



Blount County Budget Committee Memo

TO: Blount County Commissioners

FROM: Blount County Highway Dept

DATE: 7/30/2025

RE: Tractor Mounted Blower

1. Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested) Purchase a tractor mounted blower so when the roadways are mowed the grass clippings and debris could be removed from the roadways in a safer manner. The blower would be attached to the tractor allowing the roadway to be cleared of debris taking considerable less time than our current method.
2. Current Operations (how are operations without the request and impact if not funded) When the roadways are mowed, the only way to remove the grass clipping and debris is to have an employee use a handheld or backpack blower. This creates a risk liability of having an employee in the roadway in danger of passing vehicles. The handheld blowers are not as efficient so it will take considerable less time than our current method.
3. Impact if funded (provide summary if the request is approved) The roadways will efficiently be cleaned of grass clipping or debris with a lower risk to the employees. Also, the number of jobs completed in a day will increase due to the blower cutting the time it takes to accomplish the work plus freeing up an employee to maintain a safe work zone thus allowing the crew to mow more right of way.

| Budget Impact | |
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| Original Budget | |
| Amendment Impact | \$ 7,785.72 |
| Proposed Revised Budget | \$ 7,785.72 |


Signature from Department Head/Elected (or designee)

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