

EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.
State Capitol – Governor’s Conference Room
600 East Boulevard Avenue Bismarck ND 58505

MINUTES

Governor Burgum called a meeting of the Emergency Commission to order at 11:10 a.m. on June 20, 2023.

Members present were: Governor Doug Burgum, Secretary of State Michael Howe, Representative Keith Kempenich (via Teams), Senator Brad Bekkedahl, Representative Mike Lefor, and Senator David Hogue. A quorum existed throughout the meeting.

Also in attendance for the meeting were: Joe Morrisette, previous Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director; Susan Sisk, OMB Director; Sandy McMerty, Deputy Secretary of State; Anita Cysewski, OMB Executive Assistant; Alan Dohrmann, Office of the Adjutant General Brigadier General; and Kim Konikow, North Dakota Council on the Arts Executive Director.

Governor Burgum welcomed new members to the Commission, thanked previous OMB Director Joe Morrisette for his service, and welcomed new Director Susan Sisk.

Mr. Morrisette provided a summary of Commission authority remaining for the 2021-23 biennium, prior to consideration of current requests, summary of request #2098 from the Office of the Attorney General, and OMB approval recommendation.

1. Office of Attorney General (Request # 2098)

Request spending authority of \$5000 from the Operating Expenses line to the Arrest & Return of Fugitives line. NDCC 29-30.3-23 provides that the state to which the person is being returned shall pay the cost of returning the person incurred after transfer of custody to its agent. This line-item transfer will provide for the return of fugitives to North Dakota.

Upon motion duly made by Senator Hogue and seconded by Senator Bekkedahl, the Office of the Attorney General request #2098 was approved and the motion carried. Voting yes were Hogue, Lefor, Bekkedahl, Kempenich, Howe, and Burgum.

Mr. Morrisette provided a summary of request #2099 from the Adjutant General, and OMB approval recommendation. Brigadier General Dohrmann provided a mission summary, cost breakdown, and deployment plan details.

2. Adjutant General (Request # 2099)

Request increased spending authority of \$2,200,000 from the Disaster Costs line item from the Bank of North Dakota Loan Special Funds to assist Texas in support of their Emergency Management Assistance Compact request. A statewide emergency was declared on June 13, 2023 authorizing the North Dakota National Guard to help Texas secure the U.S.-Mexico border.

Upon motion duly made by Senator Hogue and seconded by Representative Lefor, the Adjutant General request #2099 was approved and the motion carried. Voting yes were Hogue, Lefor, Bekkedahl, Kempenich, Howe, and Burgum.

Mr. Morrisette provided a summary of request #2100.5 from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, and OMB approval recommendation. Executive Director Konikow provided a summary regarding future Council authority and thanked the Commission for their past approvals.

3. North Dakota Council on the Arts (Request # 2100.5 – updated on 6/15/2023)

Request spending authority of \$30,000, moving \$24,000 from the Salaries line, and \$6,000 from the Grants line to the Operating line to account for unexpected inflationary increases.

Upon motion duly made by Senator Hogue and seconded by Senator Bekkedahl, the North Dakota Council on the Arts request #2100.5 was approved, and the motion carried. Voting yes were Hogue, Lefor, Bekkedahl, Kempenich, Howe, and Burgum.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Howe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State
Secretary, Emergency Commission