

President Obama visits Minnesota

ST. PAUL (AP) — Both political parties see opportunity in President Barack Obama’s two-day visit to Minnesota that starts Thursday.

For Democrats, their party’s biggest name will draw attention to a signature initiative: the large, upcoming bump in the state’s minimum wage. For Republicans, his presence alone will give them a tangible way to connect targeted Democratic candidates to a struggling president as campaign season intensifies.

Aside from a high-dollar fundraiser for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, Obama’s trip is comprised more of official business than overtly political events: a town hall meeting near the roaring Minnehaha Falls on Thursday

and an economic policy speech delivered from the picturesque Lake Harriet Bandshell on Friday. He’ll also spend time Thursday with a Minneapolis woman who wrote him a letter about financial hardships she’s encountered, the first in what the White House is describing as “day-in-the-life” visits.

But presidential appearances inevitably take on strong political overtones, particularly in a year when Minnesota Republicans are intent on breaking a Democratic hold on all statewide offices and legislative con-



President Barack Obama

trol. They’re most eager to defeat Gov. Mark Dayton and U.S. Sen. Al Franken, both of whom narrowly won their respective offices.

Obama handily won Minnesota twice, finishing with nearly 53 percent of the vote in 2012. As has happened elsewhere, his approval ratings in Minnesota have sagged more recently.

“I don’t think it hurts you to stand with the president. In fact, I think in the end it helps you. Look, his numbers did take a dip here, but they’re not toxic,” Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party Chairman Ken Martin said. “In other parts of the country, you see Democrats holding the president at arm’s length. That’s not the case here in Minnesota.”

Martin said Obama’s

planned focus on raising the minimum wage and reducing income disparities will draw more awareness to issues that are the centerpiece of Democrats’ fall campaign message. Minnesota lawmakers recently passed legislation pushing the state’s minimum wage from \$6.15 per hour to \$9.50 by 2016, and adopted more workplace protections for women.

But the president’s appearance is also a chance to remind voters Franken has backed most of Obama’s agenda, Minnesota Republican Party Chairman Keith Downey said. Franken is expected to face a vigorous re-election challenge, with businessman Mike McFadden the favorite to win the GOP nod in August.

“Al Franken’s future is

tied to Barack Obama’s poll numbers and popularity at the time of the election,” Downey said.

Franken campaign spokeswoman Alexandra Fetissoff said it wasn’t clear how much of the Obama trip the senator will participate in.

“Senator Franken is always happy to have the President visit Minnesota, and hopes the Senate vote schedule allows him to join the president when he’s in town this week,” Fetissoff said.

Dayton’s GOP challengers say Minnesota’s hearty embrace of the federal health care law give them fodder for criticism, too. Minnesota created its own online health insurance marketplace, which despite stumbling through its first

year, has still connected more than 180,000 people with insurance policies.

“There’s a great opportunity here for us to package together an unpopular trifecta,” said Republican gubernatorial hopeful Marty Seifert, lumping Dayton in with Franken and Obama.

The governor isn’t shying from Obama, and said he looks forward to using the face time to make the case for speedy federal assistance for areas affected by recent severe flooding. Obama’s flight path upon arrival is likely to take him along a Mississippi River that is bulging after last week’s sustained rains.

“The fact he’s seen it firsthand will make him well aware of the urgency of the situation,” Dayton said.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 3, 2004

MORTGAGOR: Gary D. Christensen, a single person.

MORTGAGEE: Bremer Bank, National Association.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded August 10, 2004 Koochiching County Recorder, Document No. A000249042.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated August 3, 2004 Recorded August 10, 2004, as Document No. A000249043.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Bremer Bank, National Association

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank Home Mortgage, a division of U.S. Bank National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 703 15th Street, International Falls, MN 56649

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 92.123.00503

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

That portion of Lot Fifty (50), Plat of First Addition to Merten's Acres lying Easterly of the following described line: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Lot Fifty (50), One Hundred Sixty Feet west (160' W) of the Northeast (NE) corner of said Lot; thence South on a line parallel to the West line of said Lot to a point on the Southeasterly line of said Lot (which is also the Northwest (NW) line of the right of way of BN RR formerly M & Int'l RR). Excepting therefrom that portion of Lot Fifty (50), Plat of First Addition to Merten's Acres lying Easterly of the following described line: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Lot Fifty (50), Seventy five Feet (75') West of the Northeast (NE) corner of Lot; thence South One Hundred Fifty Two point Fifty Five Feet (152.55') on a line parallel to the West line of said Lot to a point on the Southeasterly line of said Lot Fifty (50) (which is also the Northwest (NW) line of the right of way of BN RR formerly M & Int'l RR) which point is Two Hundred Eighty One point Eighty Eight Feet (281.88') Northeast (NE) of Southwest (SW) corner of said Lot Fifty (50) and said parcel formerly referred to as the East Seventy Five Feet (E. 75') of Lot fifty (50), Plat of First Addition to Merten's Acres

