

COUNTY ROAD AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

November, 2025

New this month:

We are STILL waiting for the arch-top structures for the Rabbit Ridge Road Project. This whole project is moving at the federal government's pace. We have finally received approval to move forward from DEQ with approved sediment mitigation measures and an approved 401 application.

We received word that funding will be available to resurface Banner Mountain Road next year. Bids will be let in January.

We resurfaced over the places dug out on Dodd Mountain. We had to allow ample time for the patches to settle before completing the final surface.

Grading, ditching, mowing, and crushing are still occurring routinely.

GRANT PROJECTS:

The Rabbit Ridge Grant (\$1 million approx.) is underway with reporting and permitting. The requirements and permitting for working in or around a stream are quite extensive. This grant was applied for and all the permitting and follow-up reporting is being conducted in-house by the County Judge. Please note the information above under "New This Month."

The Oyler Road Project was let out for bid but no paving contractor could commit to 2025. The project will carry forward until 2026 with asphalt expected to be applied in the Spring. 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.

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

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

We applied for a CAG Grant through AEDC for a new cone-style crusher (value of \$750,000). This is a very competitive grant and we applied knowing the odds were stacked against us. The program has a \$15 million payout with over \$300 million in requests. Even though this is one of the most competitive grants, we have a very compelling narrative.

These grant funded projects alone total \$8.75 million for VBC in addition to the \$1 million dollar resurface project for Banner Mountain Road.