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

**LITTLE ROCK (4-13)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Benton County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers and Benton County Judge Dave Bisbee.

The first project will resurface approximately four miles of Highway 340 in Bella Vista. Hutchens Construction Company of Cassville, Missouri, was awarded the contract for \$469,055.57.

“The improvements on Highway 340 will begin at Highway 71 and extend westward to Highway 279,” Trammel stated.

A second project will resurface approximately four miles of Highways 62 and 264 in Benton County. APAC-Central, Inc. of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,120,596.47.

“Improvements to Highway 62 will be located just north of Rogers and will extend from Interstate 540 eastward to Highway 94,” Trammel added. “Resurfacing on Highway 264 will be located in Lowell and will extend from Interstate 540 eastward to Highway 71B.”

The purpose of the third project is to resurface 8.4 miles of County Roads 68, 700 and 800, north of Pea Ridge Military Park and the city of Garfield. APAC-Central, Inc. of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$659,061.83.

“This project will begin at Highway 72 and continue eastward to Highway 62,” stated Judge Bisbee.

Trammel 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.

Trammel said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work on Highways 62, 264 and 340 should be completed in early September of this year. Completion is expected on County Roads 68, 700 and 800 this summer.

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