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## ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN GREENE COUNTY

**LITTLE ROCK (7-25)** -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Greene County, according to Greene County Judge Jerry Shipman.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface approximately 1.9 miles of selected sections of County Roads 112 and 114, near Paragould. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc., of Paragould, was awarded the contract at \$287.156.31.

"The improvements on County Road 112 will begin at County Road 34 and continue southwestward to County Road 133," said Judge Shipman. "The work on County Road 114 will begin north of Highway 358 and continue southward"

The second project calls for the resurfacing of two miles of selected sections of Highways 412 and 49B in Paragould. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc., of Paragould, was awarded the contract at \$659,359,24.

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.

Judge Shipman said work could begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion on both projects is expected in the late fall of this year.

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