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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN GREENE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (10-19) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Greene County, according to Commission Vice Chairman John Ed Regenold of Armorel.

The first project will include the grading and bridge structures for approximately five miles of Highway 412 on new location in southern Paragould. Robertson Contractors, Inc. of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, was awarded to project at \$21,057,069.68.

“This is the first of several projects that will construct a southern bypass of Paragould,” stated Regenold. “This first project will begin on Highway 412 on the east side of town and extend to the south and west, stopping at Highway 49. Future projects will extend the bypass westward from Highway 49 and reconnect with Highway 412 on the west side of town.”

The purpose of the second project is to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 49, Highway 49B and Purcell Road in the city of Paragould. Shelby Electric Company, Inc. of Memphis, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$261,366.40.

“The addition of a traffic signal at this intersection will mean safer travel for motorists passing through this area of Paragould,” Regenold stated.

A third project will replace three bridges on Highway 34. Asphalt Producers, LLC, of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$3,601,750.69.

“The new bridges will be located between the communities of Marmaduke and Lafe,” Regenold stated. “They replace bridges over Pigeon Roost Creek, Hurricane Creek and Slavens Creek.”

Regenold said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work on Highway 412 should be completed in late 2012. Completion of the traffic signal on Highway 49 is also expected in late 2012. Work on Highway 34 will be completed in early 2013.

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