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### ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN OUACHITA COUNTY

**LITTLE ROCK (5-20)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Ouachita County, according to Commission Vice Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately 2.6 miles of Highway 79, east of Camden. Jet Asphalt & Rock Company, Inc. of El Dorado, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,077,056.08.

“This resurfacing project will begin at the Ouachita River and continue to the northeast,” stated Murphy.

Murphy said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected by September 14, 2009.

The project is 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](http://www.recovery.gov). For more information about its impact on Arkansas, go to [www.recovery.arkansas.gov](http://www.recovery.arkansas.gov). Information about specific road and bridge construction projects can be found by going to [www.ArkansasHighways.com](http://www.ArkansasHighways.com), and clicking on the ARRA logo and link in the middle of the page.

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