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### **ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY**

**LITTLE ROCK (7-20)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Crittenden County, according to Commission Vice Chairman John Ed Regenold of Armorel and Crittenden County Judge Melton Holt.

The purpose of the first project is to construct a bridge on Highway 131, in Edmondson. Robertson Contractors, Inc. of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$2,524,766.27.

“The new bridge will be located on the south end of town over Fifteen Mile Bayou,” stated Regenold.

A second project will resurface selected sections of various county roads. M & T Paving & Construction Company, Inc. of Forrest City, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$307,341.41.

“These improvements will be on Mudline Road (County Road 14), Proctor Road (County Road 18) and County Road 205, in the vicinity of Edmonson,” stated Judge Holt.

Regenold 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.

Regenold said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on Highway 131 in the summer of 2012. Resurfacing on the county roads will be completed in the fall of this year.

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