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

**LITTLE ROCK (7-25)** -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Lee County, according to Lee County Judge Jim Keasler.

The purpose of the project is to resurface 2.0 miles of selected sections of County Road 15 near Moro. M&T Paving & Construction Company, Inc., of Forrest City, was awarded the contract at \$268,707.76.

“Two sections will be resurfaced. The first section will begin at Highway 79 and continue southward,” said Judge Keasler. “The other improvements will begin south of County Road 6 and continue southward to Highway 78.”

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

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