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

LITTLE ROCK (6-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Van Buren County, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

The first project calls for resurfacing 2.6 miles of Highway 95, near Scotland. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc., of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at 493,818.26. The improvements will begin at Scotland and continue northward.

The second project calls for resurfacing 2.6 miles of Highway 336, near Culpepper. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas was awarded the contract at \$468,915.54. The improvements will begin at SW Bowling Road and extend to County Road 6.

The third project calls for resurfacing 4.1 miles of Highway 330, near Fairfield Bay. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Batesville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$784,099.26. The improvements will begin at Highway 16 and continue south to Eglantine.

The projects are being funded with proceeds from the increase in the natural gas severance tax passed by the state legislature in 2008.

Work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work should be completed on all three in the late 2012.

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