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## ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN MONROE COUNTY

**LITTLE ROCK (4-23) --** The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Monroe County, according to Monroe County Judge Larry Taylor.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface nearly one mile on County Road 38 (Bethlehem Road) north and south of Locust Creek.

M&T Paving & Construction Co., Inc. of Forrest City, AR, was awarded the contract at \$140,285.74.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete by early this summer.

A second project will resurface 1.4 miles on County Road 16 from Highway 86, west toward the White River National Wildlife Refuge.

Salt Creek Paving & Construction Co., Inc. of Benton, AR, was awarded the contract at \$56,233.96.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete by early this summer.

Both county road projects are 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.

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