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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN FAULKNER COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-16) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Faulkner County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock and Faulkner County Judge Prestin Scroggin.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface a total of approximately eight miles of County Road 3 (Lollie Road) at Mayflower, County Road 23 (Brannon Road) at Springhill, County Road 47 (Sunny Gap Road) east of Hamlet and County Road 51 (Saltillo Road) at Hamlet. Rogers Group, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$717,331.31.

“This project will help us meet our goal of keeping our county road system in the best shape possible,” stated Judge Scroggin.

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.

A second project will resurface .3 miles of Highway 65. Rogers Group, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$161,954.85.

“The second project is going to resurface Highway 65 at its intersection with Interstate 40 at Conway,” Hoofman added. “The work will take place on Highway 65 directly underneath the Interstate 40 overpass.”

A third project will resurface an additional 2.6 miles of Highway 65. Rogers Group, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, was awarded the second contract on Highway 65 at \$647,155.80.

“This additional resurfacing will be located north of Greenbriar,” stated Hoofman.

Hoofman said work could begin on the projects in six to eight weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on the County Roads in the fall of 2009. Work on Highway 65 will be completed by August 3, 2009.

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The projects on Highway 65 are 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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