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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PERRY COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-23) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Perry County, according to Perry County Judge Baylor House.

The purpose of the first project is to reconstruct 1.1 miles on County Road 14 (Union Valley Road) from east of County Road 318 to west of County Road 319. This includes minor drainage structures and two bridge length box culverts.

Ford Engineering, Inc. of Russellville, AR, was awarded the contract at \$718,270.44.

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.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete by the end of this year.

A second project will resurface 7.1 miles of Highway 9 from Highway 300 (south of Perryville), south toward Thornburg.

Cranford Construction Company of North Little Rock was awarded the contract at \$1,507,816.26.

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

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