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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES BID FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (11-10) - The Arkansas State Highway Commission has approved a bid for improvements to roadways in Lawrence County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The purpose of the project is to widen 1.5 miles of Highway 63 to five lanes. The work will extend west from Free St. in Portia. This will extend the 4 lanes from Portia to the new Black River Bridge at Black Rock that's currently under construction.

Robertson, Inc., Bridge & Grading Division of Poplar Bluff, Missouri was awarded the contract at \$13,742,849.65.

Construction is scheduled begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete by fall 2016.

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