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

**LITTLE ROCK (6-1)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Columbia County, according to Commission Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado and Columbia County Judge Larry Atkinson.

The purpose of the project is to reseal approximately eight miles of County Roads 511 and 7, south of Magnolia, and County Road 21, south of Taylor. C & F Construction Company, Inc. of Smackover, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$193,874.

“These improvements will mean safer travel for motorists in these areas of Columbia County,” stated Judge Atkinson.

Murphy 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.

Murphy said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected by September 30<sup>th</sup> of this year.

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