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

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

The first project will resurface approximately 2.25 miles of Highway 69, near Melbourne. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$525,018.09.

“These improvements will begin at the Highway 69 Spur and continue southward to Highway 58,” stated Burkhalter.

The purpose of the second project is to resurface approximately two miles of County Road 57, north of Franklin. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$250,349.73.

“This project is going to begin at the Franklin city limits and continue to the northwest,” stated Judge Sherrell.

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 projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work on Highway 69 should be completed by late October of this year. Completion is expected on County Road 57 in the summer of this year.

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