



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Teleconference Only

Monday, April 06, 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**

Teleconference Only

Conference Call Phone Number: (877) 304-9269

Conference Code Pin: 364626

1. **Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of the minutes from the Executive Council meeting held on March 2, 2026.

2. **Personal Appearances**

A. Dennis Harper, Recovery Division Administrator, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, will be present to request a Contingency Fund Loan for the City of Portsmouth.

3. **Iowa Code §7D.10**

A. Attorney General's office requests Payment for Expenses under Iowa Code §7D.10 in the amount of \$34,102.11.

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 *Deatsch, George v. University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and 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

- B. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requests retention of outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3(1) in *Peterson, Christine v. Woodward Resource Center d/b/a State of Iowa, Self-Insured, 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

- C. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requests retention of outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3(1) in *Zimmerman, Holly v. Independence Mental Health Institute and 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 Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. (ISS).

Firm: Torridon Law PLLC (Torridon)
801 17th Street NW
Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20006

Rate: Contingent-fee basis

- B. 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 Meta Platforms, Inc. (Meta).

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

Rate: Contingent-fee basis

- C. 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 PDD Holdings, Inc. and Whaleco, Inc. d/b/a Temu (the Temu Group).

Firm: Nachawati Law Group (Nachawati)
5489 Blair Rd.
Dallas, TX 75231

Rate: Contingent-fee basis

- D. The Department of Justice, Attorney General’s Office, requests retention of special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to provide legal advice to the Treasurer’s Office on issues in connection with the Office’s duties related to banking, investments and finance.

Firm: Dentons Davis Brown PC
215 10th Street
Suite 1300
Des Moines, IA 50309

Rate: Standard hourly rate with 10% discount for attorneys in Iowa

6. Leases

- A. Lease between DNR and American River Transportation Company LLC

Date of Lease: March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2031

Legal Description: Mississippi River frontage at river mile 576.50 in Section 5, Township 88 North, Range 3 East of the 5th P.M., Dubuque County, Iowa.

Purpose: Barge fleeting purposes

Annual Fee: \$16,041.31

Michael J. Moss, Assistant Attorney General, has reviewed the above lease and approved the lease as to form.

- B. Lease between DNR and Leonard Verbeck

Date of Lease: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030

Legal Description: A portion of Lot 12 in Block 36 of James McGregor’s Jr’s Addition, Clayton County, Iowa

Purpose: A driveway, retaining wall, portion of a house, portion of a deck and an LP tank

Annual Fee: \$327.00

Michael J. Moss, Assistant Attorney General, has reviewed the above lease and approved the lease as to form.

- C. Lease between DNR and Hans and Bernice Willadsen

Date of Lease: April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2031

Legal Description: East Okoboji Lake frontage adjacent to Lot #5, Block 4, Osborne’s Addition to the Town of Spirit Lake, Dickinson County, Iowa

Purpose: Shed purposes

Annual Fee: \$282.53

Michael J. Moss, Assistant Attorney General, has reviewed the above lease and approved the lease as to form.

7. Emergency Allocations

- A. Iowa Veterans Home is requesting an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$15,455.12. On December 27, 2022, water lines burst due to cold temperatures. Request is to cover repair costs. The request included estimated costs of \$6,044.94 for water overages resulting from the burst water line. It is the conclusion of the State Auditor's Office that these estimated costs do not qualify for allocation and reimbursement under Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. Therefore, the request has been reduced by this amount.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$9,410.18. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.

- B. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On February 17, 2026, radome cover on Woodbury WIT ISICS Tower 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.

- C. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On February 25, 2026, radome cover on the Kossuth County ISICS Tower 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.

- D. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On February 20, 2026, radome cover on Grundy County ISICS Tower 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.

- E. Department of Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$20,000.00. On February 17, 2026, the Cherokee ISICS Tower lighting system was damaged due to water intrusion. 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 Public Safety is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,800.00. On February 26, 2026, radome covers on the Atlantic ISICS Tower were 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.

- G. Department of Corrections is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$1,685.50, for a total request of \$11,239.90. This brings the total allocation to \$40,149.98. On March 21, 2025, buildings and equipment at North Central Correctional Facility were damaged by sewage backup/failed pumps. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation and payment in the amount of \$11,239.90. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.

