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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN DREW COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Drew County, according to Commission Vice Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado and Drew County Judge Damon Lampkin.

The purpose of the project is to resurface 3.6 miles of County Road 450, north of Wilmar. R.M. Courson, Inc. of Hamburg, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$338,625.79.

"This project will resurface selected sections of County Road 450 between Highway 278 and Highway 35," stated Judge Lampkin.

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 August of this year.

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