



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Teleconference Only

Monday, May 04, 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 April 6, 2026.

2. **Personal Appearances**

A. Dennis Harper, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department, will be present to request a resolution of funds in the amount of \$601,520.00 pursuant to Iowa Code §29C.20A and Iowa Code §29C.20B with regard to the Governor's Proclamations of a State of Disaster Emergency for Buchanan, Carroll, Clay, Crawford, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Scott, Wapello and Washington Counties.

3. **Iowa Code §7D.10**

A. Attorney General's office requests Payment for Expenses under Iowa Code §7D.10 in the amount of \$30,184.50.

4. **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 *Gibbs, Christi Lynn v. Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, 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

5. 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 OpenAI.

Firm: Kibler Fowler & Cave LLP
11100 Santa Monica Blvd.
Suite 500
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Rate: Contingent-fee basis

6. Emergency Allocations

- A. Board of Regents is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$5,648.90. On November 20, 2025, the biology Building was damaged by leaking sewage line due to cracked pipe. 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. Board of Regents is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$22,944.09. On April 1, 2025, Chilled Water Line at the Chemistry Building was damaged due to leaking. 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. Board of Regents is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$7,945.00. On July 5, 2025, Entrance Gate Control Box at MacBride nature Recreation Area 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.

- D. Board of Regents is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$65,171.31. On April 14, 2025, water damages at Main Library due to broken pipe in fan coil unit leaking. 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. Board of Regents is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$11,565.00. On February 28, 2025, the Old Capitol Flagpole was damaged by 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.

- F. Board of Regents is requesting an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$17,618.28. On September 14, 2025, the Patterson Hall was damaged by water due to Burst in interior Water line. Request is to cover repair costs.

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

- G. Department of Administrative Services is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$1,907.50. This brings the total allocation to \$12,806.82. On January 8, 2026, Vehicle # 59 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.

- H. Department of Administrative Services is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$186.40. This brings the total allocation to \$2,338.70. On September 18, 2025, Vehicle # 81 was damaged by a raccoon. 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.

- I. Department of Administrative Services is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,426.35. This brings the total allocation to \$24,074.00. On November 27, 2025, Vehicle # 204 was damaged by shooting/ vandalism. 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 \$8,978.51. On February 22, 2026, Vehicle #159 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 a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$370.00. This brings the total allocation to \$5,364.05. 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 and payment. This represents full and final payment, and this allocation will be closed.

- L. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$5,151.20. On March 9, 2026, Vehicle # 489 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.

- M. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$4,682.30. On March 30, 2026, Vehicle # 496 was damaged by hail. Request is to cover repair costs.

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

- N. Department of Administrative Services is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$663.53. This brings the total allocation to \$5,443.97. On November 7, 2025, Vehicle # 1303 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 Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$6,973.31. On February 12, 2026, Vehicle # 1997 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.

- P. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$5,236.11. On February 9, 2026, Vehicle # 2143 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.

- Q. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$6,961.32. On March 24, 2026, Vehicle # 2338 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.

- R. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$6,389.16. On March 10, 2026, Vehicle # 2620 was damaged by hail. 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 Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$6,772.51. On March 22, 2026, Vehicle # 105728 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.

- T. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$5,919.75. On February 19, 2026, Vehicle # 228 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.

- U. Department of Health and Human Services is requesting an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$12,727.20. On July 23, 2025, Fire Alarm Panel, Person-Down System, Garage Door Openers and Accessories were damaged by lightning strikes. Request is to cover repair costs.

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

- V. Department of Natural Resources is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,641.87. On August 21, 2025, Wildlife Management areas within the Upper Iowa Wildlife Unit in Allamakee & Winneshiek Counties were damaged due to flooding. 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 Natural Resources is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$56,170.40. On February 13, 2026 the Green Island Wildlife Area was damaged by flooding. 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 Natural Resources is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$90,070.85. On February 13, 2026, skid steer caught fire at Green Valley State Park. 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 Natural Resources is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$659,710.89. This brings the total allocation to \$663,399.03. On March 14, 2019, the Wilson Island State Recreation Area was damaged by flood. 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 Corrections is requesting an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$5,444.23. On April 29, 2025, Camera Storage Server was damaged due to leaking AC unit. Request is to cover repair costs.

