

Public Notice

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2024

At 3:30pm, Chairman Utke called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver and Commissioner Alan Scanson via phone. Also present was Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster, Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Rounly, Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price and Brandon Padilla from Butler.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the October 15th, 2024, regular meeting and October 15th, 2024, Public Hearing. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve both sets of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor/Treasurer Rounly stated that Merle Munson was in regarding mowing at the James River Cemetery. Kent Hewitt also submitted a bill for mowing at the Riverdale Cemetery. Commissioner Hagel motioned to increase pay for Munson to \$1,000 and Hewitt to \$700, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call voted included:

Commissioner Hagel – aye
Commissioner Utke – aye
Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
Commissioner Scanson – aye
Motion passed. Additional discussion included an electrical bill that was due from MDU cutting the line when trenching for the natural gas. Commissioner Utke has a call out to Leo Straley with General Roofing and Construction and Chris Thomas, EAPC and is tabled for now. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Bills: Amazon Capital Services, Inc., \$14.98; Auto Value Parts Store, 77.56; Avid Hawk, LLC, 35.00; Balco Uniform Co., Inc., 772.30; Bessette Motors, Inc., 692.89; Boote Septic Solutions, 125.00; Butler Machinery Company, 621.41; C&J Oil Company, 11,975.20; Capfirst Equipment Finance, Inc., 37,832.14; Central Business Systems, 88.50; Central City H20+, 13.50; Central City Lumber, Inc., 26.99; CMF, 2,031.60.

Computer Express, 1,000.00; Corean Swart, 259.20; Craig Wiesz, 49.58; EAPC Architects Engineers, 2,216.18; Election Systems & Software, 1,161.07; Ellen Rounly, 212.28; Foster County Independent, 2,135.90; Garrett Matteson, 139.45; General Roofing and Construction, 243,410.00; High Plains Equipment, 429.20; Information Technology Dept., 1,134.15; Interstate Power Systems, Inc., 681.45; Jamestown Communications, Inc., 42,537.65.

John Deere Financial, 50.38; Karen Evans, 161.34; Kent Hewitt, 600.00; Lynelle R. Lyman Hoppe, 210.98; Merle or Eunice Munson, 1,000.00; ND Association of Counties, 945.00; Neumiller Small Engine & Repair, 225.00; Newman Traffic Signs, 3,039.76; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, 188.17; Office of Attorney General - 1250, 155.00; Office of the Adjutant General, 16,969.58; Postmaster, 120.00; Quadiant Finance, 1,010.00; Quality Inn, 192.60.

RDO Equipment Co., 1,180.00; Residence Inn, 792.00; Running's Supply, Inc., 403.51; Schock's Safe & Lock Service, Inc., 12,263.20; Schulz PLBG., HTG. A/C, Inc., 159.51; Stutsman Co Correction Center, 1,600.00; Stutsman County Auditor, 2,000.00; Wold Engineering, P.C., 8,700.50.

Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the agenda seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.
Old Business
Foster County State's Attorney, Kara Brinster, contacted Tamarac Land Surveying regarding the lots at Juanita Lake. When he has a chance, he will provide an estimate to Brinster.

New Business
Road Superintendent, Nate Monson, provided an update to the BOCC. The department has been busy durapatching many spots as harvest is in full swing and trucks are hauling. Border States has finished the Club Hall Road. They donated 296.75 ton to help with haul roads in Bucephalia and McKinnon Townships due to the process of grinding up the road for the project. Overall, an additional 910 ton was placed and worked into the road this fall once the project was completed. If there are problem spots on the Club Hall Road, they will get fixed in the spring. The Road Department plans to attend LTAP training at NDSU Extension later in the month.

