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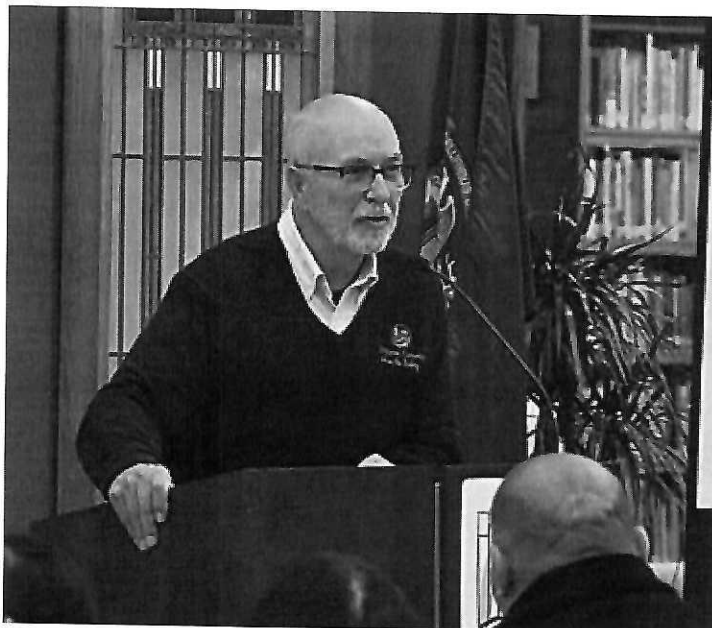
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Bergman wants Hambley to remain health director

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WEST OLIVE — The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners announced Monday that they would work to reach a settlement agreement with the county’s public health director in lieu of voting to terminate her.

The county has offered Adeline Hambley \$4 million to resign from her post.

Commissioner Roger Bergman – who represents the cities of Ferrysburg and Grand Haven, and most of Spring Lake Township – has been outspoken against many of the Ottawa Impact-led commission’s decisions. He also voted against this latest decision.

Ottawa County Commissioner Roger Bergman of Grand Haven said he voted against offering a payout to the county’s health officer, Adeline Hambley. Instead, he wants her to remain at the post.

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Jacob Bonnema of Zeeland also voted against



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Bergman has opposed the board’s push to remove Hambley from the beginning.

“The agreement we came up with the other day I was against because I wanted her to stay on,” he said. “We would rather not have her leave. We want her to be the health department director.”

The county commission, attorneys from the Kallman Legal Group and Hambley’s attorney, Sarah Riley-Howard, worked in closed session for eight hours Monday to come to the decision of a settlement.

At first, Hambley offered to stay on as the health director, with some stipulations; the county would have paid just under \$200,000 to cover her attorney costs and a payout with a resignation agreement for Deputy Health Officer Marcia Mansaray. Now, the settlement the board is looking at is just over \$4 million.

“As is typical, both sides’ lawyers are drafting a written agreement that memorializes the terms agreed to during negotiations on Monday,” Riley-Howard said.

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The board will then take a vote to authorize the commission's chairperson, Joe Moss, to sign the settlement. Then, it will be Hambley's turn to sign.

"If the written agreement accurately reflects the terms we negotiated on Monday, she will sign it," Riley-Howard said. "We are still working on that with Mr. Kallman, but I assume we'll come up with something in writing that reflects our negotiated terms."

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