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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN LEE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-8) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Lee County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armorel and Lee County Judge Jim Keasler.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately one mile of County Road 138 in Lagrange. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$84,056.02.

"This resurfacing project will begin at the end of Highway 121 and continue southward," stated Judge Keasler.

Regenold 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.

Regenold said work could begin on the project in six to eight weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2009.

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