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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES BID FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN NEWTON COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-22) - The Arkansas State Highway Commission and County Judge Warren Campbell approved a bid for improvements to roadways in Newton County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The purpose of the project is to surface 3.9 miles of County Roads 9, 10 and 74.

The work on County Road 9 will extend north 1.3 miles from Highway 21 to County Road 10 (Fire Tower Road). The work on County Road 10 (Fire Tower Road) will extend north 1.6 miles from County Road 9 to about 0.5 miles west of Crossroads Road, near of Ponca. The work on County Road 74 (Shaddock Hollow Road) will extend south 1 mile from Highway 123, south of Western Grove.

Hutchens Construction Company of Cassville, Missouri was awarded the contract at \$367,898.85.

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

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 country road system.

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