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## ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN HOWARD IN COUNTY

**LITTLE ROCK** (7-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Howard County, according to Commissioner Tom Schueck of Little Rock and Howard County Judge Kevin Smith.

The purpose of the project is to resurface selected sections of approximately three miles of county roads. Spa Construction Company, Inc. of Hot Springs, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$183,622.09.

"These improvements will be on County Road 15, near Wakefield, and County Roads 273 and 463, near Blue Bayou," stated Judge Smith.

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 September of this year.

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