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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN GREENE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (5-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Greene County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armored and Greene County Judge Jesse Dollars.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface 1.8 miles of Highway 412 in the city of Paragould. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$734,735.34.

“This resurfacing project will begin at Highway 49B and continue westward to Reynolds Road,” stated Regenold.

The project is being funded with money provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Act provided Arkansas with \$351 million in federal stimulus funds for roadway and bridge improvements throughout the state. Additional information about the ARRA can be found at www.recovery.gov. For more information about its impact on Arkansas, go to www.recovery.arkansas.gov. Information about specific road and bridge construction projects can be found by going to www.ArkansasHighways.com, and clicking on the ARRA logo and link in the middle of the page.

A second project will resurface 2.5 miles of County Road 27. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$350,234.44.

“This project will be located near Paragould and will help us in keeping our county road system in the best shape possible,” stated Judge Dollars.

Regenold noted that the County Road 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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Regenold said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on both in the fall of 2009.

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