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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN WHITE COUNTY

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

The purpose of the first project is to resurface selected sections of approximately 12 miles of Highway 36. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,896,894.24.

“This project will begin at the Faulkner County line and extend eastward,” stated Hoofman.

A second project will resurface approximately 17 miles of Highway 31. Rogers Group, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, was awarded this contract at \$2,065,775.83.

“These improvements will begin at Highway 67 and extend westward to Highway 5,” 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.

A third project will resurface exit ramps on Highway 67. Redstone Construction Group, Inc. of Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$818,331.95.

“Plans call for resurfacing the exit ramps at Exits 28 and 31 near Beebe, and Exits 35 and 42, near Searcy,” says Hoofman.

The final project will resurface 6.5 miles of Highway 67, near Beebe. Chester Bross Construction Company of Hannibal, Missouri, was awarded this contract at \$1,456,205.38.

“Resurfacing of the main travel lanes will begin at the Lonoke County line and extend northward,” Hoofman adds.

Hoofman said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on Highways 36 and 31 in the fall of 2010. Resurfacing on the exit ramps of Highway 67 should be completed in the spring of 2011. Resurfacing of the main travel lanes on Highway 67 is expected to be completed in late summer of 2011.

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