

Highway Report

11/18/2025

We have been busy cutting brush on Donnerville Road and dead roadside trees. We have had a couple breakdowns with our plow trucks. The Peterbilt is at 5th Wheel Deisel in Malone with pto clutch and wiring issues. The 2009 Pay Star has a bad transmission. We have one here and are going to put in the new transmission next week.

I have submitted the CHIPS reimbursement forms to the State and we should receive a check for \$266,972.63 on or about December 16th.

I have reached out to the plow manufacturers for a timeline on getting a new truck upfitted and they all tell me they are about 2 years out. Also, new trucks are 8-12 months out. This means 2½ to 3 years before we would see a new plow truck if we ordered one now. I have talked to the salesman for International Trucks and they are up about 40%-50% in the last 2 years. Plow Bodies are up 20%-25% over the last 2 years.

The last truck we purchased in 2024 was \$230,000.00, a new truck if ordered right now is going to be \$300,000.00 or more. I will be getting quotes for the next board meeting.

Tariffs, inflation, etc. are all up so we need to figure out options for equipment and trucks. Our fleet is aging and parts costs are up as well.

I would like to thank the men for another safe and productive month.

Richard Meilleur
Highway Superintendent