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## ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

**LITTLE ROCK (6-10) --** The Arkansas State Highway Commission approved bids for improvements to roadways in Washington County, according to highway officials and County Judge Marilyn Edwards.

The purpose of the project is to resurface 1.3 miles of Highway 16 (West 15<sup>th</sup> St.) between Razorback Road and Highway 71B (S. School Avenue) in Fayetteville. The second part of this project is to resurface Highway 71B (S. School Avenue) from Highway 16 to West Cato Springs Road in Fayetteville.

APAC-Central, Inc. of Fayetteville, Arkansas was awarded the contract at \$656,696.42.

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

A second project is to resurface 1 mile of Washington County Road 11 (Bush Valley Road) from Highway 45, northward toward Lincoln.

APAC-Central, Inc. of Fayetteville, Arkansas was awarded the contract at \$115,561.72.

A third project is to resurface 1.1 miles of County Road 48 (Wyman Road) from Zimmer Road, southward.

Washington County of Fayetteville, Arkansas was awarded the contract at \$117,705.69.

Construction on the previous two county road projects is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks and should be complete this summer. Both 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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