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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SHARP COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-13) -- 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 a bridge on County Road 38, over Blakes Branch. West Plains Bridge and Grading, LLC of West Plains, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$678,042.87.

“This job is located south of Sitka and will mean safer travel in this area for years to come,” stated Judge Brown.

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 project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the summer of 2011.

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