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### **ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CLAY COUNTY**

**LITTLE ROCK (2-27)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Clay County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armored.

The purpose of the project is to construct a bridge on County Road 53 over South Fork Big Creek. J.W. Githens Company of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$498,732.97.

“This project will be located west of Piggott and will mean a safer roadway for years to come,” stated Regenold.

Regenold 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.

Regenold said work could begin on the project in six to eight weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the summer of 2010.

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