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### **ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY**

**LITTLE ROCK (7-25)** -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Independence County, according to Independence County Judge Robert Griffin.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately 4.3 miles of selected sections of County Roads 3 (Wagon Wheel Road), 8 (Galloway Road), 37 (O'Neal Road), 69, 72 (Norris Road) and 89. Asphalt Producers, LLC, of Jonesboro, was awarded the contract at \$315,139.22.

“The improvements on County Road 3 will begin north of Highway 87 and continue northward to County Road 406, while the work on County Road 8 will start at Highway 122 and continue southward,” said Judge Griffin. “The improvements on County Road 37 begin west of County Road 40 and continue westward 1.5 miles.”

Improvements on County Road 69 begin at County Road 219 and continue northward, while improvements on County Road 72 will be south of Highway 233 in Sulphur Rock. The County Road 89 work will begin at Highway 25 and continue northward to County Road 27.

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

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