

**EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**PIONEER ROOM**

Members present in Conference Room: Governor Doug Burgum and Secretary of State Al Jaeger. Members present by Microsoft Teams: Senator Rich Wardner, Representative Chet Pollert, Representative Jeff Delzer, and Senator Ray Holmberg.

Governor Burgum called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**1. North Dakota Council on the Arts \* (Request #1990)**

Request increased spending authority of \$62,500 to accept other funds from The Bush Foundation for salaries line (\$5,500), operating line (\$2,000), and grants line (\$55,000) to provide support and assistance to arts, cultural and creative industries similar to the Emergency Commission approval on May 12, 2020, in request # 1971 to receive federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

Senator Holmberg moved to approve the request. Senator Wardner seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

**2. North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation \* (Request #1966)**

Request increased spending authority of \$260,247 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Juvenile Justice System Enhancements, for youth services line (\$260,247) to partner with the Council of State Governments (CSG) to do an in-depth data driven assessment of the juvenile justice system to improve system alignment and reduce recidivism.

Senator Wardner moved to approve the request. Representative Pollert seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

**3. North Dakota Department of Corrections \* (Request #1967)**

Request increased spending authority of \$268,948 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice Reinvestment Initiative, for adult services line (\$268,948) to improve the efficiency and efficacy of adult community supervision.

Representative Pollert moved to approve the request. Senator Wardner seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

**4. North Dakota Department of Corrections (Request #1968)**

Request increased spending authority of \$35,614 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Correctional Adult Reentry Education, Employment, and Recidivism Reduction Strategies (CAREERS) Program, for adult services line (\$35,614) to enhance computers and curriculum for computer literacy and career readiness to acquire skills and mindset for reentry back into society.

Senator Wardner moved to approve the request. Representative Pollert seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

**5. North Dakota Insurance Department \* (Request #1984)**

Request increased spending authority of \$21,488,350 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, for operating line (\$21,488,350) to implement the Reinsurance Association of North Dakota (RAND). (House Bill No. 1106, 2019 Session Laws, Chapter 243)

Representative Wardner moved to approve the request. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

**6. North Dakota Department of Commerce \* (Request #1985)**

Request increased spending authority of \$2,113,524 to accept federal funds from the CARES act through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the CARES Act Funding – 2020 line (\$2,113,524), to fund the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) providing assistance to eligible units of local government and programs for low income individuals; related to rental eviction prevention with deposit and rental assistance. The funding will pass through to the Department of Human Services to assist with the rent bridge program.

Senator Holmberg moved to approve the request. Representative Pollert seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

**7. North Dakota Department of Commerce \* (Request #1986)**

Request increased spending authority of \$8,000,000 to accept federal funds of \$7,000,000 through federal contracts and \$1,000,000 in other funds from private industry contracts for grants line (\$8,000,000) for the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site (NPUASTS). (House Bill No. 1018, 2019 Session Laws, Chapter 18)

Senator Holmberg moved to approve the request. Senator Wardner seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

**8. Legislative Assembly \* (Request #1987)**

Request increased spending authority of \$750,000 to accept federal funds received from the CARES Act for the COVID-19 line (\$750,000), which funding is passed through from North Dakota Information Technology (NDIT) to purchase equipment and related costs to support remote legislative meetings.

Representative Pollert moved to approve the request. Senator Wardner seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

**9. North Dakota Veteran's Home \* (Request #1988)**

Request increased spending authority of \$190,330.70 to accept federal funds received from the H.R. 266 Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the cares act line (\$190,330.70) for healthcare related expenses attributable to COVID-19.

Senator Wardner moved to approve the request. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.



#### **10. North Dakota University System \* (Request #1989)**

Request approval for line item transfer of \$2,500,000 from the student financial assistance grants line to the academic and technical education scholarships line to provide funds for scholarship awards.

Senator Holmberg moved to approve the request. Senator Wardner seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

#### **11. North Dakota Department of Health \* (Request #1991)**

Request increased spending authority of \$17,700,000 to accept federal funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Epidemiology and Lab Capacity Program, for COVID19 Response line (\$17,700,000) to contain and mitigate spread of COVID-19.

Representative Pollert moved to approve the request. Senator Wardner seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

#### **12. North Dakota Department of Human Services \* (Request #1992)**

Request increased spending authority of \$2,360,572 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program for grants line (\$1,400,000) and operating line (\$960,572) to assist individuals and communities recover from natural and human-caused disasters through community outreach and access to mental health services.

Senator Wardner moved to approve the request. Representative Pollert seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

#### **13. Office of Management and Budget \* (Request #1993)**

Request increased spending authority of \$408,081,340 to utilize federal funds provided by the Coronavirus Relief Fund created by the CARES ACT for the following agencies to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency for agency incurred necessary expenses, to facilitate telework, for support of small businesses, and solvency of the state unemployment insurance trust fund.

