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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CRAWFORD COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (10-19) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Crawford County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers.

The purpose of the first project is to construct a scenic overlook on Highway 71 overlooking nearby Lake Fort Smith. T-N-T, Inc. of Van Buren, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$77,441.00.

“This is going to be a new overlook and will provide parking for motorists stopping to enjoy the view of the lake and the state park,” stated Trammel. “It will be located just north of Mountainburg.”

The second project will widen Rena Road in the city of Van Buren. Forsgren, Inc. of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$4,470,078.75.

“The widened section will be approximately one mile in length and will widen Rena Road to three lanes beginning at Highway 59 and extending westward,” stated Trammel. “This widening will improve the flow of traffic through this area of town.”

Trammel said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on the scenic overlook in December of 2011. Work on Rena Road will be completed in late 2013.

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