

Sold, for 250-thousand dollars.

The La Crosse County board has accepted a purchase offer for the old 1965 courthouse and jail, and set the wheels in motion to buy the Associated Bank downtown. Although the final vote was a lopsided 19-to-7 in favor of the deal, it was still a narrow victory because a two-thirds vote of the board was required. Supervisors had rejected a motion to put off a vote for 60 days, to allow more study of the Associated Bank proposal, which only materialized a month ago. The sale of the former courthouse means that the county has two-and-a-half years to move offices out of the building, so it can be turned into student housing.