

Morris County officials reportedly have offered \$3.3 million to buy a four-story Morristown office building that would provide up to 180 badly needed parking spaces for county employees.

The 52,000-square-foot building at 30 Schuyler Place, near Ann Street, is assessed at \$7 million. There is a parking garage behind the building, which is across the street from the rear of the county's administration and records building.

Freeholder Director Patric J. Hyland said county officials hope to cement the deal soon, although he gave no timetable. He would not disclose the sale price discussed. Other sources said the freeholders have offered about \$3.3 million.

"It would be a bargain," was all Hyland would say yesterday.

The freeholders would move the county's social services department into the Schuyler Place building if the deal goes through. The department now occupies leased space in a building on Route 10 in Parsippany. The county pays about \$400,000 a year in rent, Freeholder Frank Druetzler said.

The parking spots, however, may be more valuable to the county than the office space.



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A garage behind the building at 30 Schuyler Place could provide 180 more parking spaces for Morris County workers.

"We need parking desperately," Hyland said.

The county does not guarantee a parking spot for every employee. Department heads and top officials have reserved spaces, but many other employees must make their own parking accommodations.

The building, which is about half empty, is owned by Schuyler Place

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