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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (12-14) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Columbia County, according to Commission Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado.

The purpose of the project is to widen E. North Street in the city of Magnolia. Perritt & Vickers, Inc. of Magnolia, Arkansas,, was awarded the contract at \$2,181,090.51.

"This project will widen just over one-half mile of East North Street to three lanes," stated Murphy. "The improvements will begin at Highway 82 and extend westward to North Frederick Street."

Murphy said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the summer of 2012.

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