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**Commissioners Approve Change Order to Pave Holiday Avenue**

At a special meeting on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, the Board of County Commissioners approved a change order to Elam Construction for the paving of Holiday Avenue in the amount of \$508,609.35.

Lower than expected bids for the Park Avenue reconstruction project allowed the county to explore the possibility of paving Holiday Avenue and staff pursued a change order request with Elam Construction, the contractor for the project. According to Archuleta County Public Works Director Ken Feyen, Elam Construction bid the Holiday Avenue paving project at \$508,609 which was about \$4,000 less than Feyen anticipated.

Paving Holiday Avenue will extend the Park Avenue reconstruction project for one month. The extension request puts the project completion date at November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Working with Elam Construction on a change order, as opposed to putting the Holiday Avenue project out to bid, eliminated logistical hassles, potential mobilization and other construction-related delays should the county have undertaken a full blown bid process. An entirely new bidding process might have pushed the project into early winter, thus jeopardizing completion in 2009.

Feyen explained Park Avenue reconstruction and Holiday Avenue paving will run concurrent. In fact, Feyen said Elam crews have already finished roto-milling Holiday as a precursor to paving. In the meantime, crews continue road prep work and drainage repair, with actual paving to begin later in the summer.

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