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

**LITTLE ROCK (9-12)** -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Boone County, according to Boone County Judge James Norton.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately 2.4 miles of selected sections of County Roads 537 and 77, west of Mountain Home. APAC-Central, Inc., of Fayetteville, was awarded the contract at \$335,337.60.

“The improvements on County Road 537 will begin at Highway 62 and continue southward to County Road 75,” said Judge Norton. “The work on County Road 77 will begin at County Road 76 and continue eastward.”

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.

Judge Norton said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2012.

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