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## County road marking season wrapping up

ROGERS COUNTY — Rogers County Commissioners are closing off the paint-striping season after crews finish in District 1 this week.

Paint striping roadways is an additional responsibility for commissioners.

Two crewmen from each district make up the team supervised by District 4 Sign Maintenance Foreman Lee Francis. Together they have painted 170 miles of roads throughout the county using the new paint-striping truck purchased earlier this year for \$485,000.

Commissioner Chairman Steve Hendrix of District 2 said recently during a regular board meeting, that the crew put together by each district has performed “top notch” paint-striping, by also acknowledging the high-quality work. “We’re very, very proud of the crew that they put together to do this type of work,” Hendrix said.

Commissioner Dan DeLozier of District 1 invited the public to watch the crew in action as they striped three miles of newly asphalted road on S4240 Road at the edge of Chelsea in his district.

Effective and clear visible road markings are vital for road safety and can last years before having to overspray. The roads not only got a fresh coat of striping but also got reflective glass beads which is important when there is low light, such as during rain, fog activity or at night.

DeLozier said when headlights hit the pigmented road markings with the glass bead application, it retroreflects to the driver enhancing night-time visibility. He said the high-performance glass beads make road markings five times brighter than road markings without the beads.

Commissioner Ron Burrows said the county-owned paint stripe truck will eventually pay for itself since placing it out for bid can be costly. He said the process of soliciting bids for paint striping can also be lengthy, whereas having the ability to immediately paint stripe allows for more mileage to be done.

By the end of this season, Francis said, “We will have used 8,200 gallons of paint for road striping; 350 or more gallons of paint for stenciling; and approximately 32,000 pounds of reflective glass beads.”

Paint striping crews will start back up in the Spring.