

Court Administrator David Walsh said the bids for the construction were based on

An official with the construction manager for the job, Monal Inc. based in Farmington, said he was not aware the workers are not being paid what they should.

"The contractors working on the job have signed a contract that requires them to pay prevailing wages per the Michigan Department of Labor," said John Allen, vice president with Monal. "If a worker doesn't feel he is being paid fairly, he can file a complaint with the state."



Picketing: Mike Wood carries a sign for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers during picketing. The pickets object to non-union employees working on construction of the new courthouse.

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"Courtney helped remind me what's important in life," Underwood said. "It's not the next meeting, it's not the next sale."

And I think she learned more than she expected.

Looking around the room at tables full of warm smiles, I had the feeling none of us would.

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