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NW Mo. County Cuts Sheriff's Dept. Services

SAVANNAH, Mo. (AP) – Residents of a northwest Missouri county will see a reduction in services from their sheriff's department after voters rejected a law enforcement tax earlier this month.

The St. Joseph News-Press reports that Andrew County Sheriff Bryan Atkins told county commissioners Wednesday that three deputies who recently resigned will not be replaced and road patrols and public services will be reduced.

The sheriff's administrative office will be open only three days a week from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and deputies will stop offering vacation household checks, unlocking assistance and other services. And Atkins says concealed-carry gun permits and sex offender registration will be offered only by appointment.

Services at the county jail and 911 communications will not be reduced.

On Aug. 5, voters rejected a proposed levy of 30 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

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