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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN JACKSON COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (5-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Jackson County, according to Jackson County Judge Jeff Phillips.

The purpose of the first project is to remove and dispose of approximately 111 timber piles located in the Cache River on County Road 51. Kesser International, Inc. of Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$16,844.96.

"This work will take place east of the town of Stegall," stated Judge Phillips.

The second project will replace nine culverts on County Road 182, north of Little Horseshoe Lake. Kesser International, Inc. of Little Rock was also awarded this contract at \$112,008.32.

"Keeping our county roads in the best shape possible is always a top priority," stated Judge Phillips.

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.

Judge Phillips said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on both in late summer of this year.

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