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Board of Supervisors dismisses Uffer from CAO post

The Board of Supervisors today on a 3-2 vote dismissed Mark Uffer from the position of County Administrative Officer, opening the door to new leadership as the county moves ahead in service to the public.

Board Chairman Gary Ovitt and Supervisors Brad Mitzelfelt and Neil Derry voted in favor of the dismissal, which was executed without cause, according to a statement read by Chairman Ovitt. The dismissal was not based on any wrongful conduct.

"This was a difficult decision for the Board. Mark has served the county well for many years. However, the Board felt it was necessary to move in a different direction at this time," Chairman Ovitt said.

Mr. Uffer was selected interim CAO in March 2004 and was formally appointed to the position in September 2004 after serving as director of the county's Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

"We are confident Mark will succeed in his future endeavors, and we wish him the best," Chairman Ovitt said. "The Board is also confident that the management team in the Administrative Office and in the county's various departments will carry out their duties and continue to provide excellent service to the public as the Board contemplates a successor to Mr. Uffer."

"Assistant County Administrative Officer Dean Arabatzis will carry out the duties of County Administrative Officer until the Board of Supervisors selects an interim CAO or appoints a new CAO, and I have full confidence in Dean's ability to perform this role," Chairman Ovitt said.