

THE BOARD OF ATHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, met in regular session, with Lenny Eliason presiding, Chris Chmiel and Charlie Adkins in attendance.

Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Eliason to approve the following agenda:
Athens County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, July 15, 2026 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes July 7, 2026

Approve Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & Nows, & Bills

9:30 Bid Opening- Surplus
9:30 Mike Biggins- Maintenance
9:45 EMS
10:00 Lynn Garbo
10:10 Daniel Sherman- Storm Sewer Fees
10:15 Planner LaVelle - Major Subdivision (Carthage Twp), RFP Dump Clean Up (Alexander Twp), & USACE Section 208 Letter of Intent
10:30 W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates (Sewer Issue from last week)
10:45 Dave Leszcz - NFP
11:00 Dave Leszcz - NFP
11:15 LUNCH

Agenda Items

Amended Certificate
Utility Permits (3) (Le-Ax Water, Tupper Plains Water, & Vero Fiber Networks)
W&S Extensions (Ratify Commissioner Adkins Signature)
Eagle Scout Proclamation
Surplus - ACSO
Public Defender Contracts
Surplus - Veteran's

~TRAVEL

CP: Judge McCarthy; OJC Conference 2026, Columbus OH; 09/17 - 09/18/26
Auditor: Brandi Coey; COAGA 2026 Professional Development Training Conference, Westerville OH; 10/19 - 10/21/26
Auditor: Lee Raines; Village/Township Meetings & Trainings, Various Locations; 6/1, 6/2, 6/3, 6/4, 6/8, 6/9, 6/10, 6/11, 6/15, 6/17, 6/18, 6/25, 6/27, 6/29, 6/30/26

add- Comm: Lenny Eliason; CCAO Conference, Cincinnati OH; 08/30 - 09/02/26

ADJOURNMENT

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, absent; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Eliason to approve the minutes of July 15, 2026.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, absent; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & Nows, & Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Eliason approving the Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 07/02/26 To: 07/07/26, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 07/07/26 To: 07/09/26, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 07/09/26 To: 07/15/26 and the bills are hereby the same and authorize the County Auditor to issue warrants on the County Treasurer for payment in the same. Complete list of bills maintained in the Auditor's office.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, absent; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Bid Opening - Surplus Maintenance

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to award the surplus bid (Flagpole) to Jacob Wirick in the amount of \$302.00.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Executive Session - Maintenance

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to enter into executive session at 9:33 with Maintenance Supt. Mike Biggins and Administrator JoAnn Rockhold to discuss employment of a public employee.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Regular Session

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to return to regular session at 9:38 with hiring Samantha Bowers at the rate of \$18.00/hr and a start date of July 20, 2026 with Buildings and Grounds Maintenance.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

DeBra-Kuempel Proposal - Proposed Preventative Maintenance Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Preventative Maintenance Agreement with DeBra-Kuempel.

Agreement available on file in the commissioners office.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Amended Certificate

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel acknowledging receipt of the Amended Certificate for Athens County Commissioners, dated July 14, 2026 prepared by Jill Davidson, Athens County Auditor.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Utility Permits

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the following Utility Permits:

Permit No. 26-715
From: Le-Ax Water District
6000 Industrial Dr
Athens, OH 45701

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.

Location of work: Co Rd # 33-A, Co Rd Name: Old US 33

Description of Work: Water

Type of Installation: Underground (buried) Line Crossing Rd

Estimated Project Schedule: ASAP - Same Day

Agreed to by: /s/Christina Richey, Le-Ax Water District

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-716
From: Tupper Plains Chester Water District
39561 Barr 30 Rd
Reedsville, OH 45772

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.

Location of work: Co Rd # 56, Co Rd Name: Brimstone Rd

Description of Work: Water

Type of Installation: Directional Boring Crossing Rd

Estimated Project Schedule: When permit is received
Agreed to by: /s/Derek Baum, Tupper's Plains Chester Water District
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-717
From: Vero Fiber Networks, LLC
1023 Walnut St
Boulder, CO 80302

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.
Location of work: Co Rd # 62 & 63, Co Rd Name: N torch Rd & Torch Rd
Description of Work: Cable
Type of Installation: Underground (buried) Line Parallel to Rd & Fiber Optic Line
Estimated Project Schedule: 08/02/26 - 09/02/26
Agreed to by: /s/Maggie Larsen, Vero Fiber Networks LLC
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

W&S Extensions

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Adkins Signature authorizing an extension as requested by Stacie Valentine for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$778.48 with \$428.24 to be paid 07/21/26. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Eagle Scout Proclamation

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to adopt the proclamation for recognizing Chandus Hatcher for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout:

Whereas, Chandus Hatcher is a resident of Athens County and a member of Boy Scout Troop 364, and;

