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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PIKE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Pike County, according to Commissioner Tom Schueck of Little Rock and Pike County Judge Donald Baker.

The purpose of the project is to resurface 2.7 miles of Lodi Loop (County Road 272), near the community of Lodi. Pike County of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$164,999.09.

"This project is going to begin at Highway 84 and continue to the northwest," stated Judge Baker.

Schueck 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.

Schueck said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late summer of this year.

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