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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SHARP COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (5-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Sharp County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock and Sharp County Judge Larry Brown.

The purpose of the project is to construct two bridges on County Road 38 over Pine Creek. Thompson Construction, Inc. of Pocahontas, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,231,698.50.

“This project will be located near the Lawrence County line and will mean safer travel for motorists in this area,” stated Judge Brown.

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.

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

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