



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Teleconference Only

Monday, February 02, 2026 at 10:00 AM

MINUTES

The Executive Council met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. via conference call. Secretary of State Paul Pate presided over the meeting. Treasurer of State Roby Smith, Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig and Auditor of State Rob Sand were present. Governor Kim Reynolds was absent.

1. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Treasurer Smith that the Council approve of the minutes from the Executive Council meeting held on January 5, 2026 and the Board of Canvass meeting held on January 12, 2026.

The vote:	Ayes:	Secretary Pate Auditor Sand Treasurer Smith Secretary Naig
	Nays:	None

2. 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 \$51,284.00.

The vote:	Ayes:	Secretary Pate Auditor Sand Treasurer Smith Secretary Naig
	Nays:	None

3. Outside Counsel

Moved by Auditor Sand and seconded by Secretary Naig 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 *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

The vote: Ayes: Secretary Pate
Auditor Sand
Treasurer Smith
Secretary Naig
Nays: None

4. 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 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

The vote: Ayes: Secretary Pate
Auditor Sand
Treasurer Smith
Secretary Naig
Nays: None

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

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

Firm: Gray Miller Persh
1200 New Hampshire Ave. N.W., Suite 410
Washington, D.C. 20036-3802
Rate: \$475 per hour

The vote: Ayes: Secretary Pate
Auditor Sand
Treasurer Smith
Secretary Naig
Nays: None

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Treasurer Smith that the Council approve the following request:

- C. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requested 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
Previous Rate: \$6,000 per month
Approved Rate: \$7,000 per month

The vote:	Ayes:	Secretary Pate Auditor Sand Treasurer Smith Secretary Naig
	Nays:	None

5. Emergency Allocations

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Treasurer Smith that the Council approve the following requests:

- A. Board or Regents requested 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 was to cover repair costs.
- B. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$4,994.05. On January 3, 2026, vehicle #349 was damaged by a bobcat. Request was to cover repair costs.
- C. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$6,448.15. On January 1, 2026, vehicle # 353 was damaged by deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- D. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$8,323.54. On December 22, 2025, vehicle # 2282 was damaged by deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- E. Department of Administrative Services requested 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 was to cover repair costs.
- F. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,616.12. On November 20, 2025, vehicle #73 was damaged by a racoon. Request was to cover repair costs.
- G. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,407.83. On December 10, 2025, vehicle #78 was damaged due to vandalism. Request was to cover repair costs.

- H. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$14,647.65. On November 27, 2025, Vehicle #104 was damaged by shooting/vandalism. Request was to cover repair costs.
- I. Department of Administrative Services requested 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 was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- J. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$4,375.30. On December 2, 2025, vehicle # 603 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- K. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$6,319.90. On December 21, 2025, vehicle #1209 was damaged by deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- L. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$11,322.00. On December 16, 2025, vehicle #1847 was damaged by deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- M. Department of Administrative Services requested 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 was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, and this allocation will be closed.
- N. Department of Administrative Services requested 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 was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, and this allocation will be closed.
- O. Department of Health and Human Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$17,108.90. On November 29, 2024, the medical examiner commercial dryer was damaged by fire. Request was to cover repair costs.
- P. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$10,000.00. On November 3, 2025, the Fort Defiance State Park windows were vandalized. Request was to cover repair costs.
- Q. Department of Natural Resources requested 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 was to cover repair costs.
- R. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$67,878.00. On April 26, 2024, Loess Hills State Forest was damaged by a tornado. Request was to cover repair costs.
- S. Department of Natural Resources requested 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 was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, and this allocation will be closed.

- T. Department of Natural Resources requested 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 was to cover repair costs.
- U. Department of Corrections requested 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 was to cover repair costs.
- V. Department of Public Safety requested 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 was to cover repair costs.
- W. Department of Public Safety requested 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 was to cover repair costs.
- X. Department of Public Safety requested 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 was to cover repair costs.
- Y. Department of Public Safety requested 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 was to cover repair costs.
- Z. Department of Public Safety requested 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 was to cover repair costs.

The vote:	Ayes:	Secretary Pate
		Auditor Sand
		Treasurer Smith
		Secretary Naig
	Nays:	None

6. Payment of Cost Items

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Treasurer Smith that the Council approve the following cost items:

- A. Department of Administrative Services\$3,244.00
On November 17, 2025, Vehicle #614 was damaged by hail. Request was to cover repair costs. 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 was to cover repair costs. 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 was to cover repair costs. 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 was to cover repair costs. 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 was to cover repair costs. 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 was to cover repair costs. 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 was to cover repair costs. 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 was to cover repair costs. 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
- J. Gray Miller Persh, LLP.....\$226.00
2233 Wisconsin Avenue NW
Suite 226
Washington, D.C. 20007
Iowa PBS
- K. Butzel Long.....\$61,158.46
150 West Jefferson
Suite 100
Detroit, MI 48226
Iowa DNR - Damer v. Gelly
- 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

- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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

- 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
- 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
- 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 fund of Iowa
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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

- 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
- 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
- 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

The vote:	Ayes:	Secretary Pate
		Auditor Sand
		Treasurer Smith
		Secretary Naig
	Nays:	None

7. Information Items

- A. Department of Revenue's second quarter status update of the Litigation Expense Fund.
- B. Status of State Aid (Iowa Code 29C.20) Allocations quarterly update.
- C. 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.

Adjourn Meeting

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Auditor Sand that the meeting adjourns.

Respectfully submitted,

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