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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGHWAYS 356 AND 124

LITTLE ROCK (9-29) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to Highways 356 and 124 in Cleburne and Van Buren Counties, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface approximately nine miles of Highway 356. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,478,800.85.

“These improvements will begin at Highway 92 and continue eastward to Highway 225, near Quitman,” stated Hoofman.

A second project will resurface approximately ten miles of Highway 124. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,651,284.61.

“Improvements on Highway 124 will begin at Quitman and continue westward to Highway 65,” 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 effect.

Hoofman said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on both in early 2011.

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