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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN YELL COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (5-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Yell County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock and Yell County Judge Brad Wear.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately two miles of County Road 23 (Cedar Creek Road) at Havana. Blackstone Construction, LLC of Russellville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$274,081.22.

"This project will help us in keeping our county road system in good condition," stated Judge Wear.

Hoofman 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.

Hoofman said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the fall of 2009.

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