

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Teleconference Only Monday, October 06, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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, Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig and Auditor of State Rob Sand were present. Secretary of State Paul Pate joined at agenda item 2A.

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 September 2, 2025 and Board of Canvass held on September 8, 2025.

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds

Treasurer Smith Secretary Naig Auditor Sand

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 requests Payment for Expenses under Iowa Code §7D.10 in the amount of \$51,554.35.

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds

Treasurer Smith Secretary Naig Secretary Pate Auditor Sand

Nays: None

3. Outside Counsel

Moved by Secretary Pate 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 *Sonier, Emma v. State of Iowa Department of Correction, 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

B. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requests retention of outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3(1) in *VanHorn*, *Nathan v. Eldora State Training School, 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

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds

Treasurer Smith Secretary Naig Secretary Pate Auditor Sand

Nays: None

4. Special Counsel

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

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—specifically, University of Iowa Health Care—with respect to the antitrust lawsuit against Blue Cross Blue Shield related entities for violations of state and federal antitrust laws, for which the Executive Council has already approved retention of Paul Hastings LLP as special counsel.

Firm: Barze Taylor Noles Lowther LLC

Lakeshore Park Plaza

2204 Lakeshore Dr., Ste. 425 Birmingham, AL 35209

Firm: Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP

One Federal Place 1819 5th Avenue N Birmingham, AL 35203

Rate: Paul Hastings will pay Barze Taylor's and Bradley Arant's hourly fees. Those

fees constitute case expenses under the representation agreement with Paul Hastings, meaning they, and the risk that they will not be recovered, will be carried by Paul Hastings until the conclusion of the representation and will be

reimbursed to Paul Hastings out of any recovery.

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds

Treasurer Smith Secretary Naig Secretary Pate Auditor Sand

Nays: None

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

B. 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 investigations into and possible litigation of certain business practices of General Motors and certain of its contracting parties regarding data privacy.

Firm: James Otis Law Group, LLC

530 Maryville Centre Dr., Ste. 230

St. Louis, Missouri, 63141

Rate: Contingent-fee basis

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds

Treasurer Smith
Secretary Naig
Secretary Pate
Auditor Sand

Nays: None

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

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 litigation of certain business practices of GPD Holdings LLC d/b/a CoinFlip (CoinFlip).

Firm: Hilgers Graben PLLC

1320 Lincoln Mall, Suite 200

Lincoln, NE 68508

Rate: Contingent-fee basis

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds

Treasurer Smith Secretary Naig Secretary Pate Auditor Sand

Nays: None

5. Emergency Allocations

Moved by Secretary Pate and seconded by Auditor Sand that the Council approve the following allocations:

- A. Iowa State Fair requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$86,442.35. On July 29, 2025, grounds, buildings, equipment and campgrounds were damaged by high winds and heavy rain. Request was to cover repair costs.
- B. Iowa Communications Network requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,318.68. On June 28, 2025, a generator at Northwest Iowa Community College was damaged. Request was to cover repair costs.
- C. Iowa Communications Network requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$202,499.00. On May 16, 2025, equipment at Network Operations Center at Iowa National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters was damaged by storms. Request was to cover repair costs.
- D. Department of Veterans Affairs requested an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$273,345.62. During the 2020 Derecho, the exterior walls of the dispatch building had structural deficiency due to extreme weather and very high winds. Request was to cover repair costs.
- E. Department of Public Safety requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$9,500.00. On August 15, 2025, Webster County ISICS Communication Tower (Fort Dodge) was damaged by severe storms. Request was to cover repair costs.
- F. Department of Public Safety requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$22,500.00. On July 28, 2025, Sioux ISICS Communication Tower was damaged by severe weather. Request was to cover repair costs.
- G. Department of Public Safety requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$19,000.00. On August 14, 2025, Iowa Falls and Madison County ISICS Communication Towers were damaged by severe storms. Request was to cover repair costs.
- H. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$4,472.00. On July 14, 2025, a maintenance shed at Shimek State Forest was damaged by severe storms. Request was to cover repair costs.
- I. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$75,000.00. On July 4, 2025, Manchester Fish Hatchery was damaged by strong winds. Request was to cover repair costs.
- J. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,834.00. On August 11, 2025, Cabin 9 at Backbone State Park was damaged by lightning strike. Request was to cover repair costs.
- K. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$4,200.00. On July 29, 2025, Cedar Rock State Park shop roof and trees were damaged by high winds and severe storms. Request was to cover repair costs.
- L. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$4,258.00. On August 6, 2025, Clear Lake water patrol boat hoists were damaged by windstorm. Request was to cover repair costs.

