

**UNITED STATES
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **July 22, 2021**

SYSTEMATIC SAVINGS BANK

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Missouri</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<u>29143</u> (FDIC Certificate No.)	<u>44-0456185</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
<u>318 South Avenue, Springfield, Missouri</u> (Address of principal executive offices)		<u>65806</u> (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number (including area code): **(417) 862-5036**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions.

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 22, 2021, Systematic Savings Bank issued its earnings release for the quarter ended June 30, 2021. A copy of the earnings release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Systematic Savings Bank dated July 22, 2021.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

SYSTEMATIC SAVINGS BANK

Date: July 22, 2021

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Fraley', written over a horizontal line.

Derek Fraley
President, Chief Executive Officer and
Chief Financial Officer

NEWS RELEASE

**SYSTEMATIC SAVINGS BANK ANNOUNCES
SECOND QUARTER EARNINGS**

Springfield, Missouri (July 22, 2021) – Systematic Savings Bank (“Systematic” or “Savings Bank”) (Pink Sheets: SSSB), today announced earnings for the quarter ended June 30, 2021.

Systematic earnings were virtually unchanged for the three and six months ended Jun 30, 2021 as compared to the prior year.

	For the three months ending		For the six months ending	
	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2020
Summary of Operations:	(Dollars in thousands)		(Dollars in thousands)	
Interest income:	\$ 515	\$ 438	\$ 1,008	\$ 882
Interest expense	129	126	258	250
Net interest income	386	312	750	632
Provision for loan losses	39	--	48	--
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	347	312	702	632
Noninterest income	16	6	26	15
Noninterest expense	336	299	679	610
Provision for Income taxes	2	--	7	--
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 19</u>	<u>\$ 43</u>	<u>\$ 37</u>
Net Income per Share - Basic	<u>\$ 0.04</u>	n/a	<u>\$ 0.07</u>	n/a

We experienced net income of \$43,000 and \$37,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, respectively. For the three months ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, we had net income of \$25,000 and \$19,000, respectively. In prior periods, our profitability has suffered due primarily to our elevated noninterest expense. The two largest components of our noninterest expense are our equipment and data processing expense and our compensation and benefits expense, which were \$366,000 and \$359,000, for the six months ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, respectively. Equipment and data processing expense and our compensation and benefits expense were \$190,000 and \$185,000, for the three months ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, respectively. After making significant reductions to noninterest expense over the last several years, noninterest expense is up in the six months ended June 30, 2021 compared to the same period in 2020. Noninterest expense is up \$69,000, or 11.3%, primarily as a result of a \$53,000 increase in professional fees, due to the expense of being a public company. Additionally, the decline in the interest rate environment depressed earnings for the six months ended June 30, 2021 compared to the same period in the prior year. Liquid Assets (Cash and due from, CDs in Other Financial Institutions and Overnight Funds) comprised 21.8% of earning assets, on average during the six months ended June 30, 2021 and 13.1% for the same period in 2020. Despite lower rates causing aggressive prepayments in the Mortgage Backed Security (MBS) portfolio, the addition of subordinated debt securities to the portfolio caused the yield on the securities portfolio to increase 113 basis points over the first six months of 2021 compare to the same period of 2020. But even with this addition, the lower rate

environment caused the Savings Bank's liquidity, or over 25% of the balance sheet (on average) to produce \$8,000 less in revenue in the six months ended June 30, 2021 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2020. This was offset by an increase in loan balances, of \$8.5 million, causing loans to produce \$134,000 in additional revenue, over the same period in 2020, despite the declines in market rates. Our average balance of interest-earning assets also increased \$14.8 million, to \$52.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021 from \$37.3 million for the same period 2020, as we grew our balance sheet to \$53.0 million

Interest income increased \$126,000, or 14.3%, to \$1.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021 from \$882,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2020. The increase in interest income was due to an increase in loan balances of \$8.5 million or 27.9%. This increase in loans was partially offset by a decline in the securities portfolio of \$155,000. The average balance of interest-earning assets increased from \$37.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2020 to \$52.1 million for the same period 2021. Offsetting this increase was an 86 basis point decrease in the average yield on interest earning assets from 4.76% for the six months ended June 30, 2020 to 3.90% for the six months ended June 30, 2021.

Interest expense increased \$7,000, or 3.1%, in the six months ended June 30, 2021 compared to the same period in 2020, though the cost of interest-bearing liabilities fell to 1.27% from 1.58% period over period. Interest expense on deposits increased \$7,000, or 3.1%, due entirely to growth of \$9.2 million, or 29.4% in interest bearing deposit balances, as the rate on interest bearing deposits fell 31 basis points, to 1.27% from 1.58% period over period.

There were \$47,500 in provision for loan losses in the six months ended June 30, 2021 and no provisions for the six months ended June 30, 2020. These provisions were associated with growth and anticipated growth, and not as a result of a change in credit quality.

