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RCC will buy former Medford Mattress Land building

Rogue Community College plans to purchase another building in downtown Medford, further expanding its footprint in the downtown core area.

During a special meeting Sept. 9, the RCC Board of Education approved the purchase of a building at 130 E. Eighth St., from Medford Properties, Inc. Half the 12,000-square-foot building currently houses RCC classrooms and offices while the other half previously housed Mattress Land.

The total purchase price is \$1.45 million. The college will use bond funds approved by Jackson County voters in 2004, which will decrease lease obligations for the half of the building currently used by the college and provide additional instructional space. Escrow is expected to close Nov. 30.

“We plan to remodel the building to house health and physical education classes and to provide a dedicated space for theater arts classes,” said RCC President Peter Angstadt. The building is adjacent to a city-owned parking lot on the corner of Eighth and Central and directly across the street from RCC’s G Building, which houses classrooms and student services such as registration and counseling.

RCC owns three other buildings in the downtown core area: A, B and H buildings, which are bordered by S. Central Avenue and S. Riverside Avenue and by 8th and 10th streets. In addition, the college co-owns and occupies the RCC/SOU Higher Education Center at 101 S. Bartlett and leases space in the Jackson County Medford Branch/Central Library, 205 S. Central.

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