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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-10) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission approved bids for improvements to roadways in Independence County, according to highway officials and County Judge Robert T. Griffin.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface 10.5 miles of Highway 69 (N. Central Avenue) from the IZARD County line, southward to near Limedale Road, northeast of Batesville.

Atlas Asphalt, Inc of Batesville, Arkansas was awarded the contract at \$2,343,631.28.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete by this fall. This project is being funded with revenue generated from the severance tax on natural gas.

The purpose of the second project is to surface .90 mile of County Road 72 (Norris Lane) from just east of S. College Street, eastward. Additional paving will be performed on .4 mile of County Road 69 (Cleghorn Chapel Rd.), from just north of Cottonwood Lane, northward.

Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Batesville, Arkansas was awarded the contract at \$100,386.41.

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

The purpose of the third project is to surface .2 mile of County Road 77 (Holcomb Cemetery Road) from Center Grove Road, southward. 1.3 miles of additional paving will be performed on County 77 just north of Walnut Grove Road.

Asphalt Producers, LLC of Batesville, Arkansas was awarded the contract at \$171,130.42.

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

The previous two county road projects are being 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.

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