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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Washington County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers and Washington County Judge Marilyn Edwards.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface 1.2 miles of Mission Boulevard (Highway 45), in Fayetteville. Decco Contractors-Paving, Inc. of Rogers, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$288,642.75.

“This project will begin at the intersection with Highway 265 and continue westward to North Street,” stated Trammel.

A second project, located in southern Fayetteville, will resurface 1.7 miles of Highway 71. APAC-Central of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,042,398.25.

“These improvements on Highway 71 will begin at Interstate 540 and continue southward along the Fulbright Expressway and then continue down to Highway 156,” Trammel added.

The Highway 71 project is being funded with money provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Act provided 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 lower right portion of the page.

A third project in the Fayetteville area will resurface 2.5 miles of Highway 62. APAC-Central, Inc. of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was awarded this contract at \$826,181.92.

“Resurfacing will begin at Interstate 540 and continue westward to Highway 170 in Farmington,” Trammel stated.

The purpose of a fourth project is to reseal four miles of County Road 64, near Prairie Grove. Hutchens Construction Company of Cassville, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$75,376.83.

“This project will begin at the Prairie Grove city limits and continue westward,” state Judge Edwards.

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The final project will resurface one mile of County Road 79, near Tuttle. Washington County of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was awarded this contract at \$100,088.56.

“These improvements will begin at Highway 74 and continue northward,” added Judge Edwards.

Trammel noted that the County Road projects are 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 two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on all projects in September of this year, except County Road 79, which will be completed in August.

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