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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Columbia County, according to Commission Vice Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado and Columbia County Judge Larry Atkinson.

The purpose of the project is to reseal approximately 15 miles of County Road 21, near Taylor, and County Road 85, south of Atlanta. C & F Construction Company, Inc. of Smackover, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$357,556.90.

“Improvements on County Road 21 will begin at Highway 160 and continue to Highway 371,” stated Judge Atkinson. “Work on County Road 85 will begin at Highway 98 and continue southward.”

Murphy 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.

Murphy said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work should be completed in late September of this year.

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