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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN LOGAN COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Logan County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers and Logan County Judge Gus Young.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface approximately two miles of Highway 22, east of Subiaco. Blackstone Construction, LLC of Russellville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$516,279.64.

"This project will begin at the intersection with Highway 109 and continue westward to Pee Dee Creek," stated Trammel.

A second project will resurface approximately four miles of County Road 40, near Magazine, and County Roads 68, 69 and 74, near Paris. Salt Creek Paving & Construction Company, Inc. of Benton, Arkansas was awarded the job at \$227,752.70.

"The County Road 40 improvements will begin at Highway 10 and go northward," stated Judge Young. "The improvements near Paris will be on Kalamazoo Road."

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 projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on both in September of this year.

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