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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES BID FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN COLUMBIA & OUACHITA COUNTIES

LITTLE ROCK (9-17) - The Arkansas State Highway Commission approved a bid for improvements to roadways in Columbia and Ouachita counties, according to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The purpose of the project is to resurface/repair about 2.1 miles of 4 roadways in Stephens and 2.5 miles of roadways in Taylor. The work will be performed on the following streets.

City	Street	Work	Location	Distance
Stephens	6th St.	Resurfacing	Between Tidwell St. & Hwy 57	1.1
Stephens	E. Ruby St.	Resurfacing	Extends east from Green St.	0.3
Stephens	W. Ruby St.	Resurfacing	Between Hwy 79 (S. 1st St.) to 6th St.	0.4
Stephens	Tidwell St.	Resurfacing	Between 6th St. & Hwy 79	0.3
Taylor	Bodcaw St.	Resurfacing	Between E. Powell St. & Whitehead St.	0.4
Taylor	Pope St.	Resurfacing	Between S. Sheldon St. & N. Long Ave.	0.3
Taylor	E. Powell St.	Resurfacing	Between N. Long Ave. & Robinson St.	0.3
Taylor	Robinson St.	Resurfacing	Between E. Powell St. & E. Pine St.	0.5
Taylor	E. Spring St.	Resurfacing	Extends west of Cross St.	0.3

Jet Asphalt & Rock Co., Inc. of El Dorado, AR was awarded the contract at $594,419.67.

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

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.

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