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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN VAN BUREN COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-1) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Van Buren County, according to Commissioner John Burkhalter of Little Rock.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface approximately 6.5 miles of Highway 95, near Scotland. Rogers Group, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$1,290,457.98.

“These improvements will begin at Scotland and continue southward to the Conway County line,” stated Burkhalter.

A second project will resurface approximately five miles of Highway 285, near the town of Rabbit Ridge. Rogers Group, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$1,012,100.81.

“Resurfacing will begin at Rabbit Ridge and extend eastward to Damascus,” Burkhalter added.

A third project will resurface approximately 2.5 miles of Highway 336, south of Culpepper. Rogers Group, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$477,397.54.

“This project will begin at County Road 6 and continue southward,” Burkhalter added.

Burkhalter noted that the projects are 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. Completion on all three projects is expected in late October of this year.

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