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## ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN MARION COUNTY

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

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately 19 miles of various county roads. Hutchens Construction Company of Cassville, Missouri,, was awarded the contract at \$450,655.08.

"Keeping our county road system in the best shape possible is always a top priority," stated Judge Giles.

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 project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late September.

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