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

**LITTLE ROCK (6-1)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Faulkner County, according to Commissioner John Burkhalter of Little Rock and Faulkner County Judge Preston Scroggin.

The purpose of the first project is to widen approximately one-half mile of Harkrider Street (Highway 65B), in Conway, from four to five lanes. JCI Construction, Inc. of Mayflower, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,727,027.

“This project is going to add a center turn lane to Harkrider between Highway 64 and Spruce Street,” Burkhalter stated. “Once completed, it is going to improve the flow of traffic through the area.”

The second project will resurface 7.7 miles of Highway 25, near the town of Guy. Rogers Group, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$1,259,242.24.

“These improvements will begin at Highway 65 and continue northward to the Cleburne County line,” stated Burkhalter.

The purpose of the third project is to resurface selected sections of approximately 4.5 miles of Saltillo Road and Clinton Road (County Road 51), in the Camp Robinson Wildlife Demonstration Area. Cranford Construction Company of North Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$350,000.

“These improvements are going to be located between Highway 64 and Highway 89 and will provide safer travel for motorists,” stated Judge Scroggin.

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 also noted that the project on Highway 25 is being funded with proceeds from the increase in the natural gas severance tax passed by the state legislature in 2008.

Burkhalter said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Widening on Harkrider Street in Conway will be completed in mid 2013. Work on Highway 25 will be completed by late October of this year. Completion is expected on County Road 51 this summer.

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