



# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Teleconference Only

Monday, January 06, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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## 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 and Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig were present. Secretary of State Paul Pate and Auditor of State Rob Sand were 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 December 2, 2024 and the Board of Canvass meeting held on December 2, 2024.

The vote:	Ayes:	Governor Reynolds Treasurer Smith Secretary Naig
	Nays:	None

### 2. Iowa Code §7D.10

Moved by Secretary Naig and seconded by Treasurer Smith 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 \$8,486.89.

The vote:	Ayes:	Governor Reynolds Treasurer Smith Secretary Naig
	Nays:	None

### 3. Special Counsel

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

- A. The Department of Justice, Attorney General’s Office requested retention of special counsel to provide legal services and representation to Iowa with respect to investigations into and possible litigation of certain business practices of Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. (ISS) and Glass Lewis & Co (Glass Lewis). The engagement will be governed by a separate contingent fee agreement under Iowa Code section 23B.3.

Firm: Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP  
200 Massachusetts Ave NW  
Washington, District of Columbia, 20001  
Rate: Governed by a separate contingent fee agreement under Iowa Code section 23B.3

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds  
Treasurer Smith  
Secretary Naig  
Nays: None

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

- B. The Department of Justice, Attorney General’s Office requested retention of special counsel to provide legal services for the Department of Administrative Services in regard to real estate transactions pertaining to the sale of Department of Health and Humans Services and Department of Corrections owned farmland.

Firm: Nyemaster Goode P.C.  
700 Walnut St # 1600  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
Rate: \$300 per hour

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds  
Treasurer Smith  
Secretary Naig  
Nays: None

### 4. Emergency Allocations

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

- A. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,085.00. On September 24, 2024, Vehicle #2318 was damaged by a raccoon. Request was to cover repair costs.
- B. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$11,951.90. On October 8, 2024, Vehicle #1721 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.

- C. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$5,692.80. On October 10, 2024, Vehicle #465 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- D. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$3,341.83. On October 11, 2024, Vehicle #353 was damaged by a raccoon. Request was to cover repair costs.
- E. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$16,433.01. On October 11, 2024, Vehicle #440 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- F. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,809.54. On October 16, 2024, Vehicle #99 was damaged by a raccoon. Request was to cover repair costs.
- G. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$4,205.46. On October 16, 2024, Vehicle #1266 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- H. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,207.43. On October 19, 2024, Vehicle #105694 was damaged by a raccoon. Request was to cover repair costs.
- I. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$14,712.35. On October 25, 2024, Vehicle #1743 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- J. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$6,100.00. On August 29, 2024, the beach bathroom at Clear Lake State Park in Cerro Gordo County was damaged by high winds. Request was to cover repair costs.
- K. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$6,353.85. On June 22, 2024, Dolliver Memorial State Park was damaged by a flood. Request was to cover repair costs.
- L. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$33,771.11. On June 26, 2024, Fairport State Recreation Area was damaged by flood. Request was to cover repair costs.
- M. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,192.94. On August 10, 2024, the Lynn Lorenzen Boat Dock at Ventura Access along Clear Lake partially collapsed. Request was to cover repair costs.
- N. Department of Public Safety requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$129,500.00. This brings the total allocation to \$250,500.00. On April 26, 2024 through May 9, 2024, various ISICS communication towers (Shelby, Storm Lake, Van Wert, Clarinda, Calhoun, Marion, Newton, Davis) were damaged by storm/tornado. Request was to cover repair costs.

The vote:   Ayes:           Governor Reynolds  
   Treasurer Smith  
   Secretary Naig  
                   Nays:           None

**5. Payment of Cost Items**

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

- A. Department of Administrative Services .....\$5,413.70  
 On June 12, 2024, Vehicle #611 was damaged by hail. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$300.67 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
  
- B. Department of Administrative Services .....\$4,033.35  
 On August 1, 2024, Vehicle #1038 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$1,571.63 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
  
- C. Iowa Communications Network .....\$11,210.00  
 On August 9, 2024, two locations in Adair County had exposed cable due to excessive erosion. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment.
  
- D. Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts, P.C.....\$280.00  
 The Davis Brown Tower  
 215 10th Street, Suite 1300  
 Des Moines, IA 50309-3993  
Legal Services to state agencies on issues related to the visa status of prospective state employees
  
- E. Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts, P.C.....\$157.50  
 The Davis Brown Tower  
 215 10th Street, Suite 1300  
 Des Moines, IA 50309-3993  
Legal Services to state agencies on issues related to the visa status of prospective state employees
  
- F. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$96.00  
 729 Insurance Exchange Building  
 505 Fifth Avenue  
 Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Leland Mitchell v. Iowa Department of Transportation and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
  
- G. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$64.00  
 729 Insurance Exchange Building  
 505 Fifth Avenue  
 Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Ronald Simmons v. Iowa Department of Transportation and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

- H. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$48.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Amy Ausborn v. Eldora State Training School and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- I. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$262.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Wendy Netolicky v. University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund
- J. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$384.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Diane Chase v. Woodward Resource Center and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- K. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$32.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
John Larson v. Newton Correctional Facility and Clinics and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- L. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$80.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Shana Overstreet v. University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- M. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$48.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Brad Stevenson v. Iowa Department of Transportation, State of Iowa, Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- N. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$176.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Patricia Brown v. Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, State of Iowa, Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- O. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$144.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Karen Crew v. Univ. of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, State of Iowa, Second Injury Fund of Iowa

- P. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$482.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Therese Blake v. Woodward Resource Center and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- Q. Gray Miller Persh, LLP.....\$44.20  
2233 Wisconsin Avenue NW  
Suite 226  
Washington, D.C. 20007  
Iowa PBS
- R. 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
- S. Dentons Davis Brown Law Firm.....\$350.00  
The Davis Brown Tower  
215 10th Street, Suite 1300  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
Unclaimed Property Probate Matters
- T. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$516.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Karen Crew v. University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, State of Iowa, Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- U. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$2,256.00  
729 Insurance Exchange Building  
505 Fifth Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2390  
Jeffrey Welder v. Iowa State University, State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa
- V. Richard J. Bennett, Sr.....\$678.00  
PO Box 65666  
West Des Moines, IA 50265  
Special Counsel for the Criminal Appeals Division of the Iowa Attorney General's Office

The vote:   Ayes:           Governor Reynolds  
  Treasurer Smith  
  Secretary Naig  
                  Nays:           None

**6. 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 #621 due to hail on June 12, 2024 are not required; \$13,777.04 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

**7. Adjourn Meeting**

Moved by Treasurer Smith and seconded by Secretary Naig that the meeting adjourns.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristi Onstot*

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