

## Linn County NEWS



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## Linn County withdraws US Bank purchase offer

ALBANY — Linn County has withdrawn an offer to purchase the former US Bank building at 205 SW Ellsworth St. in Albany, after due diligence efforts showed the cost of remodeling the building to meet the county's needs would be excessive.

Linn County Administrative Officer Darrin Lane said the county had reserved the right to inspect the structural and mechanical assets of the building before completing the purchase agreement. "The cost of bringing the building up to our needs would be greater than we had hoped," Lane said.

Linn County had planned to renovate the 12,000-square-foot building to house the Juvenile Department, which currently operates out of the Old Armory Building.

Lane said the county's \$50,000 earnest money has been returned.

The plan was to purchase the building

for \$1.3 million from Mittleman Properties in Portland.

The building was constructed in 1957 and had always housing a bank until it closed in early 2021.

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