

Davenport Center 'Saved'

DAVENPORT — The community center has been saved.

In danger of having to be moved when a county lease expires in February, the community center building was given a reprieve Tuesday when the Board of Supervisors voted to buy the lot on which it sits.

County real estate chief Pete Harker said he has negotiated with officials of Coast Dairies and Land Co. and the county can buy the property for \$5,000.

Supervisor Gary Patton told fellow board members it would cost at least \$10,000 to get another lot and relocate the building.

The supervisors told Harker to come back on Dec. 14 with a report on also buying an adjacent lot owned by St. Vincent de Paul Church being used by both the church and the community center for parking.

The community center building is a "portable" bought on a lease-purchase arrangement by the county seven years ago. It houses a number of Davenport activities, including the current child day care program.

Community center coordinator Pam Bouch said Wednesday she's "delighted" at the move by the supervisors.

"We have been worried that if our lease expires here," a she said, "we might have to move the center building off the property — and not have anywhere to go with it."