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### **ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CLEBURNE AND INDEPENDENCE COUNTIES**

**LITTLE ROCK (3-27)** -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Cleburne and Independence counties, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

The project will resurface approximately 16 miles of Highway 87, near the city of Pleasant Plains. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Batesville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$2,534,456.65.

Resurfacing will begin in Independence County at Pleasant Plains, and continue westward into Cleburne County to the city of Concord.

The project is 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 project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late summer of this year.

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