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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Franklin County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers and Franklin County Judge Joe Powell.

The project will resurface approximately two miles of County Road 451, near Jethro, and County Road 16, east of Charleston. Hutchens Construction Company of Cassville, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$431,420.26.

"Keeping our county roads in good condition is always a top priority," stated Judge Powell.

Trammel 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.

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

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