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

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

The purpose of the project is to resurface 3.2 miles of selected sections of County Roads 15, 22 and 36. Salt Creek Paving & Construction Company, Inc., of Benton, was awarded the contract at \$79,406.04.

“The improvements on County Road 15 will begin west of Highway 11 and continue westward,” said Judge Skarda. “The work on County Road 22 will begin approximately one mile northeast of County Road 313 and continue northeastward for one mile.”

Improvements on County Road 36 will begin east of Highway 11 and continue eastward for one mile.

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

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