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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN ST. FRANCIS COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-25) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in St. Francis County, according to St. Francis County Judge Gary Hughes.

The first project calls for the installation of a cable median barrier along selected sections of Interstate 40, between Goodwin and the Monroe County Line. The total length of the project is 9.8 miles. Collins & Hermann, Inc., of St. Louis, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$1,761,212.21.

The purpose of the second project is to resurface 2.9 miles of selected sections of County Road 25 near Caldwell, and to stripe 9.2 miles of County Roads 19, 21 and 25. M&T Paving & Construction Company, Inc., of Forrest City, was awarded the contract at \$465,723.21.

“The improvements to County Road 25 will begin at Highway 306 and continue southward to County Road 14,” said Judge Hughes. “While the striping work on County Roads 21 and 29 will begin at Highway 284 and continue southwestward.”

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 Hughes said the striping and resurfacing work could begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting, with completion expected in late summer of this year. The cable median barrier installation should be complete in the fall of this year.

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