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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PHILLIPS COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-23) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Phillips County, according to Phillips County Judge Don Gentry.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface 4.4 miles of Highway 49, from the Monroe County line, south toward Postelle.

Lehman-Roberts Company of Memphis, TN, was awarded the contract at \$727,993.85.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete this fall.

A second project will replace two bridges on County Road 240. The bridges are located over Big Cypress and Lick Creek, just north of Lexa.

Robertson, Inc. of Poplar Bluff, MO was awarded the contract at \$1,531,578.83.

This 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.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete in spring 2014.

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