

**SPECIAL EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.**  
**FORT TOTTEN ROOM**

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

Governor Burgum called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**1. North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education \* (Request # 1995)**

Request increased spending authority of \$122,695 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Labor for the grants line (\$122,695) for an IT apprenticeships program at Lake Region State College to create online education, along with workplace learning, for registered IT apprentices

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

**2. Bank of North Dakota \* (Request # 1996)**

Request approval to repurpose up to \$100,000,000, as approved in Request # 1982 on May 12, 2020, from an interest buydown program on new loans for businesses requiring working capital to assist with a business restart to an interest rate buydown program on existing debt incurred prior to COVID-19 reducing those ongoing costs to assist businesses for a restart.

No action was taken. Members of the Commission requested the proposal be resubmitted for consideration at its September 2020 meeting, along with specific details about the proposed program so the Commission can evaluate the proposal along with other potential requests to determine the best use for the available funding.

**3. North Dakota Department of Commerce \* (Request # 1997)**

Request increased spending authority of \$3,468,739 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Cares Act Funding – 2020 line (\$3,468,739) for the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program to prevent, prepare for and respond to the impact of COVID-19 on individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance.

Senator Holmberg 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 Commerce \* (Request # 1998)**

Request increased spending authority of \$694,317.13 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Labor for the grants line (\$694,317.13) for the North Dakota State College of Science to administer an apprenticeship program.

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

**5. North Dakota Department of Commerce \* (Request # 1999)**

Request Withdrawn Prior to Meeting

**6. North Dakota Department of Health \* (Request # 2000)**

Request increased spending authority of \$88,150 to accept federal funds from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the COVID-19 Response line (\$88,150) to conduct focused Infection Control Surveys of Long Term Care Facilities.

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



**7. North Dakota Department of Health \* (Request # 2001)**

Request increased spending authority of \$1,160,455 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hospital Preparedness Program, for the COVID-19 Response line (\$1,160,455) for ventilators to support surge capacity (\$985,000) and for a designated special pathogen center (\$175,455) at Sanford Fargo.

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. North Dakota Department of Human Services \* (Request # 2002)**

Request increased spending authority of \$37,226,127 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for the grants – medical assistance line (\$21,000,000) for Medicaid, Long-term services, and Home and Community Based Services; from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) (\$500,000) for foster care and sub-adoption, and from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (\$12,000,000) for the grants line (\$12,500,000); from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the human service centers/institutions line (\$3,445,927) for stimulus rural area payments; and from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pass-through funds for the operating line (\$280,200) for the Great Plains Food Bank.

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 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation \* (Request # 2003)**

Request line transfer of \$5,513,789 from the youth services line as approved on May 12, 2020, in the Office and Management Request # 1982 (\$1,287,549) and from the adult services line as approved on June 18, 2020, in the Office and Management Request # 1993 (\$4,226,240) to the special CARES Act Funding 2020 line (\$5,513,789).

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

**10. Office of Management and Budget \* (Request # 2004)**

Request increased spending authority of \$5,932,707 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Education for the grants line (\$5,932,707) for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER) for COVID-19 related emergency assistance to local education agencies, institutions of higher education, and other education related entities.

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

**11. Office of Management and Budget \* (Request # 2005)**

Request increased spending authority of \$319,701,086 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) Job Service North Dakota.....	\$	100,000,000.00
2) Department of Health .....	\$	96,558,467.87
3) Adjutant General .....	\$	23,296,780.00
4) University System.....	\$	160,400.00
5) Bismarck State College.....	\$	1,584,357.00
6) Lake Region State College.....	\$	369,887.00
7) Williston State College.....	\$	515,932.00
8) University of North Dakota.....	\$	6,826,006.00
9) North Dakota State University .....	\$	2,882,792.00
10) State College of Science .....	\$	1,452,586.00
11) Dickinson State University.....	\$	1,179,920.00
12) Mayville State University .....	\$	764,488.00
13) Minot State University.....	\$	954,560.00
14) Valley City State University .....	\$	270,627.00
15) Dakota College at Bottineau.....	\$	393,960.00

16) Department of Human Services .....	\$	13,277,209.00
17) Department of Agriculture.....	\$	2,000,000.00
18) Office of Management and Budget.....	\$	894,525.00
19) Information Technology .....	\$	500,000.00
20) Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.....	\$	386,398.00
21) Department of Transportation .....	\$	294,493.49
22) Court System.....	\$	285,828.67
23) Main Research Center.....	\$	174,999.00
24) Department of Agriculture.....	\$	120,000.00
25) Branch Research.....	\$	105,000.00
26) Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute .....	\$	102,495.00
27) Department of Agriculture.....	\$	90,000.00
28) Workforce Safety and Insurance .....	\$	83,354.00
29) Mill and Elevator .....	\$	55,631.72
30) Department of Agriculture.....	\$	51,000.00
31) Secretary of State .....	\$	49,216.16
32) Office of Management and Budget.....	\$	5,000,000.00
33) Treasurer, distribute to political subdivisions .....	\$	<u>59,020,173.09</u>
Total .....	\$	319,701,086.00

Senator Wardner moved to approve the request, with the provision that all agency and higher education institutions be allowed flexibility for sub-requests that included proposed HVAC ionization projects to allow use of other HVAC equipment if necessary to accommodate a building's specific needs related to air quality and virus containment. Representative Pollert seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State  
Secretary to Emergency Commission