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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PIKE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Pike County, according to Commission Chairman Carl Rosenbaum of Little Rock and Pike County Judge Donald Baker.

The purpose of the first project is to reseal 4.5 miles of Rock Creek Road (County Road 30), near Glenwood. Pike County of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$111,717.30.

"This job will begin at Salem and continue eastward toward Glenwood," stated Judge Baker.

A second project will resurface approximately 4.5 miles of Nathan Road (County Road 6), west of Murfreesboro, and Pleasant Grove Road (County Road 54), near Grandfield. Pike County of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$104,830.68.

Rosenbaum 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.

Rosenbaum 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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