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

AA. Department of Corrections is requesting an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$72,862.98. On July 27, 2025, First District Probation Office in Dubuque was damaged by flooding. Request is to cover repair costs.

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

BB. Department of Corrections is requesting an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$3,792.46. On January 16, 2026, Facility Track Hoe Excavator was damaged by raccoon. Request is to cover repair costs.

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

CC. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On March 13, 2026, the Radome Cover on Holy Cross ISICS Tower was damaged by high winds and 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.

DD. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$7,026.90. On July 16, 2025, Toxicology Instruments at DCI Crime Lab were damaged due to power outage. Request is to cover repair costs.

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

EE. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$30,000.00. On March 7, 2026, Buchanan 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.

FF. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On March 31, 2026, Chickasaw ISICS Tower was damaged due to high winds and 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.

GG. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On March 31, 2026, a radome cover on Iowa County ISICS Tower was damaged due to high winds and 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.

HH. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$50,000.00. On March 15, 2026, the Lourdes ISICS Tower was damaged by high winds and extreme weather. Request is to cover repair costs.

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

II. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On March 31, 2026, the Maquoketa ISICS Tower was damaged due to high winds and 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.

JJ. Iowa Communications Network is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$17,910.00. On February 5, 2026, cable along Domino Road SW of Elkader in Clayton County was damaged by rodent chewing. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation, subject to audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included.

KK. Iowa Communications Network is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$33,097.58. On February 16, 2026, cable along Highway 20 West of Peosta in Dubuque County was damaged by rodent chewing. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation, subject to audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included.

LL. Iowa Communications Network is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$18,908.84. On February 11, 2026, cable along Indian Avenue, between Holstein and Ida Grove in Ida County was damaged by rodent chewing. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation, subject to audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included.

MM. Iowa Communications Network is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$18,549.50. On March 12, 2026, cable along Highway 5 North of Moravia in Monroe County was exposed due to continued erosion. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation, subject to audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included.

7. Payment of Cost Items

- A. Department of Corrections\$317,454.34
On April 27, 2024, Anamosa State Penitentiary air conditioner in Living Unit A was damaged due to limestone falling off the prison wall. Request is to cover repair costs.

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

- B. Department of Corrections.....\$3,117.54
On November 21, 2025, a vehicle damaged a light pole at Mount Pleasant due to a medical emergency. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor’s Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents full and final payment.

- C. Department of Administrative Services.....\$2,309.62
On January 14, 2026, Vehicle #423 was damaged by a hawk. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor’s Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents full and final payment, \$11.95 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

- D. Department of Administrative Services\$2,772.64
On January 31, 2026, Vehicle #490 was damaged by a raccoon. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor’s Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents full and final payment, \$469.80 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

- E. Gray Miller Persh, LLP.....\$1,808.00
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.

- F. 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

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

- G. Dentons Davis Brown Law Firm.....\$1,170.00
The Davis Brown Tower
215 10th Street, Suite 1300
Des Moines, IA 50309
Special Counsel Dentons Davis Brown Unclaimed Property Fund

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

- H. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$70.00
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.

- I. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$16.00
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.

- J. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$297.50
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

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

- K. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$440.00
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

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

- L. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$420.00
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.

- M. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$262.50
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.

- N. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$122.50
729 Insurance Exchange Building
505 Fifth Avenue
Suite 729
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390
Kidane, Dawit v. University of Iowa Hospitals 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.....\$140.00
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.

- P. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$402.50
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

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.....\$47.50
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.

- R. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$35.00
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.

- S. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$197.50
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.

- T. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$157.50
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.

8. Information Items

- A. Department of Revenue's third quarter status update of the Litigation Expense Fund.
- B. Status of State Aid (Iowa Code 29C.20) Allocations quarterly update.
- C. Iowa Legal Aid's written report describing the services it has provided using the awarded funds, the number of individuals to whom it has provided them and the types of matters on which the services were provided.

- D. Notification from the State Auditor's Office that funds previously allocated for the Department of Administrative Services to cover damages to Vehicle #2282 due to damage by a deer on December 22, 2025 are not required; \$8,323.54 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
- E. South Central Iowa Landfill made its fourth Contingency Loan payment of \$50,000.00. This loan was approved for \$1,000,000.00 on August 8, 2022, and is prorated not to exceed twenty years. Total repayment to date: \$200,000.00

9. Adjourn Meeting