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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Washington County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers and Washington County Judge Marilyn Edwards.

The first project will resurface approximately two miles of Highway 71, near Greenland. Hutchens Construction Company of Cassville, Missouri, was awarded the contract \$726,536.09.

“Resurfacing will begin at the West Fork White River and continue to the north for two miles,” stated Trammel.

The purpose of the second project is to resurface approximately one mile of County Road 79. Washington County of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$120,002.

“These improvements will be located north of Elkins and will mean safer travel for motorists in this area of Washington County,” stated Judge Edwards.

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. Completion is expected in early fall of this year on County Road 79. Work on Highway 71 will be completed in late November of this year.

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