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Bloomfield, MO - Sawyer Smith, a local attorney at Mayer Law Office in Dexter, has announced he is campaigning for Stoddard County Prosecutor. The announcement came via social media on Tuesday as Smith released a video expressing who he is and the reasons why he is running. Smith's address took place at a podium in front of the Stoddard County Justice Center located in Bloomfield.

"The campaign I am announcing to you today is about 'Justice for All' and the best public service to everyone," Smith said in his video release.

Smith states that he has been listening to public demands for a change in the current prosecutor's office and is now acting on Stoddard County citizens' desire for a choice in the election.

"Stoddard County deserves a prosecutor that is truly pro-law enforcement. I promise to back up our brave police officers, deputies, and troopers – especially our Sheriff – and show respect and support to them all, as well as other elected officials," Smith states in his announcement.

"Stoddard County deserves a prosecutor that is 100% committed and dedicated to the job. I promise to have no involvements with any side businesses, political projects, or unnecessary conflicts of interest that distract away from the office that you the taxpayers fund so well. I will never accept full-time pay, only to do part-time work," Smith states.

Smith further articulates that he would be a passionate, professional, ethical prosecutor who would stand up for victims, victims' families, the laws of Missouri and the United States.

At the outset of his video Smith communicates he is proud that Stoddard County is his lifelong home and that he and his wife, Leeza, are passionate about serving their communities. Smith tells of his family roots in Dexter, Dudley, Essex, and Puxico and family background in agriculture, as well as the service of one of his grandfathers who was a police officer, criminal justice professor, and city judge.

“Most important to Leeza and I is our personal relationship with Jesus – which is foundational to who I am and what I believe. We attend Liberty Hill Church in Aid, and First Baptist Church in Dexter, where I grew up attending with my parents.”

Smith talks about his legal career citing his work experience with defense attorney Jasper Edmundson, the Missouri State Public Defenders Office, and attorney Dustin Mayer who is a former assistant prosecutor.

“Following the passage of the bar exam and obtaining a law license from the Supreme Court of Missouri, I have handled felony and misdemeanor cases in at least seven different counties within the ‘Bootheel’ region.”

Smith faces twelve-year incumbent, Russ Oliver, who recently announced his intention to seek re-election for a fourth term as Stoddard County Prosecuting Attorney.

Smith's challenge to Oliver in the Republican Primary Election will be decided on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. The contest stands out among many this year in that Oliver has not had an opponent since he first ran against incumbent prosecutor Briney Welborn in 2010.

Smith closes by saying,

“As your next Prosecuting Attorney, I promise to put you, the great people of Stoddard County first, and work for your benefit, not my own. With your help we will begin a new era for justice in Stoddard County and I look forward to being the change that is needed, and that you, the voters, have asked for. I will see you on the campaign trail, and I hope to earn your support. Thank you and God bless you!”

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