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## Missouri Enacts Photo Voter ID Law Before November Elections

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Beginning with the November 2022 election Missouri voters will have to show a PHOTO IDENTIFICATION to cast a regular ballot. This is a result of a law signed Wednesday, June 29, 2022 by Governor Mike Parson that caps a nearly two-decade long push by many Republicans for stricter voting requirements.

The new election law will also open a two-week window for people to cast absentee ballots in person without requiring them to cite a reason why they can not vote on Election Day.

This law will take effect August 28, 2022 just a few weeks after the August 2nd primary

Missouri's measure was backed by Republican Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft. who called it "one of the strongest election laws in the country."

Seventeen states besides Missouri had voter photo identification laws in effect as of this spring, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, and 19 states had identification laws that accepted proof other than photos.

Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft speaks to reporters on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at his Capitol office in Jefferson City, Mo. Ashcroft supported legislation signed into law by Gov. Mike Parson that will require a photo identification to cast a regular ballot. AP Photo/David A. Lieb)

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# EB U.S. in Butler and Stoddard Counties Reduced for Pavement Repairs

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Eastbound U.S. 60 in Butler and Stoddard Counties will be reduced to one lane with a 10-foot width restriction as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located between Route DD and one mile east of Route 51 near Fisk, Missouri.

Weather permitting, work will take place Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 22. The work zone will be in place 24 hours a day until work is completed.

The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT's?Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT

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## Stoddard County Commissioner Meeting for Monday, June 27, 2022

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Stoddard County Commissioner Meeting for Monday, June 27, 2022

Bloomfield, MO - Stoddard County Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

David Bays and Trey Reese with Liberty National gave a presentation on supplemental insurance for county employees such as an accident plan, cancer plan, life insurance etc. They did not have a rate sheet available, but will put one together for the commissioners and email to Presiding Commissioner Danny Talkington.

Commissioner Steve Jordan asked about the update on the big clock at the old courthouse. It should be chiming by September stated Talkington! There were some wiring issues that needed to be addressed.

Opening of bids began at 10:00 a.m. for a Body Scanner for the Sheriff's Department. Funding for the Body Scanner will come out of the ARPA funds according to Commissioner Talkington.

Bid notification/Public Notice was sent to the Bernie Banner newspaper from the County Clerk's office and was printed on June 15th and June 22nd. The Commissioners received only 2 bids.

Bid #1 was received June 17, 2022 at 1 p.m. ICS Jail Supplies, Waco, TX \$201, 635.63 Compass Dual View Body Scanner

Bid #2 was received June 23, 2022 Romaine Company, Hopkinsville, KY \$166,250.63 Compass Dual View Body Scanner. There were other fees listed for installation, software, and warranty not included in the main price.

Danny Talkington stated, "We will need to go thru both bids to look at the details and make sure we have a warranty, training, installation, shipping and software." Looking on

the surface they are comparing apples to oranges due to the way the bids were itemized.

"We already do business with Romaine. We have purchased barrels for the laundry detergent and other items, like the intake shower is from Romaine as well," commented Sheriff Carl Hefner. "Other area jails have purchased these types of body scanners and have purchased them from Romaine Company as well."

Dan Seger, Jail Administrator and Andy Holden, Chief Deputy were also present.

No decision was made today. Once Commissioner Talkington has had a chance to go over the entire itemized bids and information it will be brought back to the commissioners for a vote.

Minutes from June 20, 2022 were approved. Presiding Commissioner Carol Jarrell made a motion to accept the revised minutes. Presiding Commissioner Steve Jordan seconded the motion and it passed. One change was made. Steve Jordan was absent during the meeting, but was able to come in early and sign vouchers. His name was removed from the attendance list.

Commissioner Talkington brought up the fact that the Federal Government is changing the mileage rate for July - the end of the year to 62 cents. Currently the Commissioners set the budget for 2022 to 58.5 cents per mile. They discussed and decided not to increase at this time. All Commissioners were in agreement to leave as is and not change the budget, but may look at it again next year.

Presiding Commissioner Talkington said that MoDOT has approved bridge 784 to be repaired. Keith Simpson to start on the bridges in July.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

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## Farm Credit Southeast Missouri is Seeking a Loan Officer for Dexter Location.

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Farm Credit Southeast Missouri is Seeking a Loan Officer for Dexter Location.

Farm Credit Southeast Missouri is seeking a full-time Loan Officer for their Dexter location.

Below is the job description and instructions on how to apply.

Job Title: Loan Officer

Organization: Farm Credit Southeast Missouri

Location: Dexter, Missouri **Department:** Unspecified

Experience Level: Entry Level (1-4 years)

Supervisor's Title: Vice President / Branch Manager

Employment Type: Full-Time

Salary Range: Dependent on Experience

Posted Date: 06/16/2022 Closing Date: 07/15/2022

Job Description:

- Responsibilities: Under the direction of the Vice President / Branch Manager, the Loan Officer will provide all credit and related services to borrowers in accordance with established policies, procedures, guidelines, and standards. Duties include:
  - Provide and promote credit services and financial counseling to members.
  - Within the overall marketing plan of the service center, assist in administering an effective new business and customer retention program to maximize loan volume consistent with sound lending practices in the assigned area.
  - Assist in administering sound lending in processing applications, analyzing records, approving collateral, analyzing repayment
    ability, making sound loan recommendations, loan approvals, and loan servicing functions.
  - · All other duties as assigned.
- Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Agriculture or Business with a farming or ag-business background. Two years or more of lending experience preferred. Must enjoy making sales calls on farmers, be very customer service oriented, and have a positive work attitude.

Farm Credit Southeast Missouri is the area's premier agricultural lending cooperative and part of the national Farm Credit System. Headquartered in Sikeston, Missouri, we serve farmers, agribusinesses, and rural residents in the 12 counties of Southeast Missouri through 7 branch offices and a central office. Farm Credit Southeast Missouri provides financial services to the agriculture industry through operating, equipment, farm real estate, and rural home loans as well as crop and life insurance. We are dedicated to agriculture and rural America and pride ourselves on our commitment to our customers and employees.

Farm Credit Southeast Missouri offers a great work environment with competitive compensation packages.

### EEO/AA/M/F/Veterans/Disability

#### To apply:

Qualified candidates should email resume' and cover letter with salary expectations to: HR@farmcreditsemo.com

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