Chris Thomas, EAPC, joined the meeting via phone. The work in the basement is coming along nicely. The expected move in date is still projected to be the first week of December. Heating to the building is still the top priority. Discussion was had on the electrical bill with no decision made.
Lisa Hilbert and Colleen Sweet, Public Health, requested an extension to be included in the counties WSI program. Discussion included rate changes that the county could incur if increased claims were made. The discussion will be tabled until the next BOCC meeting for further information.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, presented the BOCC with a contract from Sidwell. Her recommendation would be to continue at the hourly rate of \$130.00/hour for any training hours over the course of

the next two years. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve moving forward with the contract at the hourly rate of \$130/hour for any training, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Discussion included reviewing the township agreement contract and annual township allocation. Per conversations with Road Superintendent, Nate Monson, \$140/hour is still a competitive rate and the BOCC would like to see that continue for the next year along with the \$180/hour non-contracted rate. The county has provided allocations to the townships each year. Since starting the program, over \$500,000 has been sent to townships to help offset costs. Commissioner Hagel motioned to allot for each township receive \$2,000 for 2025, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Utke noted that a docusign contract was sent out for the bridge removal project for parties to sign. The Youthworks shelter agreement is up for renewal. Commissioner Hagel motion to sign up again with the Youthworks shelter agreement, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Discussion continued with ordering office chairs for the new commissioner room. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to order the purchase of eight chairs for the new commissioner room of the mesh back samples that have been tested, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye

- Commissioner Scanson – aye, motion passed. NDSU Extension Agent, Jeff Gale, had requested a commissioner to attend upcoming interviews for the vacant agent position. Commissioner Hagel stated that she can attend the interviews. The BOCC will work on creating a plan for camping and maintenance next year at Juanita Lake.

With no further business, Chairman Utke adjourned the meeting at 5:13 pm.

NOVEMBER 19, 2024

At 3:30pm, Chairman Utke called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver and Commissioner Alan Scanson via phone. Also present was Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster, Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Rounly, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, and Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the November 7th, 2024, regular meeting. Commissioner Hagel noted two changes to the minutes. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the minutes with the changes, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.
Commissioner Utke provided clarification on the bill from Randy's Electric and recommended that the BOCC pay it due to not having the utility clearly marked. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Bills: Arrowwood Prairie Co-op, \$1,440.20; Balco Uniform Co., Inc., 21.77; Baymont by Wyndham, 297.00; Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center, 109.00; Carrington Motors, Inc., 729.09; Central Business Systems, 125.00; Christopher Bittmann, 62.22; City of Carrington, 3,059.77; Computer Express, 1,000.00; Dacotah Paper Company, 46.63; EAPC Architects Engineers, 4,576.52.

Farmers Union Insurance, 175.00; Kyle Bahm, 149.99; Lisa F. Scanson, 53.60; Matthew Aberle, 267.14; ND County Commissioners Association, 1,725.00; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, 400.18; Pat Biel Trucking, Inc., 1,937.93; Quadiant Finance, 53.96; Randy's Electric, 1,467.73; Sidwell Company, 210.00; Border States Paving, Inc., 527,376.07.

Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the agenda seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business
Foster County State's Attorney, Kara Brinster has not heard back from the surveyor.

New Business
Road Superintendent, Nate Monson, provided an update to the BOCC. The department had used nineteen totes of oil durapatching for the year. The Club Hall Road project has been completed. The department is prepping equipment for the winter months. Monson provided information for the purchase of NUVO crack seal material for 2025. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the purchase for \$17,460.50, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye, motion passed.

Additional discussion included the sale of culverts that the county has been approached on. An Engineering bid for project BRJ-0016 (019) was presented to the BOCC. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve advertising with bid closing on December 16th

at 4:00 PM and interviews being conducted on December 23rd, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, presented resident abatements and credits to the BOCC. Austin Harrington was eligible for a DAV credit of 60% for \$715.60. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the DAV credit, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Randy & Mary Bartlett, Randy & Darcy Dewald, Gordon Ebensteiner, Douglas Handt, John Ingerson, and Garrett & Taylor Matteson qualified for up to five-hundred dollars of PRC credit with mobile homes. Evans stated that the state did not have the process for mobile homes ready when the taxation process was ready. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve all mobile home abatements, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Chris Thomas, EAPC, joined the meeting via phone. Thomas discussed the bill from Randy's Electric and that when a private line is not marked, it is not the responsibility of the utility company if a cut or break occurs. The basement woodwork is almost completed and ready for carpet. Rounly stated that the second level is still without heat and requested that be a priority. The first of the year is the new anticipated move in date.

