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

LITTLE ROCK (9-12) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Independence County, according to Independence County Judge Robert Griffin.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately 1.3 miles of County Roads 276 and 280, west of Batesville. Atlas Asphalt, Inc., of Batesville, was awarded the contract at \$179,107.98.

“The improvements on County Road 276 will begin at Highway 106 and continue northward to County Road 280,” said Judge Griffin. “The work on County Road 280 will begin at County Road 276 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 Griffin said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2012.

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