- M. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$4,869.85. On July 8, 2025, drywall at Fort Atkinson Museum was damaged by honey bees. Request was to cover repair costs.
- N. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$4,700.00. On July 15, 2025, a shelter at Lake Macbride State Park was damaged by a large tree branch. Request was to cover repair costs.
- O. Department of Natural Resources requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$60,000.00. On August 9, 2025, Loess Hills State Forest and Preparation Canyon State Park were damaged by wind storm. Request was to cover repair costs.
- P. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$23,119.48. On July 4, 2025, Centennial Building was damaged by fire. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- Q. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$2,254.98. On May 20, 2025, Iowa Laboratories Facility was damaged by storm. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- R. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation and reimbursement in the amount of \$33,616.66. On January 28, 2025, the Iowa State Capitol was damaged due to a water main break. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- S. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$3,501.00. On July 31, 2025, Vehicle #31 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- T. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,869.48. On July 28, 2025, Vehicle #138 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- U. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$5,763.75. On March 5, 2025, Vehicle #207 was damaged by blizzard conditions. Request was to cover repair costs.
- V. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,399.60. On September 5, 2025, Vehicle #212 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- W. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$11,959.78. On July 12, 2025, Vehicle #374 was damaged by flooding. Request was to cover repair costs.
- X. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$14,107.55. On July 11, 2025, Vehicle #417 was damaged by flooding. Request was to cover repair costs.

- Y. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$5,987.42. On September 4, 2025, Vehicle #589 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- Z. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$3,286.80. On July 29, 2025, Vehicle #623 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- AA. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$5,335.36. On August 21, 2025, Vehicle #1034 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- BB. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$17,364.36. On July 28, 2025, Vehicle #1093 was damaged by storms. Request was to cover repair costs.
- CC. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$10,022.12. On September 2, 2025, Vehicle #1623 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- DD. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,755.03. On June 13, 2025, Vehicle #1834 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- EE. Department of Administrative Services requested an emergency allocation in the amount of \$6,400.50. On September 8, 2025, Vehicle #2325 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs.
- FF. Department of Administrative Services requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$1,477.45. This brings the total allocation to \$4,978.45. On July 31, 2025, Vehicle #31 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- GG. Department of Administrative Services requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$120.45. This brings the total allocation to \$9,980.76. On April 17, 2025, Vehicle #37 and #904 were damaged by hail. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- HH. Department of Administrative Services requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$626.00. This brings the total allocation to \$3,964.89. On June 25, 2025, Vehicle #42 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- II. Department of Administrative Services requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,380.40. This brings the total allocation to \$5,249.88. On July 29, 2025, Vehicle #138 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- JJ. Department of Administrative Services requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$37.90. This brings the total allocation to \$4,161.20. On June 13, 2025, Vehicle #297 was damaged by a raccoon and a deer. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.

- KK. Department of Administrative Services requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$1,337.40. This brings the total allocation to \$6,844.20. On July 2, 2025, Vehicle #312 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- LL. Department of Administrative Services requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$210.15. This brings the total allocation to \$3,445.15. On April 18, 2025, Vehicle #452 was damaged by hail. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- MM. Department of Administrative Services requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$446.47. This brings the total allocation to \$7,498.13. On April 23, 2025, Vehicle #511 was damaged by hail. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- NN. Department of Administrative Services requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$21.36. This brings the total allocation to \$2,478.42. On July 15, 2025, Vehicle #1501 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- OO. Department of Administrative Services requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$2,418.02. This brings the total allocation to \$8,167.17. On June 9, 2025, Vehicle #1735 was damaged by a deer. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.
- PP. Department of Administrative Services requested a supplemental emergency allocation in the amount of \$25.00. This brings the total allocation to \$2,081.35. On July 1, 2025, Vehicle #2252 was damaged by vandalism. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment and this allocation will be closed.

