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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN NEWTON COUNTY

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

The purpose of the project is to resurface four miles of County Road 10, near Ponca. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$112,609.13.

"This job will begin at Highway 43 and continue to the southwest," stated Judge Griffith.

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 the fall of this year.

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