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

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

The first project will resurface approximately 5 miles of Highway 35, east of Monticello. Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel Company of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,706,749.56.

“These improvements will begin at Cut Off Creek and continue eastward,” Murphy stated.

The purpose of the second project is to resurface two miles of County Road 450, west of Brandon. Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel Company of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$262,875.08.

“This project begins at Highway 35 and will continue southward,” stated Judge Lampkin.

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 projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work on Highway 35 will be completed in late October. Completion is expected on County Road 450 in the summer of this year.

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