

# Seneca nears Lunney Museum acquisition

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**SENECA** — Seneca Administrator Greg Dieterick said Tuesday that the city should have legal title to the Lunney Museum, 211 W.S. First St., by the end of the month.

"It won't happen until then I would think," he said. "That's the time frame we're looking at."

City Council voted unanimously in June to purchase the landmark for \$45,000, contingent on a clear title and the absence of any other legal issues. If and when current owner Charles Finley signs off on the agreement, no further council action will be neces-

sary.

The city sent a signed copy of the contract to Finley in November.

"We're at the point now where you've got to let several days tick off for any heirs that might come in and say they have rights to the property," Dieterick said. "Once that time frame runs out, a public hearing must be held and a judge must declare there are or aren't any rightful heirs to it. Then we can close."

Oconee County cut its funding to the Lunney in 2007, leaving the century-old landmark in desperate need of support. The Lunney Museum Board appealed to Seneca to take over funding a year ago.