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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CRAIGHEAD COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Craighead County, according to Commission Vice Chairman John Ed Regenold of Armored and Craighead County Judge Dale Haas.

The first project will install traffic signals at two locations in the city of Jonesboro. All Service Electric, Inc. of Hot Springs, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$228,543.15.

“The new signals will be located at the intersections of Highway 1 and Fox Meadow Lane, and at East Johnson Avenue (Highway 91) at University Loop,” stated Regenold. “The addition of traffic signals at these locations will make travel safer for motorists driving through these areas.”

The purpose of the second project is to resurface 2.27 miles of County Road 19, north of the city of Cary. Asphalt Producers, LLC of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$230,576.

“This project is will begin at County Road 48 and continue to County Road 42,” stated Judge Hass.

Regenold 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.

Regenold said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Installation of the traffic signals in Jonesboro should be completed in November of this year. Completion is expected on County Road 19 this summer.

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