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### **ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN POPE COUNTY**

**LITTLE ROCK (5-2)** -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Pope County, according to Pope County Judge Jim Ed Gibson.

The purpose of the project is to resurface three miles of Mill Creek Road (County Road 6), near London. Blackstone Construction, LLC, of Russellville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$286,664.08.

“These improvements will begin at Interstate 40 and continue northward,” stated Judge Gibson.

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 Gibson said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the summer of this year.

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