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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN RANDOLPH COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (5-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Randolph County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armored and Randolph County Judge David Jansen.

The purpose of the project is to construct a bridge on County Road 48 over the Fourche River. West Plains Bridge & Grading, LLC of West Plains, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$2,117,297.46.

“This project will be located north of the city of Maynard,” stated Judge Jansen.

The project is being funded with money provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) matched with State Aid Road Program funds and local funds. The Act provided Arkansas with \$351 million in federal stimulus funds for roadway and bridge improvements throughout the state. Additional information about the ARRA can be found at www.recovery.gov. For more information about its impact on Arkansas, go to www.recovery.arkansas.gov. Information about specific road and bridge construction projects can be found by going to www.ArkansasHighways.com, and clicking on the ARRA logo and link in the middle of the page.

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

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