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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN ASHLEY COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Ashley County, according to Commission Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado and Ashley County Judge Emory Austin.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately two miles of County Road 304, north of Whitlow. Jet Asphalt & Rock Company, Inc. of El Dorado, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$323,729.15.

“These improvements will begin at County Road 12 and continue westward to County Road 297,” stated Judge Austin.

Murphy 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.

Murphy 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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