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds

Treasurer Smith Secretary Naig Secretary Pate Auditor Sand

Nays: None

6. Payment of Cost Items

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

C.	Department of Corrections\$28,910.08
	On March 21, 2025, North Central Correctional Facility buildings and equipment were damaged by sewage backup/failed pumps. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents partial payment.
D.	Department of Administrative Services
E.	Department of Administrative Services
F.	Department of Administrative Services\$2,807.94
	On June 6, 2025, Vehicle #414 was damaged by a raccoon. Request was to cover repair costs.
	The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends payment. This represents full and final payment.
G.	Department of Administrative Services
Н.	Department of Administrative Services
I.	Department of Administrative Services\$2,959.75
	On April 17, 2025, Vehicle #51 was damaged during winter storm. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$336.00 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
J.	Department of Administrative Services
K.	Department of Administrative Services\$2,153.50
	On April 17, 2025, Vehicle #346 was damaged by hail. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$80.50 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
L.	Department of Administrative Services\$5,772.55
	On July 11, 2025, Vehicle #417 was damaged by flooding. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$8,335.00 will be reverted and this allocation closed.
M.	Department of Administrative Services
N.	Department of Administrative Services\$6,714.63
	On July 28, 2025, Vehicle #1093 was damaged by storm. Request was to cover repair costs. This represents full and final payment, \$10,649.73 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

O.	On July 9, 2025	Administrative Services				
P.	Department of Administrative Services					
Q.	Department of Natural Resources					
	Drainage Assessments Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 468.43:					
	\$828.14 \$704.64 \$10,918.00 \$4,453.00 \$1,511.00 \$29,078.64 \$97.00 \$11,598.00 \$465.01 \$227.81 \$777.98 \$477.22 \$14,395.47 \$1,633.40 \$602.00 \$2,641.00 \$7,880.01 \$3,304.00 \$6,039.00 \$239.69 \$10,529.78 \$15,144.00 \$5,509.00	Allamakee County Clay County Des Moines County Dickinson County Emmet County Fremont County Greene County Hancock County Harrison County Humboldt County Jackson County Kossuth County Louisa County Mills County Monona County Muscatine County Palo Alto County Pottawattamie County Sac County Van Buren County Winnebago County Woodbury County Worth County Worth County				
R.	\$423.57 Department of 1	Wright County Natural Resources\$13,942.48				
	Drainage Assessments Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 468.43:					
	\$10,814.48 \$3,128.00	Palo Alto County Worth County				
S.	S. Department of Natural Resources					
	Drainage Assessments Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 468.43:					
	\$6.00 Monona County					

T.	Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts, P.C
	Payment will be made from the funds of the Iowa Department of Revenue.
U.	Gray Miller Persh, LLP\$994.40 2233 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 226 Washington, D.C. 20007 Iowa PBS
V.	Marquess & Hoyer Law Office, P.C
W.	Dentons Davis Brown Law Firm. \$531.00 The Davis Brown Tower 215 10th Street, Suite 1300 Des Moines, IA 50309 Special Counsel Dentons Davis Brown Unclaimed Property Fund
X.	Patterson Law Firm L.L.P
Y.	Patterson Law Firm L.L.P\$1,032.50 729 Insurance Exchange Building 505 Fifth Avenue Suite 729 Des Moines, IA 50309-2390 Beitz, Michael v. Public Defense and State of Iowa, Second Injury Fund of Iowa
Z.	Patterson Law Firm L.L.P\$112.00 729 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

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FF.	Patterson Law Firm L.L.P	
GG.	Patterson Law Firm L.L.P	

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Katherine Williams v. 6th Judicial District and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

JJ. Patterson Law Firm L.L.P.....\$612.50

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Wink, Stephen v. North Correctional Facility and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of

<u>Iowa</u>

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds

Treasurer Smith Secretary Naig Secretary Pate Auditor Sand

Nays: None

7. Iowa Code §97C.13A

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

A. Request from IPERS for reimbursement for Federal-State Agreement Administration Costs in the amount of \$6,480.10.

The vote: Ayes: Governor Reynolds

Treasurer Smith Secretary Naig Secretary Pate Auditor Sand

Nays: None

8. Information Items

A. Notification from the State Auditor's Office that funds previously allocated for the Iowa Communications Network for damages to Iowa Central Community College's generator on April 29, 2025, are not required; \$15,551.25 will be reverted and this allocation closed.

- B. The City of Seymour made its ninth Contingency Loan payment of \$17,180.00. This loan was approved for \$284,837.00 on May 8, 2017, and is prorated not to exceed twenty years. Total repayment to date: \$95,900.00
- C. The World Food Prize Foundation will not be hosting the 2025 World Food Prize Laureate Award Ceremony & Reception at the Iowa State Capitol on October 23, 2025, thus will not be serving wine at the event, as previously approved by the Executive Council at the July 21, 2025 meeting.

Adjourn Meeting

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Onstot Kristi Onstot