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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN DESHA COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-25) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Desha County, according to Desha County Judge Mark McElroy.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately 3.4 miles of County Roads 31 and 411 near Dumas. Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel Company, of Pine Bluff, was awarded the contract at \$503,734.45.

“Two sections of County Road 31 will be resurfaced, beginning north of County Road 409,” said Judge McElroy. “The improvements on County Road 411 will begin at Highway 165 and continue westward for three miles.”

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.

Judge McElroy said work could begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late summer of this year.

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