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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN POPE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (10-21) - The Arkansas State Highway Commission has approved bids for improvements to roadways in Pope County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The purpose of the first project is to construct two passing lanes on 2.3 miles of Highway 7. The improvements will begin near the Dover city limits and extend northward toward the town of Pleasant Valley.

Blackstone Construction, LLC of Russellville was awarded the contract at \$6,341,246.40.

A second project will construct a passing lane on one mile of Highway 7. The new passing lane will begin at the Newton County Line and extend southward.

Hardrock Construction, Inc. of Russellville was awarded the contract at \$3,909,919.18.

Construction of the passing lanes should begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion on both projects is expected in the summer of 2016.

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