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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (7-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Jefferson County, according to Commission Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado.

The purpose of the first project is to replace a bridge on Highway 54, west of Sulphur Springs. Thomco, Inc. of North Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$703,447.70.

“This new bridge will be located over Big Creek,” stated Murphy.

A second project will replace an additional bridge on Highway 54, near Pinebergen. Simco, Inc. of North Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$813,663.37.

“This second bridge is being constructed over Steep Bank Creek, near the Cleveland County line,” Murphy added. “Both bridges will provide safer travel for years to come.”

Murphy said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on both in the spring of 2012.

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