

EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, November 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 School for the Blind (Request # 2027)

Request approval for a line item transfer of \$30,000 from the operating line to the capital assets line (\$30,000) to allow replacement of flooring in the multi-purpose meeting room and gym.

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

2. North Dakota Department of Career & Technical Education * (Request # 2028)

Request approval for line item transfers from the salary line (\$150,000), the operating line (\$125,000), and the adult farm management line (\$215,000), to the grants – secondary line (\$490,000) to reimburse expenditures made for Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at the secondary education level.

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

3. Office of the Adjutant General (Request # 2029)

Request increased spending authority of \$8,736,000 to accept federal funds for the disaster costs line (\$6,552,000) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as authorized in N.D.C.C. § 37-17.1-23 and to accept loan proceeds for the disaster costs line (\$2,184,000) from the Bank of North Dakota as authorized in N.D.C.C. § 54-16-13 to support the North Dakota National Guard Service Members responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

4. Department of Emergency Services (Request # 2030)

Request increased spending authority of \$3,025,440 to accept federal funds for the disaster costs line (\$2,613,600) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as authorized in N.D.C.C. § 37-17.1-22 and to accept loan proceeds for disaster costs line (\$411,840) from the Bank of North Dakota as authorized in N.D.C.C. § 37-17.1-23 and N.D.C.C. § 54-16-13 for costs related to summer 2020 flooding occurring between June 29 and July 1, 2020, in the counties of Benson, Grand Forks, McKenzie, Mountrail, Nelson and Wells.

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 # 2031)

Request increased spending authority of \$35,022,660 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) Department of Commerce	\$ 2,500,000
2) Department of Commerce	\$ 8,000,000
3) Department of Health	\$ 15,000,000
4) Job Service	\$ 2,653,643
5) Council of Arts.....	\$ 800,000
6) Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	\$ 6,069,017
Total.....	\$ 35,022,660

Representative Delzer moved to approve the request according to the attached Coronavirus Relief Fund November 2020 Reallocations summary with the exception that the Bank of North Dakota be limited to a buydown grant of \$50,000 and that no funds are disbursed until after the meeting of the Legislative Budget Section on December 3, 2020. Representative Pollert seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger and Burgum. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alvin A Jaeger
Secretary of State
Secretary to Emergency Commission

**Coronavirus Relief Fund
November 2020 Reallocations**

Money Returned to Fund - Reduction of Appropriation Authority

Agency	Amount	Line Item	Description
Bank of North Dakota	\$30,000,000	BND - Operations	The Bank of North Dakota anticipates utilizing \$70 million of the existing \$100 million of CRF authority allocated to the Bank, resulting in the ability to return \$30 million for reallocation to other purposes. The Bank requests authority to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide business assistance grants for interest expense and revenue loss for a period of up to 10 months. - Increase the total maximum amount of buydown grant to \$100,000. - Allow transfer of available funding between CPR I and CPR II to respond to business needs and applications for assistance. - Accept applications through November 30, 2020
ND Information Technology	5,000,000	CARES Act Funding - 2020	Money unspent from COVID-related technology projects.
Department of Trust Lands	22,660	Operating Expenses	Money unspent for previous allocation for software and online lease auction fees.
Total amount returned	\$35,022,660		

Requests for New/Additional Allocations

Agency	Amount	Line Item	Description
Department of Commerce	\$2,500,000	Grants	Healthcare and Emergency Responder COVID grant program. This program will be jointly administered by Commerce and WSI and will provide grants to healthcare and emergency response workers identified in executive orders 2020-12 and 2020-12.2 who test positive for COVID-19, incur medical costs as a result, but do not qualify for workers compensation benefits.
Department of Commerce	8,000,000	Grants	Request to increase the grants line item for the Hospitality Economic Resiliency Grant (HERG) program and to expand the focus of the program to a broader definition of eligible businesses including hotels and motels.
Department of Health	15,000,000	CARES Act Funding - 2020	Hospital COVID support grant program to provide financial assistance to primary care and certain critical care hospitals to support staffing for COVID units and offset increased staffing costs.
Job Service ND	2,653,643	N/A	Payment of assessments charged to reimbursable employers due to unemployment claims incurred during the fourth quarter of calendar year 2020. Job Service also requests authority to reallocate up to \$4.4 million of the existing \$360 million allocation of CRF moneys to the unemployment insurance trust fund if actual unemployment claims are lower than previously estimated and that amount is not required to be deposited into the trust fund to maintain an adequate fund balance. The \$4.4 million includes \$2.2 million for additional temporary staff and overtime costs, \$500,000 for contracted services regarding the management of the existing mainframe application, and other COVID-related costs incurred by the agency.
Council on the Arts	800,000	CARES Act Funding - 2020	Allocations to non-profit arts organizations in ND that have revenue loss due to COVID-19 restrictions and are at risk of being unable to maintain ongoing financial viability. Revenues from performances, instruction, and donations have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 and these allocations will help keep these organizations operating.
Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	6,069,017	Adult Services	Payroll costs for state correctional officers and DOCR medical staff, which meet the federal definition of a "public health and safety worker" and are considered to be substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Total correctional officer and medical staff payroll from March 1 through December 30 is approximately \$32.2 million.
Total amount allocated	\$35,022,660		