Lisa Hilbert and Holly Ziemann, Public Health, approached the BOCC as the extension for WSI request was tabled at the last meeting. Commissioner Hagel had spoken with representatives from WSI, and any claim filed would go against the county's rates. She noted that after December 14th the district could reach out to WSI to start the paperwork. Additional discussion included if the county wanted to carry any additional risk for employees that are no longer county employees. Commissioner Copenhaver requested to make an additional phone call on the topic and will be tabled until the next meeting.

Ellen Rounly, Auditor/Treasurer provided an update to the BOCC on the General Election for Foster County. The canvassing board met on November 18th, 2024, and certified the county's results. A total of one-thousand, seven-hundred and twenty residents voted. Rounly was very pleased with how the election went and thanked everyone involved for their help and support. The delinquent tax sale was held earlier in the day. One property was sold in Grace City and

another property in Carrington was not sold during the sale. Rounly has the parcel posted on the website and in the Auditor's office as it can be sold between regular tax sales. Rounly presented two quotes for an updated postage machine. One was for the current company, Dakota Business Solutions for \$142.00 per month and the other was for Dakota Mailing for \$138.00/month. Pros and cons of both quotes were discussed. Commissioner Hagel motioned to accept the quote from Dakota Business Solutions, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Discussion included reviewing updated policies for key card, clothing and flextime. The BOCC will review and provide any updates prior to the next meeting for approval. The 2025 commissioner committee reports were reviewed. Commissioner Scanson motioned to nominate Commissioner Beumer as Vice-Chair effective December 1st, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to keep all commissioners on the same boards effective December 1st, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Rounly let the BOCC know if they would like to do a Christmas Ad in the Foster County Independent to bring payment in. The 2025 Commissioner meeting and county schedule was presented to the BOCC. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the schedule as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Rounly noted that the February 18th BOCC meeting will be held at 9:00 AM. All voted aye and the motion passed. The Juanita Lake RV Park renewal documentation was presented for approval. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the renewal, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. There will be a six-county meeting held in Napoleon on Tuesday, December 10th, 2024.

With no further business, Chairman Utke adjourned the meeting at 5:18 pm.
Ellen Rounly,
Auditor/Treasurer
David Utke, Chairman
Foster County
Board of Commissioners
(Publish December 9, 2024)



Around the State...

BY LEASA A. LURA
FOR THE INDEPENDENT

The counties and cities within the state of North Dakota hold many interesting news stories.

Here are just a few of the feature stories that others are reading in communities around the state.

Hazen School District may go device-free

It's a trend gathering momentum around the nation, and now Hazen is considering whether it is the right fit for its school district.

During a school board meeting Nov. 11, Superintendent Ken Miller discussed the possibility of Hazen becoming a "device-free school," which would make it a violation to use phones, interactive watches or any other device for communication and/or playing games throughout the school day.

"This has been kind of a nationwide initiative regarding kids using devices during the school day," said Miller.

Miller said the Hazen administration has done some preliminary research on whether this might be a good fit for Hazen, but more is needed.

(Story by Daniel Arens, the Hazen Star)

Love Locks stationary planter on Main Street

Individuals are encouraged to check out a new and unique planter by the Kiosk at Fifth and Main in downtown Bottineau, which has been built with a unique legend about love.

The planter is called the Love Locks Stationary Planter and is the idea of Kathy McGhan, who recently put pencil to paper and then shared her idea with other community members to make it a reality.

"The backdrop of the planter has a wired back drop which was designed to place padlocks on the wire which comes from the legend of Love Locks, or what is also called Love Padlocks, which is a worldwide tradition where couples lock a padlock on a chained fence, gate, bridge or monument, and then throw away the key, symbolizing that their love is locked forever," said McGhan.

According to Wikipedia, it is believed that Love Locks initially started over 100 years ago during World War I in the Serbian town of Vrnjaka Banja at a bridge called Most Ljubavi, which literally means the Bridge of Love.

From Serbia, the tale of the Love Locks spread across the world, placing locks on chained fences, gates, bridges and monuments, a tradition and legend that still continues today.

(Story by Scott Wagar, the Bottineau Courant)

Mercer moratorium defeated

The Mercer County Commission on Nov. 6 defeated a motion that would have placed moratoriums on development of wind and solar energy, data centers and ore processing until July 2025.

Commissioner Jamee Folk said she wanted a moratorium and thinks the county needs to either review old ordinances or create new ones for these forms of energy.

