

MINUTES OF THE STATE AUCTIONEERS COMMISSION Special Meeting
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Seminar Room B
8995 E. MAIN STREET, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068
July 7, 2015

PRESENT:

Chairman Doug Walton
Commissioner Rich Kruse
Commissioner Bart Sheridan
Commissioner Gary Cain
Commissioner Sherri Orr

Jim Patterson, Assistant Attorney General
Hannah Smith-Carr, Senior Staff Counsel
Donna Brinker Potter, Auctioneer Program Manager
Hal Miller, Agriculture Enforcement Manager

Members of the Public:

Peter Gehres, OAA
Ken Bonnigson, OAA

Kathy Baber, OAA
Tim Beathard, OAA

Chairman Walton called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. A quorum was present with the following members: Doug Walton, Rich Kruse, Bart Sheridan, and Gary Cain.

The first item on the agenda was a request from the Michigan Auctioneers Association (“MAA”), requesting funds from the auction education fund for the Midwest Round Up Summer Slam Bid Contest. Ms. Potter gave a brief summary of the request and stated that the Department’s Legal Office questioned the \$3,700 request for promotion and layout and recommended that the Commission ensure that the funding request was only for the bid calling contest. Ms. Potter also stated that the Legal Office questioned the educational purpose for MAA’s request for an administrative fee of \$1,000, a professional photographer fee of \$500, and plaques and awards for \$500.

The minutes reflect that Commissioner Sherri Orr arrived at the meeting.

Peter Gehres, Ohio Auctioneers Association (“OAA”), stated that OAA is facilitating MAA’s request and that the promotional piece for the bid calling contest would be sent to all Ohio licensees. Mr. Gehres clarified that MAA was also asking the Commission’s approval to hold the bid calling contest.

Commissioner Kruse asked whether MAA would be required to submit reports showing their expenditures. Ms. Potter explained that in order for MAA to be reimbursed, they are required to provide invoices and documentation. Commissioner Cain moved to approve the bid calling contest and approve the request for funds from the auction education fund. Commissioner Kruse seconded the motion. Chairman Walton asked whether there was any further discussion. Without further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

The next item on the agenda was OAA’s request for \$23,020 from the auction education fund for the Accredited Auctioneer of Real Estate (“AARE”). Ms. Potter provided a summary of the request. Chairman Walton asked for the amount of spending authority for FY 16. Ms. Potter stated there was \$35,000 available for FY 16 from the auction education fund. Commissioner Sheridan noted the three requests before the Commission totaled \$34,000.

Mr. Gehres stated the proposed course is three days long as opposed to the original six day course and that the curriculum was recently updated.

Commissioner Sheridan moved to approve the funding request from OAA. Commissioner Cain seconded. Chairman Walton asked whether there was any further discussion. Without further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

The last request before the Commission was OAA’s request for \$4,200 for the Annual OAA Conference Educational Seminars. Commissioner Cain moved to approve the request as submitted. Commissioner Orr

seconded. Chairman Walton asked whether there was any further discussion. Without further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Walton asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cain moved to adjourn. Commissioner Kruse seconded. Ms. Potter reminded everyone that the next meeting will be held on August 21. No further discussion noted. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Approved Chairman