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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (5-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Lawrence County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armorel.

The first project will construct the embankment and bridges for ten miles of Highway 67 on new location. Dumey Contracting, Inc. of Benton, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$24,816,799.11.

“This project and another to follow will make Highway 67 four lanes south of Hoxie,” stated Regenold. “It will be on new location and extend from Highway 230 northward to Highway 63. This project will connect to a project currently under construction that is widening Highway 67 to four lanes from Highway 226 northward to Highway 230 in Jackson County. Ultimately, Highway 67 will be four lanes from Hoxie southward to Newport”

The purpose of the second project is to resurface approximately .25 miles of Highway 412 in Walnut Ridge. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$117,861.40.

“This resurfacing project will be located on West Main Street in Walnut Ridge and will extend from 67B North eastward to 67B South,” stated Regenold.

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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Regenold said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project on Highway 67 will be completed in late 2011. Completion is expected on Highway 412 by September 14, 2009.

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