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

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

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately 3.4 miles of selected sections of County Roads 22 and 47, near Camden. Jet Asphalt & Rock Company, Inc., of El Dorado, was awarded the contract at \$485,330.85.

“The improvements on County Road 22 will begin at the northern city limits of Childester and continue northward to County Road 24,” said Judge Hesterly. “The work on County Road 47 will begin south of County Road 54 and continue southward.”

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

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