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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CRAIGHEAD COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (3-15) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Craighead County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armored.

The project will widen four miles of Highway 226 from two lanes to a four lane, divided facility. Dumey Contracting, Inc. of Benton, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$14,961,951.36.

“This project will begin at the new Highway 67 and continue eastward to the city of Cash,” stated Regenold.

“This project will make Highway 226 safer for motorists traveling between Highway 67 and Jonesboro,” Regenold added. “This is the first of several projects that will eventually widen Highway 226 to four lanes from Highway 67 eastward to Jonesboro.”

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.

Regenold said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work should be completed by late 2012.

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