Whereas, one in four boys in America will become Scouts and of those that become leaders of our nation in business, religion and politics three out of four were Scouts, and;

Whereas, only two in one hundred scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout, and;

Whereas, Chandus has held several leadership roles, earned 28 Merit Badges, and taken part in many service projects on his journey to Eagle Scout. His Eagle Project was at the Greenlawn Cemetery Veteran Gravestone Restoration/Gazebo scrape and paint. Chandus organized his Troop. Cub Scouts, Friends and Family to scrub 130 Veteran gravestones. Over the years they have degraded in color. The Gazebo next to the gravestones where the Veterans day ceremony is held each year was scraped and painted as part of the project, and;

Whereas, the Board of Athens County Commissioners wishes to congratulate Chandus Hatcher on this notable achievement, and;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, Ohio hereby declare July 17, 2026, as Chandus Hatcher Day in Athens County.

Signed this 15th day of July 2026

/s/Lenny Eliason, President

/s/Charlie Adkins, Vice-President

/s/Chris Chmiel

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Surplus - ACSO

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve and declare the Sheriff's Office Surplus to Destroy:

Description:

Brown Gun Cabinet

Dark Gray Office Chair

Brown Credenza with over head cabinet

Brown 2 Drawer File Cabinet

Brown U shaped Desk

Brown Fold up Table with overhead cabinet

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Public Defender Contracts

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the following Public Defender Agreements for various Villages and Cities in Athens County: The parties herein, being Athens County, herein after referred to as County, and (City/Village of) previously entered into an agreement on the 1st day of July, 2026, for the provision of legal counsel to indigent defendants. The parties, pursuant to Paragraph 5 of that agreement, hereby mutually extend the agreement to provide legal representation for indigent person from July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. All the terms of the agreement signed between the parties of July 1, 2026, shall remain in fully force and effect and are incorporated herein.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Surplus - Veteran's

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve and declare the Veteran's Office Surplus to Destroy for Scrap:

24 Aluminum Markers

3 Aluminum Rods

14 Brass Rods

43 Brass Markers

19 Steel Rods

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Travel

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the following travel:

CP: Judge McCarthy; OJC Conference 2026, Columbus OH; 09/17 - 09/18/26

Auditor: Brandi Coey; COAGA 2026 Professional Development Training Conference, Westerville OH; 10/19 - 10/21/26

Auditor: Lee Raines; Village/Township Meetings & Trainings, Various Locations; 6/1, 6/2, 6/3, 6/4, 6/8, 6/9, 6/10, 6/11, 6/15, 6/17, 6/18, 6/25, 6/27, 6/29, 6/30/26

Comm: Lenny Eliason; CCAO Conference, Cincinnati OH; 08/30 - 09/02/26

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Lynn Garbo - 10 W. Washington Street Property

Lynn Garbo presented a proposal regarding the county-owned property in Nelsonville. She introduced herself, explaining her background as a lifelong Nelsonville resident, former Nelsonville Main Street Director, and founder of a nonprofit organization focused on downtown revitalization and historic preservation. She stated that her experience with Heritage Ohio and downtown development inspired a long-standing vision for improving the property and attracting tourism and economic activity to the area. She introduced John Flowers, President of Nelsonville City Council, and Amy Hollenbaugh, Vice Chair of Council, noting that the City Council had recently voted to move forward with discussions with the County Commissioners regarding acquisition of a portion of the property.

Lynn reviewed historical research regarding Lot 48, which she explained was originally deeded by Nelsonville founder Daniel Nelson in 1824 for the benefit of the community. She noted that much of the property had been sold years earlier when Kroger acquired the site, leaving only a small reserved portion. After researching potential legal options, she concluded that reclaiming the entire parcel would not be practical due to the passage of time. Instead, she proposed that the City purchase approximately the front 50 feet of the county-owned parking lot to create a public pocket park.

The proposed park would include landscaped green space, a small performance stage, historical interpretation, and educational features designed to enhance the historic district while complementing the adjacent county-owned building. She explained that the project could be funded through grants available for pocket parks and community revitalization efforts. Additional ideas included incorporating historical fencing, permanent landscaping with low-maintenance plantings, historical markers, and technology allowing visitors to access narrated historical information through their mobile devices. She also discussed coordinating with local organizations, including Stuart's Opera House, to utilize the stage for educational programs, youth performances, and community events.

Lynn further explained that reducing the size of the parking lot could improve the appearance and marketability of the county building currently being offered for sale. She estimated that the proposal would still leave approximately 40 to 45 parking spaces, which she believed would be sufficient for future commercial use while creating a more attractive setting for potential buyers. She indicated that an artist was preparing conceptual renderings of the proposed park that could be incorporated into future marketing materials for the property.

