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### **ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CLEBURNE & INDEPENDENCE COUNTIES**

**LITTLE ROCK (5-2)** -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Cleburne and Independence Counties, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

The first project calls for the resurfacing of 5.1 miles of Highway 25, between Concord and Desha. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Batesville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$671,577.29. Improvements will begin at Highway 87 and continue northward.

A second project will resurface three miles and stripe 4.5 miles of County Road 19, near Hopewell. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Batesville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$312,681.85.

“These improvements will begin at the White County line and continue northward,” stated Cleburne County Judge Claude Dill.

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.

Work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The Highway 25 project should be completed in the fall of 2012. Completion of the County Road 19 project is expected this summer.

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