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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (5-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Lafayette County, according to Lafayette County Judge Frank Scroggins.

The purpose of the project is to construct a bridge over Field Bayou Ditch on County Road 20, near Lewisville. Southern State Construction of Hermitage, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$892,252.42.

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

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 Scroggins said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2012.

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