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

**LITTLE ROCK (5-2)** -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Drew County, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission and Drew County Judge Damon Lampkin.

The first project calls for the resurfacing of 8.5 miles of Highway 35, southeast of Monticello. Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel Co. of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,807,498.53.

The work will begin at Sandy Creek and continue to Cutoff Creek.

A second project will resurface 2.5 miles of County Road 32, near Prairie Grove. Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel Company of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, was awarded this contract at \$359,432.16.

"These improvements will begin at Highway 425 and extend eastward," stated Judge Lampkin.

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 35 project should be completed in the fall of this year. Resurfacing on County Road 32 will be completed this summer.

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