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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SHARP COUNTY

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

The first project will resurface approximately five miles of Highway 63, near the city of Ravenden. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$874,165.22.

“Improvements to Highway 63 will begin at the Lawrence County line and continue westward to Highway 58E,” stated Burkhalter.

The purpose of the second project is to resurface selected sections of 2.5 miles of Grange Road (County Road 23) and Nelsonville Road (County Road 16), near Calamine. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$332,095.37.

“This project is going to provide safer roadways for motorists traveling in this area of Sharp County,” Judge Brown commented.

Burkhalter 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.

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

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