

Act (Article 41, §§ 251-256) as amended or supplemented from time to time. Appeals from final decisions of the Commissioner and further appeal to the Court of Appeals shall be as provided therein. As part of the decision following any hearing, the Commissioner may charge any party thereto with any portion of the costs of such hearing.

(c) *Hearings and objections of public bodies.*—A hearing based upon an objection filed pursuant to § 13-111 (c) shall be held promptly after such objection is filed. A determination by the Commissioner that the person filing the objection would be authorized to acquire the vacant land referred to therein by eminent domain shall terminate the proceeding as to such vacant land and a final order to that effect shall be entered by the Commissioner. Such order shall contain a direction to the person filing the objection to reimburse the applicant for all reasonable expenses incurred by him in connection with the survey of such vacant land and for the taking of depositions between the time of filing the application and the date such objection was filed. In cases of dispute as to such amount, the applicant may recover such expenses in a court of law.

(d) *Time for other hearings.*—Except as stated in subsection (c), all hearings conducted because of objections filed in the proceeding shall be held after the filing of the certificate of the surveyor and any depositions which may be required by this title. The Commissioner may, in his discretion, postpone any such hearing until the expiration of the period during which objections may be filed; and any objections filed in the proceeding may at any time be consolidated for hearing or heard separately as the Commissioner determines. Any decision or order overruling objections to issuance of a patent following a hearing held prior to the expiration of the period during which objections may be filed shall be considered to represent preliminary findings until the expiration of such period and the issuance of a final decision or order by the Commissioner.

13-113. *Issuance of patent generally; form and contents of patent.*

(a) *Notification of applicant.*—After the Commissioner determines that it is proper to issue a patent, he shall certify his decision to the applicant and any party to the proceeding. He shall also notify the applicant of the purchase price for any vacant land and any costs, fees or charges which will be due at the time of the issuance of the patent. He shall also notify the applicant that his failure to pay such costs, fees, charges and purchase price within sixty days will result in termination of the proceeding.

(b) *Time of issuance; stay on appeal.*—If no person has filed an objection to the issuance of the patent within the time prescribed, the patent may be issued at any time after determination by the Commissioner that it is proper to issue a patent and the purchase price for any vacant land and any costs, fees and charges have been paid. If objection has been filed to the issuance of the patent, no patent shall be issued until expiration of thirty days from the date of the final decision or order of the Commissioner. Entry of an appeal as provided by the Administrative Procedure Act and the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Court of Appeals shall operate as a stay of the issuance of a patent until the conclusion of such appeal.

(c) *Form and contents of patent.*—The patent shall be drawn by the Commissioner and shall contain the name of the person who filed