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Koochiching

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$61,300.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$54,156.71

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 24, 2014 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, International Falls, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to re-

demption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on January 26, 2015 unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: May 19, 2014

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 135- 14-003167 FC

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July 5th, 2014**

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

Mortgagor: Eddice P.E. Hyatt and Brenda Hyatt, husband and wife

Mortgagee: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.

Dated: 04/11/2002

Recorded: 04/11/2002

Koochiching County Recorder Document No. 237126

Assigned To: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

Dated: 04/11/2002

Recorded: 04/11/2002

Koochiching County Recorder Document No. 237127

Transaction Agent: N/A

Transaction Agent Mortgage ID No: N/A

Lender or Broker: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.

Servicer: U.S. Bank Home Mortgage Mortgage Originator: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 19 and 20, Block 3, Holler's Addition to Koochiching

This is Abstract Property.

TAX PARCEL NO.: 92-120-03190

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:

1521 Second Avenue East International Falls, MN 56649

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Koochiching

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: 28,565.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: 26,147.10

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 5, 2014, 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, City of International Falls

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor (s), their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is February 5, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: May 30, 2014

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Assignee of Mortgagee

PETERSON, FRAM & BERGMAN, P.A. By: Michael T. Oberle, Ben I. Rust, Jonathan R. Cuskey, Michael V. Schleisman, Tracy J. Halliday

Attorneys for: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Assignee of Mortgagee 55 East Fifth Street, Suite 800 St. Paul, MN 55101-1718 651-209-7599

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Public Notice

MINUTE SUMMARY

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014; 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Adee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner

Ecklund (Flood Tour with Governor and Emergency Management Team)

The Board approved the June 17th meeting agenda: approved the minutes from the May 27, 2014 regular meeting; received notice of student hires in the Highway Department to assist with summer maintenance work; approved payment of the June 3rd Courthouse claims in the amount of \$7,059.81, June 17th Courthouse claims in the amount of \$55,383.52, Highway claims in the amount of \$102,603.36 and May Vendor Payment Listing.

2014/06-04 Motion by McBride, seconded by Adee authorizing the following events as activities of the County Board: AMC Broadband Committee meeting on June 25th in St. Cloud; dinner meeting with the Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. on June 26th at 5:00 p.m. at the Thunderbird Lodge; Nova Far Detector Reception and Tour on July 24th at 1:00 p.m. in Ash River, MN. Voting yes: McBride, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2014/06-05 Motion by McBride, seconded by Adee Be it Resolved by the Koochiching County Board that the State of Minnesota Agreement No. 04961 "Grant Agreement for Air Service Programs" for State Project No. A3601-SM011 at the Falls International Airport is accepted. Voting yes: McBride, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2014/06-06 Motion by Adee, seconded by McBride adopting a resolution declaring the County of Koochiching in a State of Emergency due to Flooding Event of June 2014. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2014/06-07 Motion by Skoe, seconded by McBride authorizing the purchase of computers and software with a cost up to \$9,700 for the 2014 IS Unit Budget computer replacement plan and purchase of laptops as required for the State Department of Human Services MN-CHOICES assessment program. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

000 The County Veterans Service Officer reported to the Board the FY 2013 County veteran population and total benefits paid for veterans of Koochiching County.

2014/06-08 Motion by McBride, seconded by Adee authorizing out of state travel for the County Veterans Service Officer to attend required training. Voting yes: McBride, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2014/06-09 Motion by Skoe, seconded by McBride authorizing the Complex Superintendent to expend up to \$10,000 to replace the AC Unit for the Forestland Annex. Voting yes: McBride, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2014/06-10 Motion by McBride, seconded by Adee accepting the recommendation of the Car Pool Committee for purchase of a 2015 Ford Taurus from Wherley Motors at a price of \$20,491 after trade in and to purchase a 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Tradesman 4WD Truck from Wherley Motors at a cost of \$22,900 after trade in. Voting yes: McBride, Adee, Pavleck; voting no: Skoe. Motion carried.

