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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CLEVELAND COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Cleveland County, according to Commission Vice Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado and Cleveland County Judge Gary Spears.

The purpose of the project is to resurface selected sections of two miles of County Roads 87 and 88, east of Mt. Zion. Approximately four miles of pavement markings will also be added to the roadways. D & D Paving, Inc. of Sherrill, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$248,728.76.

"Keeping our county roads in good condition is always a top priority," stated Judge Spears.

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 the fall of this year.

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