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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CHICOT COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (2-28) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Chicot County, according to Commission Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado.

The purpose of the project is to widen approximately 4.5 miles of Highway 82 to five lanes. Ideal Construction Company of Crossett, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$15,236,716.59.

“This widening project will begin in Fairview, at the intersection with Highway 65, and continue eastward to the Mississippi River Bridge,” stated Murphy. “This project will connect to a widening project already underway on Highway 65 in Lake Village, and once both are completed, motorists will have four travel lanes to the Highway 82 Bridge.”

A bridge over Ditch Bayou will also be replaced during the widening project.

Murphy said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in 2013.

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