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### ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES BID FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN BOONE COUNTY

**LITTLE ROCK (7-29) --** The Arkansas State Highway Commission approved a bid for improvements to roadways in Boone County, according to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The purpose of the project is to rehabilitate and resurface 1.5 miles of roadways in Diamond City. The first portion of the work will be performed on West Airport Road. It extends from Highway 7 (Diamond Boulevard) to South Gateway Street. A second job will be performed on South Gateway Street. It will extend from Sherwood Drive to Highway 7 (Diamond Boulevard). A third job will be performed on Pine Street. It will extend from Highway 7 (Diamond Boulevard) to Forest Drive.

Marion County Paving and Excavating of Summit, AR was awarded the contract at \$347,964.87.

This project is being funded through the State Aid City Streets Program approved by lawmakers in 2011 and voters in 2012. This program provides \$20 million annually from the state motor fuels tax to assist cities with projects selected by a nine-member panel of Arkansas mayors.

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

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The purpose of the project is to resurface 1.7 miles of County Roads 125 and 2 in Boone County.

The work on County Road 2 (Dunkard Road) will extend from Green Hill Road to Highway 392, east of Alpena.

The work on County Road 125 (Old Farm Road) will extend from Thickory Road to Highway 43, southwest of Harrison.

APAC-Central, Inc. of Fayetteville, AR was awarded the contract at \$265,376.28.

This 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.

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