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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN MISSISSIPPI COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (9-07) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Mississippi County, according to Commission Vice Chairman John Ed Regenold of Armored.

The first project will construct a railroad overpass on Highway 18 in Blytheville. Rosiek Construction Company, Inc. of Morrilton, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$10,954,060.37.

“This overpass will be located in downtown Blytheville on new location a few blocks south of West Main Street,” Regenold stated. “Replacing the street level crossing with an overpass is going to greatly improve the safety of motorists using Highway 18 in this downtown area.”

The purpose of the second project is to replace a bridge on Highway 148, southeast of Blytheville. Robertson Contractors, Inc. of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$1,864,999.76.

“This new bridge will replace a bridge located at Clear Lake,” stated Regenold.

Regenold said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work on Highway 18 should be completed by early 2013. Completion is expected on Highway 148 in late 2012.

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