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

LITTLE ROCK (5-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Sharp County, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission and Sharp County Judge Larry Brown.

The first project calls for the resurfacing of 2.9 miles of Highway 115, near Cave City. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Batesville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$470,222.64. The improvements will begin at Highway 167 and continue eastward.

The purpose of the second project is to resurface approximately one-half mile of County Road 51, near Hardy. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc., was awarded the contract at \$102,082.07.

“These improvements will begin at Highway 342 and continue to County Road 173,” stated Judge Brown.

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 Brown said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Resurfacing on Highway 115 will be completed in late 2012. Completion is expected on County Road 51 in late summer of this year.

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