

## **Blount County Government**

TO: Blount County Commissioners

FROM: Highway Department

RE: Skid Steer

DATE: July 25, 2024

We are requesting a budget increase of \$174,627.45 to be used to purchase a skid steer. A skid steer is a piece of equipment that is needed in many different capacities in different types of situations. Currently, the employees have been broken into crews so that we are as efficient as possible in getting repairs and projects complete. At this time, there is only one skid steer in the fleet of equipment which causes a delay in work sometimes due to the equipment need by two crews. With a second skid steer, it would close the gap of down-time from one crew waiting on the equipment to be available. The goal of this department is to be as efficient and time sensitive on getting the necessary repairs/projects completed quickly.

Jeff Headrick

Blount County Highway Superintendent