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### **ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN ST. FRANCIS COUNTY**

**LITTLE ROCK (7-13)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in St. Francis County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armorel and St. Francis County Judge Gary Hughes.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately three miles of County Roads 2 and 7, near Palestine; County Road 17, near Colt; and County Road 332, near Forrest City. M & T Paving & Construction Company, Inc. of Forrest City, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$449,937.21.

“Keeping our county roads in good condition is always a top priority,” stated Judge Hughes.

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

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