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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN WHITE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (5-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in White County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock and White County Judge Michael Lincoln.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface approximately 3.5 miles of Highway 167, north of Bald Knob. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,097,681.52.

“This resurfacing project will begin at Overflow Creek and continue northward,” stated Hoofman.

A second project will resurface approximately three miles of Highway 167 extending from the Jackson County Line northward. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded that contract at \$849,863.97.

The projects on Highway 167 are 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 third project will resurface one mile of County Road 70 (Russell Mountain Road) in the town of Russell. White County of Searcy, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$151,820.34.

The purpose of a fourth project is to resurface approximately one mile of County Road 63, south of Griffithville. White County of Searcy, Arkansas, was awarded this contract at \$132,190.21.

“These improvements will help us in keeping our county road system in top condition,” stated Judge Lincoln.

Hoofman 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.

Hoofman said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on County Roads 63 and 70 in the fall of 2009. Work on Highway 167 should be completed by September 14, 2009.

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