

## 17.

(b) When an application has been filed, the Commissioner shall issue his warrant to the surveyor named in the application. The warrant shall recite the name and address of the applicant, the date on which **[it]** *the application* was filed, the nature of the request made in the application, and a description of the alleged vacant land and/or the land to be resurveyed as described in the application. The warrant shall authorize and direct the surveyor to lay out and carefully survey the vacant land and/or to resurvey the land described therein. It shall enjoin the surveyor to prepare an accurate plat and description by metes and bounds of the alleged vacant land and/or land to be resurveyed; to run no lines within the lines of any former patent; to correct any errors in the original survey of any land to resurveyed; to compute the area of any vacant land comprehended within the description and plat so prepared; and to return his certificate thereon to the Commissioner within six months from the date of the warrant. The warrant shall be signed by the Commissioner and his seal affixed thereto.

## 19.

(b) In cases where a hearing is to be held, the Commissioner may, upon motion of the applicant made prior to the time referred to in subsection **[(d)]** *(e)*, direct that the proof required by subsection (a) be taken at such hearing and not by way of deposition.

## 20.

(a) The Commissioner shall examine the certificates and plats returned by the surveyor and, if they appear to comply with the requirements of Section 18, shall file them in the proceeding. If **[the]** *any* certificate or plat is found to be incorrect or incomplete, it shall be returned to the surveyor for completion or appropriate amendment.

**[25.]** 24.

(a) 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) 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.