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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN NEWTON COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (1-9) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Newton County, according to Commissioner Jonathan Barnett of Siloam Springs.

The purpose of the project is to repair .12 miles of flood damage to Highway 7, near Jasper. N.E.C., Inc. of Rogers, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$415,355.80.

"The heavy rainfall we experienced last year in the spring did some damage to the highway in this area and this project will allow for permanent repairs to be made," stated Barnett.

Barnett said work could begin on the project in six to eight weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late summer of 2009.

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