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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN GRANT COUNTY

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

The purpose of the project is to reseal approximately 11.5 miles of various county roads. Salt Creek paving & Construction Company, Inc. of Benton, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$266,782.74.

"This project will reseal County Roads 18 and 19, east of Grapevine, County Road 50, near Tull, and County Roads 72 and 74, near Sheridan," stated Judge Nall.

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. Completion is expected in late September of this year.

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