Commissioner Travis Frey said he is fine with reviewing and updating the wind and solar ordinances if needed, but did not agree with a moratorium being put on wind and solar development in the meantime.

(Story taken from the Journal, Crosby)

Stanley drafts moratorium

The Stanley City Council on Nov. 12 approved the first reading of a proposed moratorium regarding data centers and battery storage in the city limits and extra-territorial jurisdiction.

The city's planning and zoning committee has been discussing a potential moratorium, and Mountrail County currently has a moratorium in place as it works with a steering committee in response to recent requests. The county's planning and zoning committee was set to meet to discuss concerns about the facilities.

The city's attorneys drafted an ordinance for the city to consider, with the committee recommending that the city council hold the first reading at its Nov. 12 meeting.

(Story taken from the Journal, Crosby)

Possible new data center

The Williston City Commission on Nov. 12 approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) regarding a potential data center to be constructed in the city's Northstar Center subdivision.

The city of Williston was approached by Critical Data House, LLC, with a request to rearrange the subdivision for such use.

"This MOU in no way binds the city to this project, but rather outlines the parameters in order to move forward," said Anna Nelson, executive director of Williston Economic Development.

(Story taken from the Journal, Crosby)

State park gets maple sugar grant

A grant in partnership with Utah State University will let Fort Stevenson State Park enhance and grow the annual Maple Sugar Day experience.

State Park Manager Chad Trautman said the three-year grant is for \$100,000. Funds will be used for additional equipment to process sap. Dollars will also be used to help augment the event. The grant will be spread over a three-year period.

Trautman explained Utah State University officials want to introduce maple sugaring to people in the west. "We've been doing that for about 10 years now," said Trautman.

Trautman was told the state park would be a great partner in the venture.

By being able to purchase more equipment, it allows the state park staff to tap more trees, with the goal of being able to tap up to 100 trees.

(Story by Stu Merry, the McLean County Independent)

Possible wolf killed near Halliday

Last month, an animal that has been identified as likely being a gray wolf was shot and killed near Halliday.

Stephanie Tucker, furbearer biologist with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department out of Bismarck, said the animal was shot Nov. 3 by a hunter northeast of Halliday. Tucker said the hunter self-reported the kill after realizing the animal was likely a wolf.

"For the time being, we are assuming it is a wolf," Tucker said. She said DNA testing is still pending to definitively confirm this.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife is conducting the investigation, due to gray wolves being a federally protected species.


Tucker estimates that the wolf is a female, at two years of age or older and weighing roughly 70-80 pounds.

Tucker said wolf sightings are rare in North Dakota, but not unheard of, both west and east of the Missouri River. She said North Dakota Game and Fish receives around 20 wolf sighting cases each year, although not all are able to be verified if there is no photo of the animal.

Gray wolves are listed as a federally protected species under the Endangered Species Act. Despite population increases, the species is still considered endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

(Story taken from the Hazen Star)

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New Books

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"Now or Never" by Janet Evanovich
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"The House of Cross" by James Patterson and so many more!

SCHOOL BOARD

Carrington School District Regular School Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Place: High School Library

I. CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 p.m.

II. REGULAR ITEMS

A. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

B. Approve Minutes

- November 12, 2024
- November 26, 2024

C. Approve Financial Reports

1. Activities Fund
2. Revolving Fund
3. Lunch Fund
4. General Fund
5. Fund Balance Reports

D. Presentation of Bills and Check Register

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Delegation: None

B. Administrative Reports

1. Mrs. Helseth
2. Mr. Weber
3. Mrs. Helm
4. Discussion and reminder on resubmitting the question to voters whether to increase the board's authority to levy mills for the building fund levy from 5 mills up to 10 mills, election date is set as January 8, 2025, time will be 11:00am to 7:00pm, election will be held at south entrance of the school (use Door 7).

C. Committee Reports

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss, Review, Motion to Approve 2nd reading of BDA- Procedure for Adopting Board Policy
2. Motion to approve Mary Swanson and Jill Fandrich as election judges, and Stacy Erickson and Amber Trostad as clerks for January 8, 2025 election.
3. Discussion / Motion on Elementary Staffing for the 2025-26 school year.

V. NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 4:00p.m. in the High School Library. Special Meeting to canvas the votes from the January 8, 2025 election on January 21, 2025 at 6:00p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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Public Notice

ELECTION NOTICE CARRINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given by Kimiry Edland, Business Manager of the Carrington Public School District #49, that on the second Wednesday of January, January 8, 2025, a special election will be held for the following purpose: 1. The question of whether the Carrington School District School Board should be allowed to increase their levying authority from 5 mills to up to 10 mills for the purpose of the School Building Fund which shall be used for the build-

ing and facility needs of the school district, to include major repairs and upkeep to buildings or facilities, additions, and improvements to school land and sites.

The election polling place for Carrington Public School District #49 is located in the south entrance of the Carrington School (use door 7) Carrington, North Dakota and shall be open on January 8, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Kimiry Edland Business Manager, Carrington School District #49 (Publish December 9 & 16, 2024)

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING November 19, 2024

FOR PROJECT: BRJ-0016(019) PCN 23707 Removal of Structure No. 16-121-03.0

The project consists of the removal of the existing structure and obliteration of the roadway.

PROPOSALS MUST BE DELIVERED TO FOSTER COUNTY AUDITOR PO Box 104 Carrington, ND 58421-0104 By 4:00 PM CST on December 16, 2024

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FOSTER COUNTY

Foster County will engage the services of a prequalified engineering firm to perform Construction Engineering on the following project in Foster County scheduled to be completed in 2025:

The project consists of removing the existing bridge and obliterating the roadway. The project is located 2 miles west and 1 mile south of Grace City, ND. (Sec. 16 & 21, Twp. 147 N, Rge. 64 W)

Plans and the proposal are available on NDDOT's Plan and Proposal website on the December 16th, 2024 bid opening - Job 23707.

Work to be performed by Consultant includes:

Construction Engineering Services: Perform Project Management, Project Administration, Construction Observation, Surveying, and Material Testing and submitting all paperwork required by the NDDOT. Additional services, if required, may be negotiated and supplemental agreements

issued based on the consultant's performance, the consultant's proposal and available funding.

Firms are invited to submit a proposal for the project listed above. The proposals shall provide the following information:

- Past Performance
Ability of professional personnel
Willingness to meet time and budget requirements
Location
Recent, current, and projected workloads of the persons and/or firms
Related experience on similar projects
Recent and current work
Project understanding, issues, & approach

The proposal pages shall be numbered and must be limited to 10 pages in length. Proposals that exceed the 10 page length requirement will not be considered. The cover letter will not be counted as one of the 10 pages. The proposal should list the personnel who will be assigned to work on the project, including titles, education, and work experience. Foster County will only consider proposals received prior to 4:00 PM CST, December 16, 2024. Late proposals will be deemed unresponsive.

The consultant's proposal may include an appendix. Resumes, references, a statement of qualifications and other materials outlining experience may be included in an appendix. The appendix will not be considered as a part of the 10 page proposal. Each proposal will be evaluated by a selection committee. Foster County will conduct interviews. The County plans to interview up to three (3) of the most qualified engineering firms based on whose proposals most clearly meet the RFP requirements.

Fees shall be negotiated with the successful firm. If the fee cannot be agreed upon, the County

Wanted

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reserves the right to terminate negotiations, and then negotiate with the second and third ranked firms in order, if necessary, until a satisfactory contract has been negotiated.

All costs associated with the proposal shall be borne by the proposer. The County reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and to not award contracts for any and/or all projects.

Engineering firms interested in performing the work shall submit 7 printed copies and 1 PDF version of their proposals to:

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Land For Sale

FARMLAND FOR SALE GRIGGS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

The following land located in Clearfield Township, Griggs County, North Dakota is being offered for sale on bids:

GRIGGS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA: TOWNSHIP 146 NORTH, RANGE 60 WEST: Section 16: SW1/4

BIDS: Persons interested in bidding shall submit written bids to Travis S. Peterson, Attorney at Law. Bids shall be in writing, signed (include address and phone number), and state the total amount bid. The highest written bidders, as determined by Seller, will be invited to participate in oral bidding at a time to be scheduled. The deadline to submit written bids is 3:00 PM on December 20, 2024.

Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason whatsoever. Seller reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities.

For further details and instructions contact:

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