Noninterest income increased \$11,000, or 75.5%, to \$26,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2021 from \$15,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2020. The increase is across most categories, especially loan referral premiums and service charges during the six months ended June 30, 2021.

Noninterest expense increased \$69,000, or 11.3%, to \$679,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2021 from \$610,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2020 due primarily to an increase in professional fees, which is the cost associated with being a public company.

Compensation and benefits increased \$7,000, or 2.3%, to \$296,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2021 from \$289,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2021. Management has worked diligently to right size compensation and benefits costs and feels like staffing and structure is at an appropriate level over the first six months of 2021. We will continue to evaluate this category as the institution grows. Group insurance costs fell \$13,000 over the first six months of 2021 compared to the same period in 2020. This is due to a change in insurance plans.

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2020
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
Salaries and benefits	\$150,456	\$146,146	\$295,661	\$288,890
Net occupancy expense	21,339	20,380	45,938	42,150
Professional fees	45,394	20,882	96,013	43,247
Data processing	39,132	31,279	67,321	69,926
Group insurance	2,022	10,680	8,891	21,479
Advertising	4,078	1,685	6,873	3,542
Insurance	7,503	7,874	22,041	24,901
Taxes and licenses	12,360	11,640	25,035	24,753
Miscellaneous	53,425	48,569	111,556	91,463
Total non-interest expense	\$335,709	\$299,134	\$679,329	\$610,447

Summary of Selected Balance Sheet Date:	At	At	Increase	%
	6/30/2021	12/31/2020	(Decrease)	Change
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Total assets	\$52,981	\$51,353	\$1,628	3.2%
Cash and cash equivalents	5,994	9,699	-3,705	-38.2%
Interest-bearing time deposits	3,995	1,300	2,695	207.3%
Available for sale securities	1,563	1,998	-435	-21.8%
Loans receivable, net	40,506	37,460	3,046	8.1%
Premises and equipment, net	592	595	-3	-0.5%
Other assets (1)	168	149	19	12.8%
Deposits	42,190	40,664	1,526	3.8%
FHLB advances	423	423	0	0.0%
Total equity	10,184	10,151	33	0.3%

The Savings Bank's total assets increased \$1.6 million, or 3.2%, to \$53.0 million at June 30, 2021 from \$51.4 million at December 31, 2020. The increase in total assets was due to increased deposits, especially Checking and MMDA from December 31, 2020 to June 30, 2021 being deployed into loans and interest-bearing time deposits. Systematic has been methodically working on deposit account gathering and organic growth from existing customers.

Asset quality remains strong for Systematic, as loans past due 30 days or more totaled \$188,000, or 0.5% of total loans and classified assets totaled \$357,000, or 3.4% of Capital plus Allowance for Loans and Lease Loss (ALLL.)

Systematic Savings Bank is a Missouri-chartered savings and loan association headquartered in Springfield, Missouri. Systematic was organized in 1923 and has operated continuously in Springfield, Missouri since its founding. We offer financial services to individuals, families and businesses through our

office located in Springfield, Missouri. We are a community-oriented bank offering a variety of financial products and services to meet the needs of our customers. We believe that our community orientation and personalized service distinguishes us from larger banks that operate in our market area.

Forward-looking statements:

Certain matters discussed in this press release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, expectations of the business environment in which the Savings Bank operates, projections of future performance, perceived opportunities in the market, potential future credit experience, and statements regarding the Savings Bank's mission and vision. These forward-looking statements are based upon current management expectations and may, therefore, involve risks and uncertainties. The Savings Bank's actual results, performance, or achievements may differ materially from those suggested, expressed, or implied by forward-looking statements as a result of a wide variety or range of factors including, but not limited to: the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic, including on the Savings Bank's credit quality and business operations, as well as its impact on general economic and financial market conditions and other uncertainties resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, such as the extent and duration of the impact on public health, the U.S. and global economies, and consumer and corporate customers, including economic activity, employment levels and market liquidity; interest rate fluctuations; economic conditions in the Savings Bank's primary market area; demand for residential, commercial business and commercial real estate, consumer, and other types of loans; success of new products; competitive conditions between banks and non-bank financial service providers; legislative or regulatory changes that adversely affect the Savings Bank's business including changes in regulatory policies and principles, and changes related to the Basel III requirements, the impact of the effect of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the implementing regulations, including the interpretation of regulatory capital or other rules; the ability to attract and retain deposits; the availability of resources to address changes in laws, rules, or regulations or to respond to regulatory actions; adverse changes in the securities markets; changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by the financial institution regulatory agencies or the Financial Accounting Standards Board, including additional guidance and interpretation on accounting issues and details of the implementation of new accounting methods; technology factors affecting operations; pricing of products and services; and other risks detailed in the Savings Bank's reports filed with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. Accordingly, these factors should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements, and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. The Savings Bank undertakes no responsibility to update or revise any forward-looking statement.

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