- H. Department of Corrections is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$122,620.00. This brings the total allocation to \$351,750.00. On April 27, 2024, the air conditioner at Living Unit A at the Anamosa State Penitentiary 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 allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

- I. Department of Natural Resources is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$85,349.92. On May 21, 2024, Rock Creek State Park in Jasper County 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.

- J. Department of Natural Resources is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$1,096,787.00. This brings the total allocation to \$1,762,500.00. On August 4, 2025, drought conditions caused damaged and dead trees at Lewis & Clark 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.

- K. Department of Natural Resources is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$75,761.60. On February 3, 2026, Lake Macbride State Park doc system was damaged by ice heaving/water infiltration and freezing. 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 Natural Resources is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$173,293.44. On June 24, 2024, Great Lakes and Prairie Lakes Wildlife Units were damaged by significant flooding in NW Iowa. 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. Board of Regents is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$47,667.34. On November 22, 2024, Trowbridge Hall was damaged by a failed coupling on a HVAC system hot water pump. 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. Board of Regents is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$129,681.88. On August 31, 2023, the University of Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories Building 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.

- O. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$10,899.32. 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 subject to audit of actual invoices.

- P. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,321.57. 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 allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

- Q. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$3,449.75. On February 2, 2026, Vehicle #1639 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 \$3,242.44. 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 allocation subject to audit of actual invoices.

- S. Department of Administrative Services is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,069.64. This brings the total allocation to \$10,706.11. On October 27, 2025, Vehicle #105571 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.

- T. Department of Administrative Services is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$188.37. This brings the total allocation to \$2,250.59. On October 16, 2025, Vehicle #93 was damaged by a pheasant. 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.

- U. Department of Administrative Services is requesting a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$595.71. This brings the total allocation to \$3,211.83. 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 and payment. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.

8. Payment of Cost Items

- A. Department of Natural Resources\$40.00
Drainage Assessments Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 468.43:

Clinton \$40.00

Michael J. Moss, Assistant Attorney General, has reviewed this request and recommends payment.

- B. Board of Regents\$24,082.15
On December 13, 2024, the frozen fan coil at Field House was damaged by water. 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. Board of Regents\$10,404.43
On February 15, 2022, the furnace control malfunction caused pipes to freeze and burst causing water damages at 1120 East Court Street. Request is to cover repair costs.

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

- D. Board of Regents\$5,458.00
On June 21, 2024, the dock at Lakeside Labs was damaged by flood due to heavy rains. Request is to cover repair costs.

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

- E. Board of Regents\$85,634.43
On January 16, 2024, the Myriad Technology Plaza's pipes froze and lost power due to failed heating unit. Request is to cover repair costs.

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

- F. Department of Administrative Services\$6,241.56
On October 26, 2025, Vehicle # 203 was damaged by deer. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor’s Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents full and final payment, \$844.88 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

- G. Department of Administrative Services\$6,205.00
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 payment. This represents full and final payment, \$243.15 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

- H. Department of Administration Services\$4,241.30
On December 1, 2025, Vehicle # 603 was damaged by deer. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor’s Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents full and final payment, \$134.00 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

- I. Department of Administrative Services\$18,125.50
On November 15, 2025, Vehicle # 1542 was damaged by deer. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor’s Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents full and final payment, \$3,565.29 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

- J. Department of Administrative Services\$2,009.67
On November 5, 2025, Vehicle # 106073 was damaged by deer. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor’s Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents full and final payment, \$7,913.64 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

- K. Board of Regents\$307,714.12
On February 12, 2024, the Pappajohn Business building had water damage due to failed commode valve. Request is to cover repair costs.

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

- L. Board of Regents\$38,729.48
On January 10, 2023, heating hot water pipe was damaged by water due to failed soldering joint. Request is to cover repair costs.

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

- M. Department of Public Safety\$27,283.00
On September 15, 2025, the Radome Cover on KTIN Bradgate 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 payment. This represents full and final payment, \$2,717.00 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

- N. Gray Miller Persh, LLP.....\$361.60
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.

- 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

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

- P. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$175.00
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 Blankenship, 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.....\$1,430.00
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 Blankenship, 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.....\$96.00
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 Blankenship, 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.....\$17.50
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.

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

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.....\$105.00
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.

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

W. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$455.00
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.

- X. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$1,887.50
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

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.....\$160.00
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.

- Z. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$525.00
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.

- AA. 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

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.....\$350.00
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.

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.

9. Adjourn Meeting