

SOUTHERN MISSOURI BANCORP INC

Form S-8

November 17, 2010

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Registration No. 333-\_\_\_\_\_

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

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FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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SOUTHERN MISSOURI BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or  
organization)

43-1665523  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
No.)

531 Vine Street, Poplar Bluff, Missouri  
(Address of principal executive offices)

63901  
(Zip Code)

SOUTHERN BANK 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN  
(Full title of the plan)

copies to:

Greg Steffens  
President  
Southern Missouri Bancorp, Inc.  
531 Vine Street  
Poplar Bluff, Missouri 63901

Martin L. Meyrowitz, P.C.  
Beth A. Freedman, P.C.  
Silver, Freedman & Taff, L.L.P.  
(a limited liability partnership including  
professional corporations)  
3299 K Street, N.W., Suite 100  
Washington, D.C. 20007  
(Name and address of agent for service)

(573) 778-1800  
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check One):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price per share	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(2)	Amount of registration fee(2)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	150,000 shares	\$15.68 (1)	\$2,352,000 (1)	\$167.70 (1)
Interest in Plan	N/A	N/A(2)	N/A	N/A

(1) Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(h), calculated on the basis of \$15.68 per share, which was the average of the high and low sale prices per share of the common stock on The Nasdaq Global Market on November 9, 2010.

(2) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the employee benefit plan described herein. In accordance with Rule 457(h)(2), no separate fee calculation is made for plan interests.

This Registration Statement shall become effective immediately upon filing in accordance with

Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The document(s) containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants in the Southern Bank 401(k) Retirement Plan (the "Plan") as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

Such document(s) are not being filed with the Commission, but constitute (along with the documents incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof) a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference.

The following documents previously filed with the Commission by Southern Missouri Bancorp, Inc. (File No. 333-2320), a Missouri corporation (the "Company") are hereby incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and the prospectus to which this Registration Statement relates (the "Prospectus"):

- (a) the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company, which includes the consolidated balance sheets of Southern Missouri Bancorp, Inc. and its subsidiaries as of June 30, 2010 and 2009, and related consolidated statements of income, changes in equity and cash flows for the years then ended, filed with the SEC on September 17, 2010;
- (b) The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the calendar quarter ended September 30, 2010, filed with the SEC on November 15, 2010 (File No. 000-23406);
- (c) the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company, filed with the SEC on October 25, 2010;
- (d) The description of the common stock, par value \$.01 per share, of Southern Missouri Bancorp, Inc. contained in its Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-2320) as filed with the SEC on January 3, 1994; and
- (e) All documents filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act"), after the filing of this Registration Statement, and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and the Prospectus and to be a part hereof and thereof from the date of the filing of such documents. Any statement contained in the documents incorporated, or deemed to be incorporated, by reference herein or in the Prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement and the Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or therein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is, or is deemed to be, incorporated by reference herein or therein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement or the Prospectus.

The Company shall furnish without charge to each person to whom the Prospectus is delivered, on the written or oral request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated by reference, other than exhibits to such documents (unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference to the information that is incorporated). Requests should be directed to Lorna Brannum, Secretary, Southern Missouri Bancorp, Inc., 531 Vine Street, Poplar Bluff, Missouri 63901, telephone number (573) 778-1800.

All information appearing in this Registration Statement and the Prospectus is qualified in its entirety by the detailed information, including financial statements, appearing in the documents incorporated herein or therein by reference.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 351.355 of the Missouri General and Business Corporation Law provides for permissible and mandatory indemnification of directors, officers, employees and agents in certain circumstances. Section 351.355.1 provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to

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any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation), by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another entity, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful. Section 351.355.1 further provides that the termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that the person's conduct was unlawful.

Section 351.355.2 provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another entity against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of the person's duties to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

Section 351.355.3 provides that except to the extent otherwise provided in the corporation's articles of incorporation or bylaws, to the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Sections 351.355.1 and 351.355.2, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, that person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

Section 351.355.4 provides that any indemnification under Sections 351.355.1 and 351.355.2 (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because the person has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 351.355.

Section 351.355.5 provides that expenses incurred in defending any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking to repay the amount if it is ultimately determined that the person is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation.

Section 351.355.6 provides that indemnification and advancement of expenses provided under Section 351.355 are not exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under the corporation's articles of incorporation or bylaws, or any agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors or otherwise. Section 351.355.8 provides that a corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture,

trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under Section 351.355.

Article IX of the Registrant's articles of incorporation provides that the Registrant shall indemnify any present or former director or executive officer of the Registrant or any subsidiary of the Registrant against any and all expenses, including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with any threatened, pending or completed civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit, proceeding or claim (including any action by or in the right of the Registrant or a subsidiary) by reason of the fact that such person is or was serving in such capacity; provided, however, that no such person shall be entitled to any indemnification pursuant to Article IX on account of (i) conduct which is finally adjudged to have been knowingly fraudulent or deliberately dishonest or to have constituted willful misconduct, or (ii) an accounting for profits pursuant to Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

See the Index to Exhibits to this Registration Statement.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer



or controlling person of the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, there unto duly authorized in the City of Poplar Bluff, State of Missouri, on November 17, 2010.

SOUTHERN MISSOUR BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ Greg A. Steffens

Name: Greg A. Steffens  
Title President

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Greg A. Steffens, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and re-substitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all said attorney-in-fact and agent or his substitutes or substitute may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

By: /s/ Samuel H. November 17, 2010  
Smith  
Samuel H. Smith  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

By: /s/ Greg A. November 17, 2010  
Steffens  
Greg A. Steffens  
President  
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/Sammy A. November 17, 2010  
Schalk  
Sammy A. Schalk  
Vice Chairman and Director

By: /s/ Ronnie D. November 17, 2010  
Black  
Ronnie D. Black  
Secretary and Director

By: /s/ L. Douglas November 17, 2010  
Bagby  
L. Douglas Bagby

Director

By: /s/ Rebecca McLane November 17, 2010  
Brooks  
Rebecca McLane Brooks  
Director

By: /s/ Charles R. November 17, 2010  
Love  
Charles R. Love  
Director

By: /s/ Charles R. November 17, 2010  
Moffitt  
Charles R. Moffitt  
Director

By: /s/ Dennis C. November 17, 2010  
Robison  
Dennis C. Robison  
Director

By: /s/ Matthew T. November 17, 2010  
Funke  
Matthew T. Funke  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Poplar Bluff, State of Missouri, on November 15, 2010.

Southern Bank  
as Plan Administrator

By: /s/ Greg A.  
Steffens  
Name: Greg A. Steffens  
Title: President

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit

Number Description

- 4.1 Charter of the Registrant (attached as an exhibit to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.2 Bylaws of the Registrant (attached as an exhibit to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Registrant on December 6, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.3 Form of the Registrant's specimen common stock certificate (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form S-1 registration statement filed on January 3, 1994 (File No. 333-2320), and incorporated herein by reference).
- 5 Opinion of Silver, Freedman & Taff, L.L.P.
- 23.1 Consent of Silver, Freedman & Taff, L.L.P. (contained in Exhibit 5)
- 23.2 Consent of BKD, LLP
- 24 Power of Attorney (contained on signature page)
- 99.1 Southern Bank 401(k) Retirement Plan\*

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\* The Registrant hereby undertakes that it will submit or has submitted the Plan and any amendment thereto to the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") in a timely manner and has made or will make all changes required by the IRS in order to qualify the Plan under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

