

Decision on Flint's Durant Hotel due today

Land Bank will decide on purchase



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Flint - (10/13/05)-- Genesee County could be just hours away from buying the Durant Hotel in downtown Flint.

The Genesee County Land Bank Board is expected to decide the question today.

The county treasurer will make his case that the Land Bank should purchase the Durant Hotel, then the board will make its decision.

If a decision to purchase the building is made, the papers will be signed within hours.

The Durant hotel was built in the 1920's but has been locked up for about 32 years.

County treasurer Dan Kildee says he wants something to happen to this building. If the county buys it, the Land Bank will hire a crew to come in and figure out if the building can be rebuilt. If it can't, the Land Bank has every intention of tearing the Durant Hotel down.

Kildee says it has sat vacant since the 70's and it's about time something is done, even if it means getting rid of the building and moving on.

We do expect a decision from the Land Bank this afternoon.

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