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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SHARP COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Sharp County, according to Commissioner John Burkhalter of Little Rock and Sharp County Judge Larry Brown.

The purpose of the project is to resurface selected sections of approximately .75 miles of County Road 51, near Highland. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$144,088.22.

“These improvements will mean safer travel for motorists in this area of Sharp County,” stated Judge Brown.

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 project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the fall of this year.

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