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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN IZARD COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Izard County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock and Izard County Judge Rayburn Finley.

The first project will resurface one mile of Highway 69, near Melbourne. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$267,304.79.

“These improvements will begin at the intersection with Highway 69 Spur and continue westward,” stated Hoofman.

The purpose of the second project is to reconstruct approximately 1.5 miles of County Road 61, near Zion. Edwards Brothers, Inc. of Melbourne, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,042,320.11.

“This project will begin at the intersection with County Road 66 and continue southward,” stated Judge Finley

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 projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion on Highway 69 is expected in September of this year. Work on County Road 61 is expected in late 2010.

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