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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN DREW COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-16) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Drew County, according to Commissioner R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado and Drew County Judge Damon Lampkin.

The purpose of the project is to resurface 4.4 miles of selected sections of County Road 15. R.M. Courson, Inc. of Hamburg, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$399,043.66.

"This project will help us meet our goal of keeping our county road system in the best shape possible," stated Judge Lampkin.

Murphy 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.

Murphy said work could begin on the project in six to eight weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2009.

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