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

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

The purpose of the project is to resurface 17.2 miles of selected sections of County Roads 22, 29, 55, 229 and Old Highway 62. Hutchens Construction Company, of Cassville, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$469,837.41.

“The improvements to County Road 22 will begin at Highway 14 in Yellville and continue northeastward to Highway 62 in Flippin,” said Judge Giles. “The work on County Roads 29 and 229 will begin at Highway 178 north of Flippin and continue to County Road 31.”

Improvements to County Road 55 will begin at the Missouri state line and continue southeastward to Lazy Acres. On old Highway 62, an additional half-mile worth of improvements will begin at Highway 62 and continue northwestward to County Road 22.

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

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