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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (3-15) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Lawrence County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armorel and Lawrence County Judge Alex Latham.

The purpose of the project is to resurface two miles of County Road 17 near Smithville and County Road 18 near Lynn. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$209,623.92.

"Keeping our County Road system in good condition is always a top priority," stated Judge Latham.

Regenold noted that 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.

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

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