1) Governor .....	\$	18,085.00
2) Management and Budget .....	\$	119,700.00
3) State Auditor .....	\$	13,903.07
4) Tax Commissioner .....	\$	81,601.00
5) Legislative Assembly .....	\$	1,250,000.00
6) Legislative Council .....	\$	100,000.00
7) Court System .....	\$	26,383.28
8) University System .....	\$	1,508,387.00
9) Bismarck State College .....	\$	2,417,365.00
10) Lake Region State College .....	\$	483,426.00
11) Williston State College .....	\$	584,432.00
12) University of North Dakota .....	\$	13,578,957.00
13) North Dakota State University .....	\$	19,788,622.00
14) State College of Science .....	\$	3,825,311.00
15) Dickinson State University .....	\$	862,335.00
16) Mayville State University .....	\$	248,543.00
17) Minot State University .....	\$	588,379.00
18) Valley City State University .....	\$	237,930.00
19) Dakota College at Bottineau .....	\$	372,316.00
20) Department of Environmental Quality .....	\$	65,000.00
21) Department of Environmental Quality .....	\$	5,000.00
22) Department of Veterans Affairs .....	\$	2,860.00
23) Department of Human Services .....	\$	9,866,232.00

24) Job Service North Dakota .....	\$	200,000,000.00
25) Industrial Commission.....	\$	33,176,512.53
26) Mill and Elevator Association .....	\$	149,078.57
27) Workforce Safety and Insurance.....	\$	116,576.00
28) Highway Patrol.....	\$	404,094.00
29) Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.....	\$	4,226,240.00
30) Adjutant General .....	\$	10,000,000.00
31) Commerce.....	\$	69,679,000.00
32) Agriculture.....	\$	2,700,000.00
33) Branch Research Centers.....	\$	726,007.00
34) North Dakota State University Extension .....	\$	855,400.00
35) Northern Crops Institute .....	\$	115,586.00
36) Main Research Station.....	\$	989,968.00
37) Racing Commission .....	\$	1,000.00
38) State Historical Society of North Dakota .....	\$	20,000.00
39) Parks and Recreation Department.....	\$	96,547.47
40) Department of Transportation .....	\$	17,881,981.81
41) Treasurer, distribute to 64 political subdivisions * .....	\$	10,898,581.27
Total.....	\$	408,081,340.00

\* see attachment

Representative Pollert moved to remove \$6,996,035 from the Cass County request in item # 41 reducing that line to \$3,932,546 and that the Office of Management and Budget review all remaining requests to remove all capital improvement projects. Seconded by Representative Delzer. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

Representative Pollert moved to approve request #1993 as amended to \$401,115,305. Seconded by Senator Holmberg. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

#### **14. North Dakota Department of Agriculture \* (Request #1994)**

Request increased spending authority of \$5,000,000 to utilize federal funds provided by the Coronavirus Relief Fund created by the CARES Act for the grants line (\$5,000,000) for a competitive grant program to benefit and add value to coronavirus research.

Senator Wardner moved to approve the request with the following stipulations: A cap of \$1,500,000 on approved grants; that all grants are COVID-19 eligible; and the Department of Agriculture report on the status of the grant program to the Emergency Commission during its meeting in September. Representative Pollert seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State  
Secretary to Emergency Commission



Attachment Item #41 – distribution to 64 political subdivisions

Cass County Government	7,118,096.10
City of Bismarck	655,901.82
City of Williston	545,715.04
City of West Fargo	485,489.06
City of Fargo	444,150.82
City of Grand Forks	237,653.87
Burleigh County	200,929.82
Southwest Multi-County Correction Center / Stark County	186,715.65
Grand Forks County	142,221.45
Williams County	81,326.10
Richland County Administration	64,994.63
Ward County	61,728.65
West Fargo Park District	49,984.16
City of Watford City	47,659.67
Walsh County	45,151.85
Bismarck Parks and Recreation District	39,968.13
City of Jamestown	35,331.75
Stutsman County	34,638.31
McKenzie County	32,630.82
City of Dickinson	21,353.43
Stark County	20,191.85
Ransom County	19,884.90
Pembina County	19,685.05
Fargo Park District	18,416.86
Grand Forks Park District	17,690.15
Morton County	16,577.29
Rolette County	15,478.54
Valley City Park District	15,062.95
Adams County	15,000.00
Sargent County	12,750.71
Bottineau County	11,780.76
Ramsey County	11,383.06
Barnes County	11,328.17
Logan County	10,909.95
Williston Parks and Recreation District	10,907.30
Cavalier County	10,765.19
City of Mandan	10,745.83
LaMoure County	10,610.00
McLean County	9,343.58
Walsh County	8,059.84
Dickey County	6,913.84
City of Minot Park District	6,543.37
Burke County	6,138.32
Steele County	5,838.00

Dunn County	5,330.47
City of Grafton	5,253.05
Slope County	5,161.04
Renville County	5,120.52
Pierce County	4,834.51
City of Hillsboro	4,235.00
Emmons County	4,146.97
City of Oakes	4,008.04
Wells County	3,918.75
Watford City Park District	3,831.79
Nelson County	3,563.47
Mercer County	3,294.56
City of Horace	3,146.56
Towner County	2,675.86
City of Kenmare	1,845.14
Oliver County	1,695.87
Golden Valley County	1,216.19
Oliver County	844.83
City of Bowbells	716.17
City of Rolla	95.84

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