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

LITTLE ROCK (6-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Howard County, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission and Howard County Judge Kevin Smith.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately 6.2 miles of County Road 29, near Dierks. Salt Creek Paving & Construction Company, Inc. of Benton, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$370,942.45.

“These improvements will begin at Highway 278 and continue eastward to Highway 369,” stated Judge Smith.

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 Smith said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the fall of 2012.

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