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

LITTLE ROCK (6-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Jefferson County, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission and Jefferson County Judge Mike Holcomb.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface approximately four miles of County Road 14, near Pine Bluff. Cranford Construction Company of North Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$413,848.45.

"These improvements will begin at the Grant County line and continue eastward," Judge Holcomb stated.

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 Holcomb said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected this summer.

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