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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN DALLAS COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Dallas County, according to Commission Vice Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado and Dallas County Judge Jimmy Jones.

The purpose of the project is to resurface 2.3 miles of County Road 49, near Fordyce. D & D Paving, Inc. of Sherrill, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$329,474.26.

"This job will begin at Highway 273 and continue northward to Highway 8," stated Judge Jones.

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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