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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN WOODRUFF COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Woodruff County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armorel and Woodruff County Judge Charles Dallas.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface approximately 4.5 miles of Highway 49, near Hunter. Rogers Group, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$885,835.66.

“This project will begin at the Monroe County Line and continue northward to Highway 306,” stated Regenold.

A second project will resurface approximately one mile of County Road 25, near Patterson, and County Road 56, near Pumpkin Bend. Drummond Asphalt Construction, Inc. of Wynne, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$269,928.92.

“Work on County Road 25 will begin at Highway 64 and continue northward,” stated Judge Dallas. “Work on County Road 56 will begin at Highway 145 and continue southward. Both projects will help in keeping our county road system in the best condition possible.”

Regenold 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.

Regenold said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on Highway 49 in September of this year. Work on the County Roads will be completed in the fall.

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