

Twins Ballpark Land Deal Heads for Court

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With the clock ticking, and sides far apart on what is deemed to be reasonable compensation for the cost of the land for a new 40,000 seat baseball-only facility for the Twins, Hennepin County has moved to eminent domain as the option for getting hold of the land or risk not making the projected 2010 opening day deadline. As [reported by the Minnesota Star Tribune](#) :

With preliminary work to begin in mid-March, and with the stadium projected to open in three years, the county has asked to be given title to the land as early as Jan. 30.

The owners of the land west of the Target Center where the open-air stadium would be built -- a limited liability partnership with more than 100 investors -- has rejected the county's initial offer, and both sides appear to be tens of millions of dollars apart on a sales price. Although there has been some progress toward an agreement over the past two weeks, what happens next -- and whether it delays, or even jeopardizes the already-controversial \$522 million stadium -- is drawing much interest.