

Lake County sells former News Herald vehicle maintenance garage 8-10-12

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Lake County commissioners formally approved the sale Thursday of the county's former vehicle maintenance garage in Painesville Township.

The buyer of the 1250 Mentor Ave. property, Wasim Abounader of Gates Mills, agreed to pay the county \$190,000 to acquire it through an auction held July 19.

Prior to the auction, commissioners had put the property up for sale previously through bidding, but only one bid was received and that was for a lower amount than what officials had wanted.

The building used to house the county's vehicle maintenance garage before commissioners purchased a former car dealership on Route 20 in North Perry Village to use instead,

citing the building had more space, was very new and available at a good price.

The Mentor Avenue property has underground storage tanks and the agreement requires the county to remove them.

Commissioners approved a \$21,000 contract to remove the tanks with Grand River-based Maximus Storage Tank Consulting and Management.

Commissioner Daniel P. Troy said the net result of the transaction will be \$169,000 for the county.

"There was no use for it and no benefit for the county to keep it," he said.

Commissioner Raymond E. Sines said the county sold the property for a good price.

"This is property that will go back to the tax duplicate, which is a positive, and it's a property we haven't used for some time," Sines said.