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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CLEBURNE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (1-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Cleburne County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock and Cleburne County Judge Claude Dill.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately three miles of Dry Mountain Road (County Road 79) at Wilburn. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$359,987.39.

"This resurfacing will begin at Wilburn and extend northward," stated Judge Dill.

The project is being funded with money provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) matched with State Aid Road Program funds and local funds. The Act provided Arkansas with \$351 million in federal stimulus funds for roadway and bridge improvements throughout the state. Additional information about the ARRA can be found at <u>www.recovery.gov</u>. For more information about its impact on Arkansas, go to <u>www.recovery.arkansas.gov</u>. Information about specific road and bridge construction projects can be found by going to <u>www.ArkansasHighways.com</u>, and clicking on the ARRA logo and link in the lower right portion of the page.

Hoofman said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work should be completed in mid 2010.

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