

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY COMMISSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020 - 1:00 P.M.
STATE CAPITOL – PIONEER ROOM**

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Emergency Commission was held on Thursday, April 2, 2020, in the Pioneer Room. Commissioners present were Governor Doug Burgum and Secretary of State Al Jaeger. Commissioners present via Teams: Senator Rich Wardner, Representative Chet Pollert, Senator Ray Holmberg, and Representative Jeff Delzer. Governor Burgum called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Adjutant General – Department of Emergency Services (Request # 1959)

Related to a national Presidential Emergency Declaration on March 13, 2020, and the Governor's Executive Order 2020-03 of March 13, 2020, declaring a state of emergency related to COVID-19 and the activation of the North Dakota State Emergency Operations Plans, request increased spending authority of \$35,000,000 to accept federal funds for disaster costs line (\$5,000,000) 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 (\$30,000,000) 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 staffing, equipment, and supplies including to prepare all hospitals for surging Tier I and Tier II responses and to establish Tier III capability for eight regional hospitals. Any federal reimbursement will be applied towards the BND loan.

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

2. Department of Transportation * (Request # 1960)

Request increased spending authority of \$17,996,449 to accept federal funds being made available in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, H.R. 748, (CARES) through the Federal Transit Administration, Section 5311 program, for grants line (\$17,996,449) to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000 where residents rely on public transit to travel to destinations and for training and technical assistance through the Rural Transportation Assistance Program. No state or local match is required.

Representative Pollert moved to approve the request with the increase in spending authority to \$17,996,449. Senator Wardner seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Governor Burgum. Motion carried.

3. Department of Public Instruction * (Request # 1961)

Request increased spending authority of \$36,600,000 to accept federal funds made available in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, H.R. 748, (CARES) through the Department of Education, Education Stabilization Fund, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, for grants line (\$36,600,000) to assist school districts to continue educating students during the COVID-19 crisis and to support planning for future emergencies.

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

4. Department of Human Services * (Request # 1962)

Request increased spending authority of \$42,700,000 to accept federal funds made available in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, H.R. 748, (CARES) through the Medicaid Federal Medical Assistance Percentage program (FMAP) for grants line – medical assistance (\$30,000,000); operating line (\$1,200,000 - for Home Delivered Nutrition Services \$800,000 and Congregated Nutrition Services \$400,000) and grants line (\$11,500,000 – for Child Care Development Block Grant \$6,000,000 and Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program LIHEAP \$5,500,000) to provide increased support to various programs and services in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

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

5. Department of Human Services * (Request # 1963)

Request increased spending authority of \$36,000,000 to expend special funds in grants line (\$36,000,000) to support childcare providers until the COVID-19 emergency declaration is ended.

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

6. North Dakota State Library * (Request # 1964)

Request increased spending authority of \$200,000 to accept federal funds made available in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, H.R. 748, (CARES) through the Institute of Museum and Library Services for operating line (\$200,000) to provide additional network access to purchase internet accessible devices and provide technical support to electronically connect students and citizens to additional resources.

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

The meeting adjourned 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State
Secretary to Emergency Commission