## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, :

: Case No. 2:16-cy-0419

Plaintiff, :

JUDGE ALGENON L. MARBLEY

V. :

Magistrate Judge Kemp

FORT STEUBEN IMPROVEMENTS, LLC, :

:

Defendant.

## <u>ORDER</u>

This matter is before the Court on the motion (Doc. 20) of Steven E. Miller, Special Master appointed pursuant to this Court's August 11, 2016 Order. (Doc. 11.) On February 23, 2017, Special Master Miller conducted an auction at the United States District Court and sold the real property that is the subject of this case to Plaintiff for \$10,333,333.34. (See Doc. 19.) Miller now seeks the Court's approval for \$7,051.00 in fees. Miller attached an itemized fee statement to his motion. (Doc. 20-1.)

Southern District of Ohio General Order No. 07-03 establishes the fee to which a Special Master is entitled, but permits a judicial officer to order otherwise. Here, Miller argues that he is entitled to a higher fee, due to the "exceptional circumstances, expertise, and efforts expended" in the sale of this commercial property. The Court agrees. For this reason, and because Plaintiff does not oppose Miller's motion, the Court GRANTS Miller's motion for \$7,051.00 in fees.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ALGENON L. MARBLEY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**Dated: March 17, 2017**