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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN HEMPSTEAD COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (5-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Hempstead County, according to Commission Chairman Carl Rosenbaum of Little Rock.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface approximately 1.5 miles of Highway 278 in Hope. Earnest Investments, LLC of Shreveport, Louisiana, was awarded the contract at \$358,265.50.

“This resurfacing project will begin at Hazel Street, in Hope, and will extend to Greenwood Street,” stated Rosenbaum.

A second project will resurface approximately 5.5 miles of Highway 278 near the town of Ozan. R.K. Hall Construction, LTD of Paris, Texas, was awarded the contract at \$951,307.85.

“This project will begin at Ozan and extend westward to Highway 332,” Rosenbaum added.

Rosenbaum said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on both by September 14, 2009.

The projects are being funded with money provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Act provided Arkansas with \$351 million in federal stimulus funds for roadway and bridge improvements throughout the state. Additional information about the ARRA can be found at www.recovery.gov. For more information about its impact on Arkansas, go to www.recovery.arkansas.gov. Information about specific road and bridge construction projects can be found by going to www.ArkansasHighways.com, and clicking on the ARRA logo and link in the middle of the page.

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