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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SCOTT COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Scott County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers and Scott County Judge James Forbes.

The purpose of the project is to reconstruct 2.8 miles of County Roads 10 and 104, near the Little Pines Recreation Area. Silco Construction, Inc. of Waldron, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$850,060.92.

"This job will be located on the west side of Lake Hinkle," stated Judge Forbes.

Trammel 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.

Trammel said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the fall of 2010.

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