

## Monett Community Summary

### Barry County

#### Monett

Monett is a community of “Pride & Progress.” Monett is considered the regional center for Barry and Lawrence counties (the largest city in either county) and has the 9th busiest airport in Missouri. Monett, which is located in Barry County, was established on the Frisco Railroad and quickly grew due to small manufacturing, agricultural trade, and retail. Over time, commerce from the railway declined, which led to the development of its industrial sector. Monett is now known for its industrial park, home for business such as Architectural Systems Inc., EFCO, International Dehydrated Foods, Tyson Foods, Miracle, and Jack Henry & Associates, Inc.<sup>1 2</sup>

#### Cassville

Cassville’s history was shaped by its location in the Ozark Mountains. Cassville’s development thrived from the major roadway running through it known over the years as the Indian Trail, Old Military Road, Trail of Tears, Butterfield Stage Coach Run and Old Wire Road. Established as a county seat of Barry County in 1845, the community was named after Brigadier General Lewis Cass, a leading statesman of that era. Cassville is minutes away from both Roaring River State Park and Table Rock Lake. Cassville’s economy is based on agriculture, industry, and tourism.<sup>3 4</sup>

### Lawrence County

#### Aurora

Aurora is known as “The Summit City of the Ozarks,” as the town sits on a high plateau in the southwest corner of Missouri. Aurora was founded in 1870, when a Congregational minister and former union officer created the town from a 40-acre plot of land he purchased after the Civil War. The town was created on an agreement with the president of the Frisco Railroad that half the lots in the new town were the price of a depot when the railroad came through. During WWI the local infantry befriended a stray hound dog. Once the war was over the dog returned to Aurora and officially became the town’s mascot. The first large industry, Majestic Milling, came to Aurora in August 1905. The MFA Milling

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.monett-mo.com/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.cityofmonett.com/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cassville.com/about-us>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.cityofcassville.com/home/cassville-history>

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Company expanded the operation into one of the largest feed mills in the world. The giant grain elevators stand today as a tribute.<sup>5 6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> [http://www.auroramochamber.com/index\\_files/Page400.htm](http://www.auroramochamber.com/index_files/Page400.htm)

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.aurora-cityhall.org/>

