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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN WOODRUFF COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Woodruff County, according to Commission Vice Chairman John Ed Regenold of Armorel and Woodruff County Judge Charles Dallas.

The purpose of the project is to reseal selected sections of 4.5 miles of County Roads 17, 320 and 501, near Patterson. Salt Creek Paving & Construction Company, Inc. of Benton, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$162,012.04.

"These improvements will make this a safer road for motorists traveling in this area of the county," stated Judge Dallas.

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 late September of this year.

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