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### ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN HEMPSTEAD COUNTY

**LITTLE ROCK (1-20)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Hempstead County, according to Commission Chairman Carl Rosenbaum of Little Rock and Hempstead County Judge Wallace Martin.

The purpose of the project is to resurface 1.8 miles of County Road 4, near Hope. R.K. Hall Construction, LTD. of Paris, Texas, was awarded the contract at \$282,027.50.

“This project will begin at Highway 174 and extend to Highway 278,” stated Judge Martin. “It is located south of the University of Arkansas Experimental Station.”

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](http://www.recovery.gov). For more information about its impact on Arkansas, go to [www.recovery.arkansas.gov](http://www.recovery.arkansas.gov). Information about specific road and bridge construction projects can be found by going to [www.ArkansasHighways.com](http://www.ArkansasHighways.com), and clicking on the ARRA logo and link in the lower right portion of the page.

Rosenbaum said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in mid 2010.

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