Commissioners thanked Lynn for her research and proposal. Commissioner Eliason explained that any discussion regarding the potential sale of county property could not occur during a public meeting and would require a formal proposal submitted for consideration outside of public negotiations. Lynn indicated that she intended to prepare a formal proposal following the upcoming property bid opening.

Surplus - EMS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve and declare the EMS Office Surplus to Auction on GovDeals.com:

Description:	Model #	Serial #
2017 Chevy Horton Ambulance	4500	1HA6GUC4HN008439

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

EMS Medical Director Dr. Millesen

EMS Chief Amber Pyle submitted the retirement and resignation letter of Medical Director Dr. Gwendolyn Millesen, advising that her official last day would be August 12, although under the terms of her contract she had agreed to continue serving through September 30. Chief Pyle further explained that Dr. Millesen had expressed a willingness to remain in the position beyond that date, if necessary, until a replacement could be secured. Assist. Chief Crossen advised that recruitment efforts for a new medical director had already begun, including outreach to emergency physicians and consultation with Dr. Millesen regarding potential candidates. Chief Pyle explained that the position requires a licensed physician with emergency medicine experience who is willing to complete the required Ohio Department of Public Safety medical director certification. Dr. Millesen also offered to assist with onboarding and training her successor to ensure a smooth transition.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to accept Dr. Gwendolyn Millesen's resignation with EMS as the Medical Director.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Executive Session - EMS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to enter into executive session at 10:07 with EMS Chief Amber Pyle, Assist. Chief Randy Crossen Jr., EMS Administrative Assistant Staci Giles, Administrator JoAnn Rockhold & Legal Counsel Jeff Stankunas to discuss union contract negotiations.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Regular Session

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to return to regular session at 10:30 with No Action to be taken.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Storm Sewer Fees - Daniel Sherman

Daniel Sherman appeared before the Board to express concerns regarding the City of Nelsonville's storm sewer utility fees. Daniel stated that the fees were adopted by the City in September 2025 and that a referendum had subsequently been filed. He contended that, under the City's charter, implementation of the ordinance should have been suspended pending the outcome of the referendum. Daniel alleged that the City continued collecting the storm sewer fees despite the pending referendum and indicated that litigation concerning the matter was underway. He explained that he had contacted the Ohio Attorney General's Office, which advised him to notify the County Commissioners of the situation. He further stated that he had an upcoming meeting with the Attorney General's Office to discuss the matter and expressed his belief that any improperly collected fees should ultimately be refunded.

RFP Dump Clean Up (Alexander Twp.) - Planner LaVelle

Planner Connor LaVelle presented a request to advertise for bids for the cleanup of an unlicensed dump site in Alexander Township using \$78,000 in funding awarded through the Ohio Attorney General's Office. He explained that the bid specifications were revised to maximize the amount of the site that could be remediated within the available funding and would require bidders to provide cleanup, disposal, stormwater management, and site restoration plans. Connor noted that the project originated from a request by the former property owner and that the current owner had granted the County permission to proceed with the cleanup.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve advertising the RFP Bids for the Unlicensed Dump Clean Up (Alexander Twp.). See back of page 262 for RFP Bid.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

USACE Section 208 Letter of Intent - Planner LaVelle

Planner Connor LaVelle presented a Letter of Intent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to initiate the Section 208 Clearing and Snagging Program for evaluation of the log jam at the Currier Street Bike Path Bridge. He explained that the program would provide a feasibility study and determine the most cost-effective and environmentally appropriate method for debris removal while identifying potential long-term solutions. Connor emphasized that submitting the letter would not obligate the County to complete the project but would allow the County to evaluate available federal assistance.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve submitting the Letter of Intent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. See letter on back of page 262.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Major Subdivision (Carthage Twp.) - Planner LaVelle

Planner Connor LaVelle presented a one-lot major subdivision plat in Carthage Township for property owned by Barbara Shivers. He explained that the Planning Commission had recommended approval and that the subdivision included widening an existing private access easement from 30 feet to 50 feet to comply with County Subdivision Regulations. He also noted that the easement change would be recorded with the Recorder's Office.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Major Subdivision in Carthage Twp Plat as presented by Planner LaVelle.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

W&S Weekly Updates - Supt Oscar Carson

Supt Carson updated the Board on the recent storm event that resulted in a residential sewer backup, outlining the emergency response, operational challenges, and discussions with the affected homeowners. Commissioners reviewed the homeowners' insurance claim (7386 Whitlind Ln.), discussed preventative measures including installation of a backwater check valve and future public education on backflow protection, and agreed to submit the homeowners' documentation to the County's insurance carrier for review while authorizing installation of the check valve. Oscar also provided an update on the New Marshfield Sewer Project, recommending that the sewer line remain within the public right-of-way despite increased costs due to a conflict with an existing gas line. The Board concurred with the recommendation.

