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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CRAIGHEAD COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (8-17) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Craighead County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armorel and Craighead County Judge Dale Haas.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately two miles of County Road 73, near Caraway. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$167,504.48.

"This project will mean a safer roadway for motorists traveling in the Caraway area," stated Judge Haas.

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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