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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CRAWFORD COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Crawford County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers and Crawford County Judge John Hall.

The first project will resurface approximately two miles of Highway 64, near Mulberry. Hutchens Construction Company of Cassville, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$607,537.69.

"This project will begin at the intersection with Highway 215 and continue westward," Trammel stated.

The purpose of the second project is to resurface approximately four miles of County Road 14, near Van Buren; County Road 16, near Furr; County Road 21, at Rudy; County Road 23, near Hobbtown; and North Mountain Grove Road (County Road 47), at Alma. Hutchens Construction Company of Cassville, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$391,146.34.

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

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 the fall of this year.

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