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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (2-8) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Franklin County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers and Franklin County Judge Joe Powell.

The purpose of the project is to resurface 2.6 miles of Old Elm Road (County Road 64) and Wire Road (County Road 67) in the vicinity of Lone Elm. Blackstone Construction, LLC of Russellville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$346,336.56.

“These improvements will mean safer travel for motorists in this area of Franklin County,” stated Judge Powell.

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 project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the spring of 2012.

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