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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SEBASTIAN COUNTY

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

The first project will add additional drainage culverts on Interstate 540 near the Highway 71 Interchange at Alma. Crawford Construction Company of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$449,773.70.

The purpose of the second project is to resurface 2.7 miles of County Road 65 in Lavaca. Forsgren, Inc. of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$313,938.74.

“This resurfacing project will begin at Highway 96 and continue southward to Highway 22,” stated Judge Hudson.

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.

Trammel said work could begin on the projects in six to eight weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on County Road 65 in late summer of 2009. Drainage improvements on Interstate 540 should be completed by late 2009.

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