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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN IZARD COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (9-07) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Izard County, according to Commissioner John Burkhalter of Little Rock and Izard County Judge David Sherrell.

The first project will replace three bridges and one box culvert on Highway 9, near the town of Oxford. Pace Construction Company, LLC of St. Louis, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$2,013,000.00.

The purpose of the second project is to resurface 2.5 miles of County Road 301, near Horseshoe Bend. Salt Creek Paving & Construction Company, Inc. of Benton, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$162,298.00.

“These improvements will begin at Highway 56 and continue northward,” stated Judge Sherrell.

Burkhalter 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.

Burkhalter said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2011.

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