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

LITTLE ROCK (6-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Hempstead County, according to Hempstead County Judge Wallace Martin.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately nine miles of selected sections of County Roads 5 and 15. Salt Creek Paving & Construction Company, Inc. of Benton, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$440,609.39.

“The County Road 5 improvements will begin at County Road 7 and continue northward to Spring Hill,” stated Judge Martin. “The County Road 15 improvements will begin at Guernsey, and continue northward to Highway 278.”

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 Martin said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the fall of 2012.

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