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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN YELL COUNTY

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

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately four miles of County Road 11, near Kingston. Blackstone Construction, LLC of Russellville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$776,667.32.

“These improvements will begin at Kingston and continue eastward to Highway 28,” stated Judge Thone.

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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