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

LITTLE ROCK (5-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Polk County, according to Polk County Judge Brandon Ellison.

The purpose of the first project is to reseal selected sections of approximately 6.5 miles of County Roads 54, 74 and 647, near Mena. Salt Creek Paving & Construction Company, Inc. of Benton, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$301,608.27.

“These improvements will mean safer travel for motorists in these areas of Polk County,” stated Judge Ellison.

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.

A second project calls for the resurfacing of five miles of Highway 71, in the vicinity of Wickes. R.K. Hall Construction, LTD. of Paris, Texas, was awarded the contract at \$1,324,801.47.

Judge Ellison said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the summer or fall of this year.

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