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### **ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CONWAY COUNTY**

**LITTLE ROCK (8-17)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Conway County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface approximately nine miles of Highway 95, near Cleveland. Rogers Group, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$1,407,882.84.

“This project will begin at the intersection with Highway 124 and continue northward,” stated Hoofman.

A second project will resurface nine miles of Highway 287, near Solgohachia. Rogers Group Inc. was awarded this contract at \$1,721,053.34.

“The Highway 287 resurfacing will begin at the intersection with Highway 9 and continue northward to the intersection with Highway 95,” Hoofman added.

Hoofman noted that the projects are being funded with proceeds from the increase in the natural gas severance tax passed by the state legislature in 2008. Through July of this year, the AHTD has received approximately \$38.5 million in revenue from the natural gas severance tax revenue since the increase went into affect.

Hoofman said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on both in the fall of this year.

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