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

LITTLE ROCK (6-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in White County, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

The first project calls for resurfacing 4.8 miles of Highways 31 and 67B, near Beebe. Rogers Group, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$820,011.65. The improvements will begin at the Lonoke County line, and extend northward to Highway 67.

A second project calls for the resurfacing of 6.5 miles of Highway 67, near Beebe. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$990,507.95. The improvements will begin at the Lonoke County line, and extend northeastward to Little Cane Creek.

The third project calls for the resurfacing of 3.9 miles of Highway 305, northeast of Pangburn. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Batesville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$507,880.16. The improvements will begin at Highway 124 and extend northward.

The fourth project calls for the resurfacing of six miles of Highway 36, near Kensett. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Batesville was awarded the contract at \$948,492.52. The improvements will begin at Highway 67 and extend southeastward to Highway 323.

The projects are being funded with proceeds from the increase in the natural gas severance tax passed by the state legislature in 2008.

Work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. All projects should be completed in late 2012.

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