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MINUTES Board Meeting **January 12, 2021**

The Alabama State Board of Auctioneers met on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at the Board office in Montgomery. During the COVID 19 State of Emergency, the meeting was held via a video-conference call. Members in attendance on the call were Mr. Pete Horton (Board Chair), Mr. Mike Fisher (Vice Chair), Mr. John Gray (member) Mr. Chad Curvin (member), Mr. Chip Pearce (member) and Mr. Mike Fisher (Vice Chair). Member not in attendance were Mr. Erskine Valrie (Secretary) and Mr. Michael Langford. Also participating on the call was Ms. Peggy Rossmanith, Board Legal Counsel. Participants onsite were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hope Childers (Administrator), Mr. Dennis Trammell (Investigator), Mr. Mike James (Investigator), Ms. Karen Harlow (Legal Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). Chairman Horton called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and Mr. Warren called Board roll. Mr. Warren indicated that a quorum of the members was present to conduct business.

The meeting was advertised on the Board's web site, www.auctioneer.alabama.gov, and the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act. A word of prayer was given at the opening of the meeting and Mr. Warren gave the opening statement concerning Roberts Rules of Order and the Alabama Open Meetings Act. Chairman Horton welcomed members and other participants on the conference call.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Horton indicated that a copy of the minutes from the October 13, 2020 meeting and amended minutes from the September 1, 2020 meeting was distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Gray made a motion to dispense with the reading of the October 13, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fisher and, following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Warren indicated that through this motion, a roll call vote was established.

Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the October 13, 2020 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gray. Chairman Horton called for any objections to the motion, using the previous roll, and there were no objections to the motion. Chairman Horton stated the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Pearce made a motion to approve the amended September 1, 2020 minutes as presented to the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fisher. Chairman Horton called for any objections to the motion, using the previous roll, and there were no objections to the motion. Chairman Horton stated the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Executive Director Report: Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report (report available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The report included the financial activities of the Board for the period ending December 31, 2020, along with a line-item summary of expenses. He reported on the number of licensees and the number of complaints received and investigated for FY 2020 and to-date for FY 2021.

Mr. Warren also presented the Administrator's Report, which included a summary of examination statistics and licensing activities accomplished since the last Board meeting held in October.

Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearce. Chairman Horton called for any objections to the motion, using the previous roll, and there were no objections to the motion. Chairman Horton stated the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported on the status of Board terms and indicated that two (2) positions are eligible for reappointment and one new appointment.

Mr. Warren recommended the Board approve the contract with iGOV on updating the Board's licensee database. He explained the new database would allow applicants and licensees to apply online. He reported that proposed cost for the services would be \$1000 per month, with no additional cost for development. Mr. Pearce made the motion to approve the contract with iGov as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gray. Chairman Horton called for any objections to the motion, using the previous roll, and there were no objections to the motion. Chairman Horton stated the motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Warren reported that plans are to have the new database available by the 2021 renewal period.

Legal Counsel Report: Ms. Rossmanith reported that she had no report at this time. The Board welcomed Ms. Rossmanith, Assistant Attorney General, as the Board's new legal counsel.

2021 Proposed Legislation: Mr. Warren reported that the proposed bill is being prepared for the 2021 Legislative Session and will be pre-filed before the session begins in February.

CE Program: Mr. Fisher commented on the recently held annual meeting of the Alabama Auctioneer Association and thanked the Board on the sponsorship of the continuing education program attended by licensed auctioneers in Alabama.

Next Meeting: Chairman Horton reminded the members about the next Board meeting to be held April 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Warren reported that he would keep the Board advised about having the meeting onsite or virtually based on the State of Emergency due to the pandemic.

Adjournment: There was no further business by the Board and Mr. Pearce made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fisher and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Horton adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Horton
Board Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director
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