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

**LITTLE ROCK** (1-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Lincoln County, according to Commission Vice Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado and Lincoln County Judge Charles Capps.

The purpose of the project is to construct a bridge on County Road 89, over Oakwood Bayou. Mid State Construction, LLC, of Malvern, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$192,376.66.

"This bridge construction will be located east of Gould," stated Judge Capps.

Murphy 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.

Murphy said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work should be completed in mid 2010.

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