CONTRACT FOR SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION

This agreement is entered into on the _____ day of ________________, 20___, by and between ______________________________ (hereafter "Seller") and _____________________________ (hereafter "Auctioneer"). In consideration of the mutual promises and undertakings of the parties, Seller and Auctioneer agree as follows:

1. **Employment as auctioneer:** Seller hereby employs Auctioneer to advertise, promote, and sell at public auction the property described below according to the terms contained in this agreement.

2. **Date of auction or termination date of the agreement:**

3. **Location of auction:**

4. **Property to be auctioned:**

   Lot No. | Quantity | Description (with reserve price if applicable)
   ------- | -------- | --------------------------------------------------
   ______  | ______   | ________________________________________________
   ______  | ______   | ________________________________________________
   ______  | ______   | ________________________________________________
   ______  | ______   | ________________________________________________
   ______  | ______   | ________________________________________________
   ______  | ______   | ________________________________________________
   [see attached sheet(s) if applicable]

5. **Liens or encumbrances:**

   [check one as applicable]
   ______ Seller represents that the property is free and clear of all liens or encumbrances -or-
   ______ Seller represents that the property is subject to the following liens or encumbrances:

   Name of lien holder: ______________________________________________

   Address of lien holder: ____________________________________________

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Unpaid balance: ______________________

6. **Good title:** Seller represents that he/she is the sole owner of the above property and has good title and right to sell said property. The property shall be sold [check one] _____ free and clear of all liens and encumbrances; or _____ subject to the liens and encumbrances disclosed above. Seller assumes responsibility for delivering merchantable title to the property to the purchaser(s) and agrees to hold Auctioneer harmless from all claims against Auctioneer pertaining to the delivery of such title.

7. **Absolute auction / reserve auction:** The auction shall be conducted as follows [check one as appropriate]:

_______ An absolute auction, which is an auction of real or personal property to which all of the following apply: (a) the property is to be sold to the highest bidder without reserve; (b) the auction does not require a minimum bid; (c) the auction does not require competing bids of any type by the seller or agent of the seller; (d) the seller of the property cannot withdraw the property from auction after the auction is opened and there is a public solicitation or calling of bids. Seller represents that he/she has a bonafide intention to transfer the property regardless of the price or identity of the high bidder.

- or -

_______ A reserve auction, which is an auction in which the seller or agent of the seller reserves the right to establish a stated minimum bid, the right to reject or accept any or all bids, or the right to withdraw the real or personal property at any time prior to the completion of the auction by the auctioneer. Reserve prices are noted in the above description of property.

8. **Costs and fees:** Seller agrees to pay the following costs and fees, as applicable:

- Commission to Auctioneer of ______% of gross sale proceeds
- Clerk and cashier charges of $______________
- Labor charges at $___________ per hour, not to exceed a total of $____________
- Advertising costs not to exceed $___________ shall be paid by [check one] ______ Seller, or ______ Auctioneer
- Additional costs or fees, as follows: ____________________________________

9. **Unsold property:** Unsold property is the responsibility of [check one]:

_______ Auctioneer. The unsold property shall be returned to Seller within 15 days of the date of the auction unless otherwise stated in this contract.

- or -

_______ Seller. The unsold property shall be disposed of at the discretion of Seller.
10. **Bad checks**: Bad checks, debts, and unpaids shall be the responsibility of [check one] _____ Auctioneer, or _____ Seller. Checks shall be made payable to ____________________________.

11. **Absentee bidding**: Seller [check one] _____ approves, or _____ does not approve, the use of absentee bidding. Auctioneer's policy on absentee bidding is as follows: ________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________

12. **Settlement**: Settlement of the auction shall be made within 15 days from the date of the auction, unless otherwise stated in this contract.

13. **Licensure**: Auctioneer is licensed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Auctioneer is bonded in favor of the state, or an aggrieved person may initiate a claim against the auction recovery fund created in section 4707.25 of the Ohio Revised Code as a result of the licensee's actions (whichever is applicable).

14. **Other Terms and Conditions**: (Note: R.C. 4707.20(D)(4) requires the terms and conditions of the auction to be stated in the auction contract).
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
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AGREED TO:

________________________________________________
Seller             Date

________________________________________________
Seller             Date

________________________________________________
Auctioneer           Date

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