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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PHILLIPS COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Phillips County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armorel and Phillips County Judge Don Gentry.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately two miles of Old Little Rock Road (County Road 96) and County Road 428, near Helena. M & T Paving & Construction Company, Inc. of Forrest City, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$413,110.25.

"Keeping our county roads in the best condition possible is always a top priority," stated Judge Gentry.

Regenold 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.

Regenold 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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