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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN LONOKE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Lonoke County, according to Commission Chairman Carl Rosenbaum of Little Rock and Lonoke County Judge Charlie Troutman.

The purpose of the first project is to replace the southbound exit ramp at the interchange of Highway 67 and Highway 5, in Cabot. James A. Rogers Excavating, Inc. of Alexander, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$414,046.74.

“The southbound exit ramp that currently intersects with Highway 5 at the end of the ramp will be relocated to tie into Rockwood Road, which is just north of the ramp,” Rosenbaum stated.

The purpose of the second project is to resurface approximately three miles of Highway 89, near Furlow. Rogers Group, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$458,426.06.

“This project will begin at Furlow and continue southward,” stated Rosenbaum.

A third project, located near Furlow, will resurface approximately two miles of Gentry Road (County Road 63), from Highway 15 eastward to Highway 89, and Kerr Station Road (County Road 72), from Highway 294 northward. Rogers Group, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$311,787.11.

“This project will help us in keeping our county road system in top condition,” stated Judge Troutman.

Rosenbaum 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.

Rosenbaum said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on all projects in September of this year.

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