



Commissioners vote against mine tunnel

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Hamilton County commissioners unanimously voted Wednesday to stop a mining company from tunneling under a county road to construct an underground limestone mine in Anderson Township. The decision, which was expected after commissioners discussed the issue Monday, was greeted by applause from citizens long opposed to the project. Opponents to the project believe that will stop the mine's construction.

The idea sprang up this month after Commissioner David Pepper revealed that Martin Marietta needed board permission to build two tunnels necessary for the mine beneath Broadwell Road because it is county owned. The company never sought permission, but commissioners said in the Wednesday vote they would not allow the company to tunnel under the road.