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

**LITTLE ROCK (5-2)** -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in White County, according to White County Judge Michael Lincoln.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface 1.3 miles of Black Jack Mountain Road (County Roads 15 and 149), near Romance. White County of Searcy, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$164,857.56.

“These improvements will begin at Highway 5 and continue eastward,” stated Judge Lincoln.

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.

A second project calls for the installation of traffic signals in Searcy at the intersection of Highway 67 and Popular Street, and the intersection of Highway 67B and the Highway 67 southbound entrance ramp. L.E.G. Enterprises of Cabot, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$289,876.21.

A third project calls for the resurfacing of 7.5 miles of Highway 305, north of Floyd. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,154,116.53. The work will begin at Highway 31 and continue northward to Highway 36.

A final project calls for the resurfacing of 10.7 miles of Highway 367, between Highway 167 and the Jackson County line. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$2,805,091.16.

Judge Lincoln said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion of the Black Jack Mountain Road project is expected in the summer of this year. The other projects should be complete by the spring of 2013.

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