

SPECIAL EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING

Friday, October 23, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

State Capitol – Fort Totten Room

600 East Boulevard Avenue

Bismarck ND 58505

MINUTES

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

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

1. North Dakota Industrial Commission * (Request # 2022)

Request increased spending authority of \$77,249 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Source Water Protection program, for the operating line (\$77,249) to administer and implement an underground injection control program adequate to protect underground sources of drinking water, and fulfill permitting, inspection, reporting, and enforcement of the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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

2. North Dakota Department of Commerce * (Request # 2023)

Request increased spending authority of \$1,921,418 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 (\$1,921,418), 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.

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

3. North Dakota Department of Health * (Request #2024)

Request increased spending authority of \$54,540,000 to accept federal funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the COVID-19 Response line (\$54,540,000) to cover expenditures related to COVID-19 for containment and mitigation efforts such as lab testing and capacity, personal protective equipment, overtime, and other costs as allowed by FEMA.

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 Human Services * (Request #2025)

Request increased spending authority of \$25,534,942 to accept federal pass-through funds from the North Dakota Department of Commerce (\$4,034,942) for Emergency Rent Bridge program (see request # 2023); to accept federal funds (\$500,000) from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau, increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), for foster care and sub-adoption service programs; and to accept federal funds (\$4,000,000) from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Disaster Response Grant Program Center, to provide mental and behavioral health services for individuals affected by 2019 flooding and 2019 excessive rain summer and fall; for the grants line (\$8,540,073); and to accept federal funds (\$17,000,000) from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for traditional Medicaid, long-term care, and home and community based services; for the grants – medical assistance line (\$17,000,000).

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. Office of Management and Budget * (Request # 2026)

Request increased spending authority of \$221,430,286 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, and for support of small businesses.

1) Office of Management and Budget.....	\$	988,830.00
2) Office of Administrative Hearings	\$	522.32
3) Legislative Assembly	\$	1,100,000.00
4) Department of Public Instruction	\$	33,816,217.00
5) Bismarck State College.....	\$	228,000.00
6) Lake Region State College	\$	27,500.00
7) Williston State College	\$	612,000.00
8) University of North Dakota	\$	1,614,803.00
9) State College of Science.....	\$	80,000.00
10) Dickinson State University	\$	306,184.00
11) Mayville State University	\$	1,193,625.00
12) Minot State University	\$	911,500.00
13) Valley City State University	\$	231,796.00
14) Dakota College at Bottineau	\$	54,355.00
15) Department of Career and Technical Education	\$	470,980.00
16) Department of Health	\$	10,000,000.00
17) Department of Environmental Quality	\$	675,000.00
18) North Dakota Veterans Home	\$	330,943.00
19) Indian Affairs Commission	\$	20,915.00
20) Department of Human Services	\$	14,846,520.00
21) Job Service	\$	9,727,570.00
22) Industrial Commission.....	\$	16,000,000.00
23) Bank of North Dakota	\$	20,000,000.00
24) Mill and Elevator	\$	12,919.78
25) Workforce Safety and Insurance	\$	818,122.00
26) Highway Patrol	\$	13,515,000.00
27) Department of Commerce	\$	29,000,000.00
28) Department of Agriculture	\$	2,200,000.00
29) State Seed Department.....	\$	6,117.00
30) State Fair Association	\$	105,271.83
31) Parks and Recreation	\$	154,438.12
32) Department of Transportation	\$	651,458.31
33) Treasurer – distribute to political subdivisions.....	\$	61,729,699.00
Total.....	\$	221,430,286.36

Representative Delzer requested item # 23, the Bank of North Dakota, to be voted on separately.

Senator Wardner moved to approve the Bank of North Dakota request for \$20,000,000. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Jaeger, and Burgum. Voting no was Delzer. Motion carried.

Representative Pollert moved to approve Request # 2026 for \$202,430,286. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alvin A. Jaeger
 Secretary of State
 Secretary to Emergency Commission