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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SEBASTIAN COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-1) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Sebastian County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers and Sebastian County Judge David Hudson.

The first project will resurface approximately one mile of Highway 64. Forsgren, Inc. of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$569,327.70.

“These improvements will be located in the downtown area of Fort Smith along 10th and 11th Streets,” Trammel stated. “Work will begin at Garrison Avenue (Highway 22) and continue to the north.”

The purpose of the second project is to resurface 5.6 miles of County Road 16, near Mansfield. XXX of XXX, was awarded the contract at \$XXX.

“This project is going to begin at the Mansfield city limits and continue westward to Highway 45,” stated Judge Hudson.

Trammel 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.

Trammel said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work on Highway 64 will be completed in late October of this year. Completion is expected on County Road 16 mid-summer of this year.

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