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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN VAN BUREN COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (3-15) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Van Buren County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock and County Judge Robert Bramlett.

The purpose of the first project is to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 65 and Highway 16 East in the city of Clinton. Construction Management & Maintenance, Inc. of North Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$78,400.

“This new traffic signal will provide a safer intersection for motorists traveling through on the north side of town,” stated Hoofman.

The project is being funded with money provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). 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 lower right portion of the page.

The second project will resurface approximately seven miles of County Road 94 (Burnt Ridge Road), near Greers Ferry Lake. Salt Creek Paving & Construction Company, Inc. of Benton, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$150,862.42.

“These improvements will begin at Highway 16 and continue eastward to the South Fork Use Area,” stated Judge Bramlett.

Hoofman 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.

Hoofman said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work should be completed on the traffic signal in late 2010. Resurfacing on County Road 94 should be completed in the summer of 2010.

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