000 Friends Against Abuse Executive Director met with the Board to provide information on the services of the Agency to assist and advocate for those in abusive situations and how their crisis call line plays a role in assisting those in need. She further reported that the Agency is losing its volunteers for the crisis line which operates 24/7 after Agency work hours and in seeking a possible solution is looking at a funding request from the City and County to pay volunteers a stipend for the service. The Board agreed they would review the issue with the Health and Human Services Director as part of the 2015 County Budget process for making a determination on whether county funding would be made available to assist the Friends Against Abuse Crisis Line.

2014/06-11 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe authorizing the

Amateur Radio Organization to place equipment on the County-owned Tower in Kabetogama at no cost to the County and holding the County harmless for any damage to equipment and that the Amateur Radio Organization will utilize Voyageurs Communications, contractor maintaining the County Tower, for any placement or maintenance service of their equipment on the tower or tower site. Further that this authorization to place equipment on the county tower is for the public service of the Sky Warn Spotting Program for the National Weather Service. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2014/06-12 Motion by McBride, seconded by Adee to approve agreements with Motorola and Duluth Superior Communication (DSC) for the purchase and installation of the dispatch console system and connectivity to the State ARMOR System at a cost of \$386,375. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2014/06-13 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to accept the grant agreement between the State of Minnesota and NE Regional Radio Board providing \$174,715 in grant funds to Koochiching County for the equipment purchase and installation costs of the State ARMOR System. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2014/06-14 Motion by McBride, seconded by Adee to approve a service agreement with Rey Freeman Consulting Service in the amount of \$27,500 for project management services for the County to ensure complete implementation of the ARMOR System in the County. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2014/06-15 Motion by Adee, seconded by McBride authorizing all available 2014 County Budget Contingency funds to be reallocated to cover \$211,660 of the County's cost of the ARMOR System implementation and authorizing an adjustment to the 2014 Sheriff Budget to cover the cost of the Consultant service and ARMOR staff training. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2014/06-16 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve a Conditional Use Permit, CUP 1401, to Northern Start Co-op to construct and operate a bulk propane distribution facility on Truck Route 332. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2014/06-17 Motion by McBride, seconded by Adee accepting the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve an amended set back in Conditional Use Permit #0202 for a gravel pit operation from a 100 foot buffer to a 25 foot buffer on the west property line and subject to review after five years. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

A full copy of the minutes is available on the County website at www.co.koochiching.mn.us and for public inspection at the County Administration Office during regular business hours.

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Public Notice

Public Notification of Intent to File Application

The City of Big Falls has filed an application for financial assistance with the USDA Rural Development. The specific purpose of this application is to: construct water system improvements in Big Falls, MN. You may contact Big Falls City officials at 218.276.3300 with any questions.

Any written comments regarding this application should be provided within fifteen (15) days of this publication to USDA Rural Development, Attn: Kathy Luepke - USDA Rural Development, 3217 Bemidji Ave. North, Bemidji, MN 56601. Requests to receive a copy of this application should be directed to this office.

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Public Notice

SOUTH KOOCHICHING- RAINY RIVER DISTRICT #363
PO BOX 465, NORTHOME, MN 56661
Phone 218-897-5275
Fax: 218-897-5280
Martin Avelsgaard, Superintendent

Northome Campus
Mr. Travis Hensch, Principal

Indus Campus
Mr. Michael Underwood, Principal

The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District #363 is requesting bids on the following items for the Northome School:

1. Tuckpointing at the Northome School

Specifications for this project can be obtained by contacting Superintendent Martin Avelsgaard at 218-897-5275 EXT 153 or the address below.

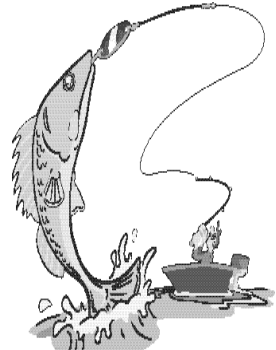
Bids are due in the Northome School District office no later than 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 10, 2014 and will be opened at 10:10 AM on Thursday, July 10, 2014. Bids will be awarded during the scheduled July school board meeting at 8 PM on Wednesday, July 16, 2014. Bids should be sent to:

ISD #363
Attn: Supt. Martin Avelsgaard
PO Box 465
Northome, MN 56661

Please mark the outside of your envelope: TUCKPOINTING

The ISD #363 reserves the right to reject any and all bids received.

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