitentiary and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

T. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$272.00
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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

U. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$384.00
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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

V. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$472.50
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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

W. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$99.00
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Shana Overstreet v. University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

X. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$175.00
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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

Y. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$245.00
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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

Z. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$207.50
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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

AA. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$100.00
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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

BB. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$17.50
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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

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

Steve Blankinship, Chief Deputy Attorney General, has reviewed this invoice and recommends payment. Payment will be made from the Second Injury Fund.

7. Information Items

- A. Department of Revenue's second quarter status update of the Litigation Expense Fund.
- C. Status of State Aid (Iowa Code 29C.20) Allocations quarterly update.
- B. Notification from the State Auditor's Office that funds previously allocated for the Department of Administrative Services for damages to Vehicle #1079 due to fire, are not required; \$4,080.31 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
- D. Notification from the State Auditor's Office that funds previously allocated for the Department of Administrative Services for damages to Vehicle #78 due to vandalism, are not required; \$2,407.83 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

8. Adjourn Meeting