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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (9-29) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Washington County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers and Washington County Judge Marilyn Edwards.

The purpose of the project is to replace a bridge on County Road 69, over the West Fork White River. APAC-Central, Inc. of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,709,435.01.

"These improvements will make this a safer roadway for motorists traveling this area of the county," stated Judge Edwards.

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 summer of 2011.

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