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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN POPE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Pope County, according to Commissioner John Burkhalter of Little Rock.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface approximately three miles of Highway 64, in Russellville. Blackstone Construction, LLC of Russellville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$736,176.

“This widening project will begin at Tyler Road, in Russellville, and continue eastward,” Burkhalter stated.

A second project will resurface approximately seven miles of Highway 7, near Pleasant Valley. Blackstone Construction, LLC of Russellville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,109,864.83.

“These improvements will begin at Highway 333 and extend northward,” Burkhalter added.

The third project will resurface 13.5 miles of Highway 105, north of Atkins. Rogers Group, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$2,109,383.03.

“The work on Highway 105 will extend from Highway 247, near Atkins, northward to Highway 27, near Hector,” according to Burkhalter.

Burkhalter noted that the Highway 105 project is being funded with proceeds from the increase in the natural gas severance tax passed by the state legislature in 2008.

Burkhalter said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on all three projects in September of this year.

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