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### **ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CRAIGHEAD COUNTY**

**LITTLE ROCK (6-10)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission approved a bid for improvements to roadways in Craighead County, according to County Judge Ed Hill.

The purpose is to resurface 4 miles of county roads 42, 304, and 497.

The first project is to resurface Highway Dept. Route Road 42 (County Road 618/Half Acre Road) from Highway 1 (Stadium Boulevard) to Highway 163 (Harrisburg Road) south of Jonesboro.

The work on Highway Dept. Route 304 (County Road 307) will be performed from Highway 141 to the bridge at Mud Creek.

The work on Highway Dept. Route 497 (County Road 741) will be performed from Pine Log Road, southward .75 mile, just northwest of Brookland.

Atlas Asphalt, Inc of Batesville, Arkansas was awarded the contract at \$342,061.60.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete by this summer.

These county road projects are 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.

The purpose of the second project is to resurface 1.6 miles of Highway 18 (Highland Drive) in Jonesboro.

The work will be performed from just west of Highway 49 (Stadium Boulevard) to Highway 63B (East Nettleton Avenue).

Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Batesville, Arkansas was awarded the contract at \$318,475.26.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete by this fall.

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