Copy of Supt Carson's event document on back of page 263.

Athens County Dump Site Cleanup – Sealed Bids

The Athens County Commissioners are accepting sealed bids for solid waste clean up and disposal services for property formerly used as an unlicensed dump site in Alexander Township.

Parcel ID: 8010010042100

Projected Budget: \$78,000

The bidding documents must include the total area planned for cleanup, disposal plan, stormwater control measures, and post-cleanup site remediation (grass seed, etc.).

Projects will be evaluated based on both cost and scope of the clean up as presented in the bid documents.

For questions regarding the project, or to schedule a site visit, please contact the Athens County Planning Office at 740-447-5890 or countyplanner@athensoh.org.

The Athens County Commissioners reserve the right to waive informalities and to reject any or all bids.

By Order of the Athens County Commissioners

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Huntington District
Engineering and Construction Division
502 Eighth Street
Huntington, West Virginia 25701

RE: Letter of Intent for a Section 208 Clearing & Snagging Project

To whom it may concern,

We have identified a log jam problem at the piers of Athens County's bikeway bridge across the Hocking River north of Currier Street in the City of Athens (approximately 35.5 miles upstream of the confluence with the Ohio River). Large logs have gathered along the piers, restricting waterflow and redirecting the natural movement of the Hocking River. This situation risks damage to the bikeway bridge and increases the dangers of unnatural erosion near the Kanawha River Railroad tracks. We request that the Corps of Engineers investigate the problem under its Clearing and Snagging Program (Section 208 of the 1954 Flood Control Act).

We understand that Corps of Engineers will initially investigate the problem to determine whether it meets the requirements for federal participation. We understand that feasibility study costs in excess of the first \$100,000 are cost shared at 50 percent federal and 50 percent nonfederal. We also understand that project implementation costs are cost shared at 65 percent federal and 35 percent non-federal.

The Athens County Board of Commissioners has designated the Athens County Planning Director and Floodplain Manager, Connor LaVelle, as the point of contact for this project.

Sincerely,


Lenny Eliason

President, Athens County Board of Commissioners



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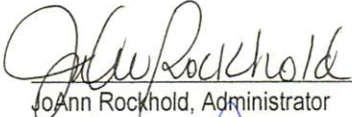
NFP - Dave Leszcz

Representatives from NFP - Dave Leszcz - Senior vice President, June Jennings - Assist. Vice President (Consultant), and Shawn Armstrong - Sr. Account Manager provided the Board with a quarterly update on the County's employee health benefits program. The presentation included updates on the new employee benefits landing page, communication initiatives, healthcare committee activities, upcoming CEBCO renewal, plan financial performance, and current healthcare cost trends. Discussion focused on promoting employee utilization of available resources, including the Sydney app, telemedicine services, and future lunch-and-learn sessions, as well as developing educational materials to improve employee engagement. Representatives also reviewed the proposed project timeline for the remainder of 2026 and discussed planning for the upcoming CEBCO renewal and open enrollment period.

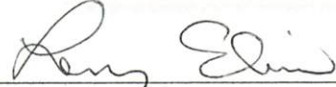
Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Eliason to adjourn the above meeting.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, absent.


JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator


Alison Pierson, Clerk


Lenny Eliason, President


Charlie Adkins, Vice-President


Chris Chmiel

June 18th storm

Called out at 3:22 am for alarm at sandstone station on St Rt 691, at that time I couldn't get to station due to high water.

Then Hartman rd station started calling about high level, both pumps were running

My first call from the Rt 50 corridor was from the Bentbrook station at 4:21am then Carol Lane station started calling at 4:27. Both stations had high level alarms calling with both pumps running.

From that point on I was running back and forth from the sewer plant to stations, my first priority was to start sending extra flow coming into the plant to the E.Q. tank to prevent any loss of solids which by then sewage was flowing out of the manhole at the sewer plant along with sewage coming from another manhole on Arbor Drive.

At some point Stephanie started calling me about other audible alarms at hebbardsville station, Ervin rd station and whitland lane station which I responded and disabled the alarms until the level in the stations returned to normal.

The Whitland lane station was down to one pump due to a broken line, parts had not come in yet, but with the amount of rain and the power being off for a few hours having both pumps running wouldn't have made any difference, once the parts came in the station was repaired on the 25th of June.

Owen Arix and myself worked until 4pm getting stations back online and dealing with the sewer plant.

I wasn't aware of any sewer backups until the following week when our office received a call from 7386 Whitland Lane that they had a sewer backup into their home, while speaking with the homeowners that is when I learned that the power had been out for a few hours sometime that early morning during the storm.