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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN POPE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-23) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Pope County, according to Pope County Judge Jim Ed Gibson.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface 2.4 miles of County Road 6 from Highway 333, southeastward near London.

Blackstone Construction, LLC of Russellville, AR, was awarded the contract at \$245,854.05.

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.

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

A second project will resurface 5.9 miles of Highway 7 from Interstate 40, north toward Dover.

Blackstone Construction, Inc. of Russellville, AR was awarded the contract at \$2,526,441.23.

This project is being funded with revenue generated from the severance tax on natural gas.

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

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