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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SEVIER COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Sevier County, according to Commission Chairman Carl Rosenbaum of Little Rock and Sevier County Judge Dick Tallman.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately 18 miles of various county roads. Salt Creek Paving & Construction Company, Inc. of Benton, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$469,717.13.

"Improvements are going to be made to county roads in the DeQueen area including Johnson Bridge Road (County Road 12), Craig Lane (County Road 231) and County Road 14," stated Judge Tallman. "Resurfacing will also take place on County Road 2, east of Central, County Road 19, near Milrose, and Landfill Road (County Road 399), near Horatio."

Rosenbaum 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.

Rosenbaum 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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