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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CLAY COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (9-29) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Clay County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armorel.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately two miles of County Road 96, near St. Francis. Robertson Contractors, Inc. of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$1,181,235.45.

"These improvements will begin at County Road 94 and continue northward to the Chalk Bluff Natural Area," stated Regenold.

Regenold 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.

Regenold said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the spring of 2011.

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