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Calling all fin-atics! We've teamed up with Discovery to celebrate the best week of the year: #SharkWeek! In honor of this, we've got a new reason for you to sign up to give blood. Come to give blood in July to automatically be entered for a chance to win an exclusive Shark Week merchandise package for outdoor adventure, including a Nine Foot Standup Paddleboard, Beach Cruiser Bicycle, Smokeless Portable Fire Pit, One-Seater Kayak and a \$500 gift card to put toward accessories.^

Whether it's watching an adrenaline-boosting episode of Shark Week or donating blood at your nearest drive or donation center, there are plenty of ways to get your heart pumping this summer. Will you help us with the constant need for blood? Together, we'll keep the blood supply steady for patients this summer and beyond.

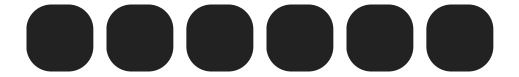
Type O positive blood donors like you are especially needed this week! You can help us avoid a dangerous situation by signing up to give ASAP. This will help ensure this universal blood type is on hand this summer.

As a special thank you, come to give blood June 30-July 10 and get an exclusive Red Cross recycled cotton tote bag, while supplies last!\* Carry it on your next trip to your local aquarium or use it to stash some snacks for your next blood donation. (And you know you can count on us to have some snacks waiting for you, too!)

Tyson Foods INC will host a Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 6th from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at 1001 East Stoddard Street in Dexter, MO. Sponsor Code:
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### Missouri Enacts Photo Voter ID Law Before November Elections

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Missouri Enacts Photo Voter ID Law Before November Elections

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

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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