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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CRAWFORD COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-16) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Crawford County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers and Crawford County Judge John Hall.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface 7.6 miles of various county roads including County Road 6 at Shibley, County Road 16 at Van Buren, County Roads 47 and 52 at Alma, County Roads 63 and 186 at Dean Springs and County Road 64 at Dora. Salt Creek Paving & Construction Company, Inc. of Benton, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$797,503.69.

“Keeping our county roads in good condition is always a top priority,” stated Judge Hall.

Trammel noted that the County Road project is funded through the State Aid Road Program established by the legislature and administered by the State Aid Division of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. This program provides approximately \$20 million annually from the state motor fuels tax to assist counties with projects of their choosing on the county road system.

A second project in Crawford County will resurface two miles of Highway 64. Forsgren, Inc. of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$501,865.46.

“These improvements will begin on Highway 64 at Alma and extend eastward,” stated Trammel.

A third project will repair .14 mile of flood damage to Highway 71 near Mountainburg. APAC-Arkansas, Inc. of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was awarded this contract at \$680,937.23.

“The heavy rainfall we experienced last year in the spring did some damage to the highway in this area and this project will allow for permanent repairs to be made,” stated Trammel.

Trammel said work could begin on the projects in six to eight weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on the County Roads and Highway 71 in late 2009. Work on Highway 64 will be completed by August 3, 2009.

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The project on Highway 64 is being funded with money provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Act provides Arkansas with \$351 million in federal stimulus funds for roadway and bridge improvements throughout the state. Additional information about the ARRA can be found at www.recovery.gov. For more information about its impact on Arkansas, go to www.recovery.arkansas.gov. Information about specific road and bridge construction projects can be found by going to www.ArkansasHighways.com, and clicking on the ARRA logo and link in the middle of the page.

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