

INFORMATION RELEASE



Office of the Director

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
P. O. Box 2261 – Little Rock, Arkansas Telephone (501) 569-2227

Contact:
Randy Ort/David Nilles

AHC-102
July 20, 2011

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CLEBURNE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Cleburne County, according to Commissioner John Burkhalter of Little Rock.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface approximately 14.5 miles of Highway 92, near Greers Ferry Lake. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$2,094,519.07.

“These improvements will begin at Highway 16, in Greers Ferry, and continue eastward to Highway 25 at Drasco,” stated Burkhalter.

The second project will resurface approximately 7.5 miles of Highway 25, near Drasco. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc., of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,245,544.55.

“The improvements on Highway 25 will begin at Highway 92, in Drasco, and continue eastward to Highway 87 at Concord,” Burkhalter added.

A third project will resurface 0.7 miles of Highway 16, near Pryor Mountain. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$130,495.90.

“Resurfacing will begin at Taylor Road and continue eastward,” Burkhalter added.

Burkhalter noted that the projects 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 three projects in late November of this year.

#####

FS5012
FS5014
FS5015