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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN POPE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Pope County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock and Pope County Judge Jim Ed Gibson.

The purpose of the project is to resurface 2.3 miles of Pine Street (County Road 55), near Hector. Blackstone Construction, LLC of Russellville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$266,259.34.

“This job will begin at Hector and continue eastward,” stated Judge Gibson.

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 project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the fall of this year.

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