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State Rejects Dillon House Bids

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Administration today announced that both bids for the property at 404 SW 9th Street in Topeka have been rejected.

The property, once owned by Topeka banker and lawyer Hiram Price Dillon, was offered in a request for sealed bid earlier this month. Two bids were received for the property, neither of which were deemed to be fair market value by the Interim Secretary of Administration Mark McGivern.

“In my experience, given its historic nature and location, the two bids received by the State of Kansas do not accurately reflect the value of this property,” said McGivern. “We believe selling the property at public auction will be in the best interest of Kansas taxpayers.”

The highest sealed bid was \$351,000. McGivern indicated his agency will follow the regular procurement process in contracting with an auctioneer to sell the property. No date has been set for the auction, but McGivern said the sale of surplus property is a high priority.