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

LITTLE ROCK (5-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Randolph County, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission and Randolph County Judge David Jansen.

The purpose of the first project is to reseal 5.3 miles of County Roads 7 and 25, near Pocahontas. Asphalt Producers, LLC of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$121,918.24.

A second project will resurface approximately one mile of County Road 34, near Pocahontas. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Batesville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$147,130.58.

"This work will begin at Highway 115 and continue eastward," stated Judge Jansen. "Keeping our county road system in good condition is always a top priority," he added.

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 Jansen said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the fall of this year.

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