

EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING

**Monday, November 25, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol – Governor’s Conference Room
600 East Boulevard Avenue Bismarck ND 58505**

MINUTES

Governor Burgum called a meeting of the Emergency Commissioner to order at 2:02 p.m. on November 25, 2024.

Members present were: Governor Doug Burgum, Secretary Michael Howe, Senator David Hogue, Representative Don Vigesaa, Senator Brad Bekkedahl, and Representative Mike Lefor. A quorum existed throughout the meeting.

Also in attendance for the meeting were: Susan Sisk, Office of Management and Budget Director; Sherri Heinert, Office of the Secretary of State; Jace Beehler, Chief of State, Office of the Governor; Maria Neset, Governor’s Office; Larry Martin, Becky Ulberg, Stephanie Gullickson, Renae Bloms, Stephanie Johnson, John Boyle, OMB; Thomas Beadle, Treasurer; Becky Keller, Attorney General; Allen H. Knudson, Sheila Sandness, Legislative Council; Mitch Johnson, Jennifer Scheet, Adjutant General; Darin Hanson, Homeland Security; Tom Claeys, State Forester; Dave Glatt, Dept of Environmental Quality

Ms. Sisk provided a summary of Commission authority for the 2023-2025 biennium, prior to consideration of current requests, and OMB approval recommendations.

Note: According to the provisions of N.D.C.C., Chapter 54-16, approved requests marked with an asterisk will be forwarded to the Legislative Budget Section committee for its meeting on December 4, 2024.

1. Department of Commerce* (Request #2142)

The Department of Commerce is seeking spending authority of \$107,017 from the grants line for building code education and awareness throughout the state. The Community Services Division of Commerce is assigned the responsibility of updating and amending the North Dakota State Building Code.

Upon motion duly made by Senator Hogue and seconded by Senator Bekkedahl, Department of Commerce Request #2142 was approved, and the motion carried. Voting yes were Hogue, Lefor, Bekkedahl, Vigesaa, Howe, and Burgum.

2. Secretary of State (Request #2143)

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3. Office of Attorney General *(Request #2144)

The Office of Attorney General is requesting line-item transfer authority of \$250,000 from the capital asset line to the operating line. During the 68th Legislative Assembly, SB 2003 provided \$250,000 from the general fund in the capital assets line item for state laboratory capital improvements. However, the expenditures have fallen under the operating line and not the capital asset line.

Upon motion duly made by Representative Lefor and seconded by Senator Bekkedahl, Office of Attorney General Request #2144 was approved, and the motion carried. Voting yes were Hogue, Lefor, Bekkedahl, Vigesaa, Howe, and Burgum.

4. Department of Environmental Quality *(Request #2145)

The Department of Environmental Quality is asking for a line-item transfer and spending authority of \$280,000 from the operating line to the capital assets line for licensing and maintenance of their Laboratory Information Management System (LIM system).

Upon motion duly made by Representative Vigesaa and seconded by Senator Hogue Department of Environmental Quality Request #2145 was approved, and the motion carried. Voting yes were Hogue, Lefor, Bekkedahl, Vigesaa, Howe, and Burgum.

5. Department of Environmental Quality *(Request #2146)

The Department of Environmental Quality is asking for an increase in line-item spending authority of \$313,000 for the purchase of equipment for multipoint air monitoring station to be in northeastern North Dakota. This will repair, replace, and maintain existing monitors.

Upon motion duly made by Representative Lefor and seconded by Senator Bekkedahl Department of Environmental Quality Request #2146 was approved, and the motion carried. Voting yes were Hogue, Lefor, Bekkedahl, Vigesaa, Howe, and Burgum.

6. Adjutant General (Request #2147)

The Office of the Adjutant General is seeking an increase in line-item spending authority of \$9,900,000 for Federal Funds and \$1,560,000 for BND Loan Special Funds.

Upon motion duly made by Representative Lefor and seconded by Senator Bekkedahl Office of Adjutant General Request #2147 was approved, and the motion carried. Voting yes were Hogue, Lefor, Bekkedahl, Vigesaa, Howe, and Burgum.

7. Office of Management and Budget * (Request #2148)

The Office of Management and Budget is asking for an increase in line-item spending authority of \$802,000 for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Funds (GEER). The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction had unused funds that reverted to the Governor's Office for granting to eligible entities.

Upon motion duly made by Representative Lefor and seconded by Senator Hogue Office of Management and Budget Request #2148 was approved, and the motion carried. Voting yes were Hogue, Lefor, Bekkedahl, Vigesaa, Howe, and Burgum.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.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