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

LITTLE ROCK (3-28) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Van Buren County, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately six miles of Highway 16, near the town of Shirley. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Batesville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,148,105.77.

The improvements will begin at the intersection with Highway 9 and continue eastward to the Cleburne County line.

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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