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Harrison County Commissioners Vote to Lower Area Residents' Wages

Harrison County Businesses May Suffer as a Result

Corydon, September 24, 2014: In a move that has left many stunned, the Harrison County Commissioners have voted unanimously to the lower local area wages paid on county construction projects by almost 40% percent. The vote occurred at the Harrison County Commissioners meeting on September 19.

One area resident in attendance at the meeting commented immediately after the vote, *"These Commissioners just pulled the rug out from under working people. How can they even look voters in the eye after this disgraceful vote. Why in the world would they vote to lower our standard of living?"* The resident, who wished to remain anonymous, commented further, *"We need jobs in this area of the state. These Commissioners campaigned on job creation and economic development, not lowering our wages. You can bet we'll remember it at election time."*

Another area resident in attendance at the meeting commented, *"Some of these Commissioners are small business owners, so it's funny that they just don't get it. If folks in this area don't earn decent wages, they can't patronize the Commissioners' businesses. It's simple economics, people who don't earn decent wages don't have the money to shop at local businesses."*

The Harrison County Commissioners voted in favor of the lower wage even though there was overwhelming evidence presented at the meeting which indicated that the common construction wage in the area is much higher. According to Indiana statute, the common construction wage adopted must be the "mode" wage, or more simply put, the most commonly paid wage in the area. Clark County recently adopted the higher wage to be paid on their construction projects after considering similar evidence at a wage hearing.

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