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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CLEBURNE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Cleburne County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock and Cleburne County Judge Claude Dill.

The first project will resurface .65 miles of Highway 25, near Heber Springs. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$123,308.31.

"These improvements will begin at Highway 5 and continue over to Highway 16," Hoofman stated.

The purpose of the second project is to reseal approximately five miles of County Roads 79 and 84, north of Wilburn. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$115,511.92.

"This project will help us in keeping our county road system in the best shape possible," stated Judge Dill.

Hoofman 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.

Hoofman said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late September of this year.

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