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

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

The first project will resurface approximately one-half mile of Highway 258, near Bald Knob. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$112,051.61.

“These improvements will begin at Highway 67 and continue eastward to the vicinity of Gladey Creek,” stated Burkhalter.

A second project will resurface 10.5 miles of Highway 110, near Pangburn. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,126,994.47.

“Resurfacing will begin at Pangburn and continue northward to County Road 142 in Cleburne County,” Burkhalter added.

The third project will resurface approximately nine miles of Highway 157, near the city of Providence. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,219,415.66.

“Improvements on Highway 157 will begin at Highway 258 and continue northward towards Sunnydale.”

Another project will resurface three miles of Highway 385, near Searcy. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded this contract at \$422,259.65.

“This resurfacing will begin at Highway 67 and continue northward to Highway 157 at Plainview.”

A fifth project will resurface 13.5 miles of Highway 310, near the city of Albion. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,672,788.23.

“Improvements on Highway 310 will begin at Highway 16, at Albion, and continue westward to Highway 36, south of Sidon,” Burkhalter added.

The purpose of the sixth and final project is to resurface approximately one mile of Thurman Wier Road (County Road 629), near McRae. White County of Searcy, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$162,695.49.

“This project will begin at Highway 267 and continue southward towards Crisco Road,” stated Judge Lincoln.

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 also noted that the projects on Highways 110, 157, 310, 385 and 258 are 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 projects in late summer of this year.

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