**COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT**

**September, 2025**

**New this month:**

Bids have been let on the Oyler Road Project. We hope to have the asphalt laid by the end of October.

The Rabbit Ridge Road Project has experienced delays with the availability of the steel for the arch-top crossings. Tariffs on steel have created a demand for domestic steel which is a great problem. We are simply waiting for our turn.

**MAINTENANCE:**

NO CHANGE THIS MONTH: Trying to catch up on equipment repairs. Tariffs have created a bottleneck with the supply chain for many of our parts. When tariffs were being discussed, many supplies were hoarded before the tariffs were put into place creating a temporary supply shortage.

**GRANT PROJECTS:**

The Rabbit Ridge/Bricky Road low water crossing grant: Work in progress. The total value of this grant is just under $1,000,000.00

Work is proceeding on the Oyler Road Grant. Base is still being applied for the grant to come behind us and pave as far as the grant funds will take the asphalt. The award to the county is $500,000.00 with VBC providing match in the form of base rock, equipment, labor and gravel. Total project value is $1,500,000.00.

Lake Cliff Road Bridge Project – Federal Grant application submitted and looks promising. Total price tag of approx. $1 million. The feasibility study has been ordered.

Scotland Bridge Project - – Feasibility Study was completed. Waiting for further word. Federal Grant application submitted and looks promising. Total price tag of approx. $1 million.

Archey Road Bridge Project – State and Federal Aid funded, County pays 2%. Total price tag of approx. $1.5 million.

The Feasibility Study is begun on the Shirley Bridge Grant. The value of the new bridge will be approx. $3 million.

FEMA reimbursement for the declared disaster – Reimbursements can take a very long time to receive. I hope to receive $150,000 - $175,000. Governor Sanders approved the disaster on May 9, 2024 and VBC is listed as an approved county. After submitting all the required paperwork, we received a book for each impacted road to be completed. **We are still waiting for the reimbursement.**