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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN GARLAND COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-16) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Garland County, according to Commission Chairman Carl Rosenbaum of Little Rock and Garland County Judge Larry Williams.

The purpose of the project is to construct a bridge on County Road 65, south of Hempwallace. Mobley Contractors, Inc. of Morrilton, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$2,364,818.21.

“This new bridge on County Road 65 will be located over Little Mazarn Creek and will make travel in this area much safer for motorists,” stated Judge Williams.

Rosenbaum noted that the County Road project is 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.

Rosenbaum said work could begin on the project in six to eight weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the fall of 2010.

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