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

LITTLE ROCK (5-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Yell County, according to Yell County Judge Mark Thone.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately 2.5 miles of County Roads 23 and 43, near Belleville. Blackstone Construction, LLC of Russellville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$397,564.45.

“These improvements will begin at Highway 27 and continue westward to Highway 307,” stated Judge Thone.

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

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