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

LITTLE ROCK (3-27) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Cleburne County, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface selected sections of approximately eight miles of Highway 25, near Greers Ferry Lake. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Batesville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,067,352.41.

The improvements will begin at the Faulkner County line and extend eastward to the intersection with Highway 5.

A second project will resurface 3.2 miles of Highway 110, in the city of Heber Springs. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Batesville, Arkansas, was awarded this contract at \$520,651.05.

Resurfacing will begin at Highway 25 and continue to the east.

Another project will resurface approximately five miles of Highway 16, near the city of Greers Ferry. Atlas Asphalt was also awarded this contract at \$671,007.30.

Improvements will begin at the Narrows Bridge and continue westward.

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. Completion is expected on all projects in late summer of this year.

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