

EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Fort Totten Room
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck ND 58505

MINUTES

Members present in the Pioneer Room were Governor Doug Burgum, Senator Rich Wardner, and Secretary of State Al Jaeger. Members present via Microsoft Teams were Representative Chet Pollert, Senator Terry Wanzek (substituting for Senator Ray Holmberg), and Representative Jeff Delzer.

Governor Burgum called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

1. ND Industrial Commission - Department of Mineral Resources * (Request #2032)

Request withdrawn after numbering of the requests was initiated

2. ND Department of Commerce * (Request #2033)

Request approval to repurpose \$3,000,000 in previously authorized COVID-19 funding from the restart economic development grant program for salary line (\$150,000), for operating line (\$150,000), and grants line (\$2,700,000) to establish an industrial life science grant program for advanced research for manufacturing vaccines and related technologies for treatment of various diseases in partnership with Operation Warp Speed.

Senator Wardner moved to approve the request. Representative Pollert seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Wanzek, Jaeger, and Burgum. Voting no was Delzer. Motion carried.

3. Department of Environmental Quality * (Request #2034)

Request was amended to approve utilizing agency's existing federal spending authority of \$400,000 for the 2019/2021 biennium and to approve increased spending authority of \$750,000 for the 2021/2023 biennium to accept pass through federal COVID funds of \$1,150,000 from the North Dakota Department of Health for operating line (\$1,100,000) and grants line (\$50,000) for wastewater testing and laboratory information management system as authorized by legislative intent in Section 6 of Senate Bill 2024 adopted by the 67th Legislative Assembly.

Senator Wardner moved to approve the request. Senator Wanzek seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Wanzek, Jaeger, and Burgum. Voting no was Delzer. Motion carried.

4. Office of Management and Budget * (Request #2035)

Request was amended to approve line item transfer of \$100,000 from the operating line to the salaries line (\$100,000) because of higher than anticipated unemployment insurance claims from state employees and corresponding higher than anticipated unemployment reimbursements to Job Service from the OMB unemployment fund.

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

5. North Dakota State Library (Request #2036)

Request line item transfer of \$18,189 from salaries line to grants line (\$18,189) to provide state aid distribution support to community public libraries.

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

6. Council on the Arts * (Request #2037)

Request increased spending authority of \$269,000 to accept other private funds for the grants line (\$269,000) from the Bush Foundations (\$209,000) for a Lakota Song Repatriation Project in partnership with Dakota Legacy and from the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies/Aroha Philanthropies (\$60,000) for a Tiny Press Kit project in partnership with North Dakota State University.

Secretary Jaeger moved to approve the request. Senator Wardner seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Wanzek, Jaeger, and Burgum. Voting no were Pollert and Delzer. Motion carried.

7. Council on the Arts (Request #2038)

Request line item transfer of \$45,000 from the grants line to the operating line (\$45,000) for data collection and documentation, information technology, equipment, furniture, the state art collection, for arts across the prairie travel, and exhibition expenses.

Senator Wardner moved to approve the request. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Wanzek, Jaeger, and Burgum. Voting no were Pollert and Delzer. Motion carried.

8. Department of Human Services * (Request #2039)

Request increased spending authority of \$19,000,000 from July 1, 2021, to September 30, 2021, to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Human Services (continuation of the public health emergency) for the Medicaid grant line (\$18,500,000) and the grants line (\$500,000) to provide Medicaid, Foster Care and Subsidized adoption services to eligible state citizens.

No action taken.

9. Department of Human Services * (Request #2040)

Request increased spending authority of \$31,600,000 for the 2021/2023 biennium to accept federal funds from the Department of Human Services, Home and Community Based Services, for the Medicaid grant line (\$31,600,000) to provide home and community-based services in increased and enhanced system capacity, provider training, workforce recruitment and retention pilots, and select service pilots.

No action taken.

10. Department of Human Services * (Request #2041)

Request increased spending authority of \$1,700,000 for the 2021/2023 biennium to accept pass-through federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) funding from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for the grants line (\$1,700,000) for Early Childhood Education programs to continue an UPSTART demonstration program. (NOTE: The spending authority was appropriated to DPI in HB 1394. However, when HB 1416 was adopted by the legislature, which transferred the administration of early childhood education programs from DPI to DHS, the spending authority for the program was not transferred at the same time because DPI had not yet determined if the UPSTART program was an appropriate use of ESSER II funding).

Senator Wardner moved to approve the request. Senator Wanzek seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Wanzek, Jaeger, and Burgum. Voting no was Delzer. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alvin A Jaeger
Secretary of State
Secretary to Emergency Commission