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(X) Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2010 or
( ) Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the transition period from

No. 0-23863
(Commission File Number)

## PEOPLES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP. <br> (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)



Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No $\qquad$
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T ( $\$ 232.405$ of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Large accelerated
filer $\qquad$ Accelerated filer X Non-accelerated filer _
(Do not check if smaller reporting company)
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes
$\qquad$ No X

Number of shares outstanding as of November 5, 2010

3,141,056
(Outstanding Shares)

# PEOPLES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP. <br> FORM 10-Q 

For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2010

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Item 1. Financial Statements

## PEOPLES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED) <br> September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009

(In thousands, except per share and share data)

|  | September | December |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ASSETS: | 2010 | 2009 |
| Cash and due from banks | $\$ 10,459$ | $\$ 7,259$ |
| Interest bearing deposits in other banks | 70 | 895 |
| Federal funds sold | 20,678 | 10,761 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 31,207 | 18,915 |
| Securities available for sale | 135,052 | 130,506 |
| Loans | 371,667 | 336,303 |
| Allowance for loan losses | $(3,928$ | $(3,337$ |
| Loans, net | 367,739 | 332,966 |
| Investment in restricted stock, at cost | 2,870 | 2,870 |
| Bank premises and equipment, net | 8,215 | 7,509 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 3,062 | 2,580 |
| Intangible assets | 366 | 560 |
| Other real estate owned | 3,925 | 5,534 |
| Bank owned life insurance | 8,269 | 8,253 |
| Other assets | 3,858 | 6,790 |
| Total assets | $\$ 564,563$ | $\$ 516,483$ |
| LIABILITIES: |  |  |
| Deposits: | $\$ 73,805$ | $\$ 71,835$ |
| Non-interest bearing | 362,321 | 338,203 |
| Interest bearing | 436,126 | 410,038 |
| Total deposits | 373 | 446 |
| Accrued interest payable | 42,014 | 20,439 |
| Short-term borrowings | 30,569 | 38,750 |
| Long-term borrowings | 2,516 | 1,840 |
| Other liabilities | 511,598 | 471,513 |

## STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:

Common Stock, par value $\$ 2$ per share; authorized $12,500,000$ shares; issued $3,341,251$ shares; outstanding 3,141,056 shares and 3,136,156 shares at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively

6,683 6,683
Surplus
3,116
3,098
Retained earnings
44,634
42,043
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)
3,043
(2,258
Treasury stock at cost 200,195 and 205,095 shares at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively
(4,511 ) (4,596 )
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Total stockholders' equity } & 52,965 \quad 44,970\end{array}$
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity
\$564,563 \$516,483

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## PEOPLES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

(In thousands, except per share data)

|  | Sept 30, 20 |  | Sept 30, 20 |  |  | Sept 30, 2010 | Sept 30, 2009 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INTEREST INCOME: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans receivable, including fees | \$ | 5,066 | \$ | 4,766 |  | 15,279 | \$ | 14,490 |
| Securities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Taxable |  | 740 |  | 609 |  | 2,262 |  | 2,126 |
| Tax exempt |  | 525 |  | 550 |  | 1,507 |  | 1,581 |
| Other |  | 9 |  | 4 |  | 23 |  | 24 |
| Total interest income |  | 6,340 |  | 5,929 |  | 19,071 |  | 18,221 |
| INTEREST EXPENSE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deposits |  | 1,165 |  | 1,215 |  | 3,638 |  | 4,081 |
| Short-term borrowings |  | 115 |  | 81 |  | 287 |  | 233 |
| Long-term borrowings |  | 355 |  | 405 |  | 1,140 |  | 1,211 |
| Total interest expense |  | 1,635 |  | 1,701 |  | 5,065 |  | 5,525 |
| Net interest income |  | 4,705 |  | 4,228 |  | 14,006 |  | 12,696 |
| PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES |  | 445 |  | 165 |  | 2,022 |  | 1,370 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| losses |  | 4,260 |  | 4,063 |  | 11,984 |  | 11,326 |
| OTHER INCOME: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Customer service fees |  | 532 |  | 472 |  | 1,546 |  | 1,401 |
| Investment division commission income |  | 81 |  | 59 |  | 240 |  | 284 |
| Earnings on investment in life insurance |  | 81 |  | 85 |  | 245 |  | 255 |
| Other income |  | 264 |  | 151 |  | 862 |  | 493 |
| Income from other real estate |  | 75 |  | 44 |  | 362 |  | 196 |
| Net realized gains (losses) on sales of securities available for sale |  | 22 |  | (1,169 | ) | 223 |  | (651 |
| Other than temporary equity security |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total other income (loss) |  | 915 |  | (358 | ) | 3,338 |  | 1,842 |
| OTHER EXPENSES: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Salaries and employee benefits |  | 1,490 |  | 1,380 |  | 4,196 |  | 4,086 |
| Occupancy |  | 213 |  | 189 |  | 646 |  | 628 |
| Equipment |  | 143 |  | 135 |  | 405 |  | 410 |
| FDIC insurance and other assessments |  | 190 |  | 179 |  | 557 |  | 723 |
| Professional fees and outside services |  | 125 |  | 144 |  | 434 |  | 420 |
| Computer services and supplies |  | 285 |  | 236 |  | 826 |  | 762 |
| Taxes, other than payroll and income |  | 96 |  | 88 |  | 289 |  | 298 |
| Amortization expense-deposit acquisition premiums |  | 65 |  | 65 |  | 194 |  | 194 |
| Advertising |  | 115 |  | 64 |  | 324 |  | 221 |
| Stationary and printing supplies |  | 90 |  | 84 |  | 287 |  | 267 |
| Penalty assessment-long term borrowings |  | 597 |  | 0 |  | 597 |  | 0 |
| Other |  | 94 |  | 378 |  | 1,295 |  | 1,072 |

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| Total other expenses |  | 3,503 |  | 2,942 |  |  | 10,050 |  | 9,081 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Income before income taxes |  | 1,672 |  | 763 |  |  | 5,272 |  | 4,087 |
| INCOME TAXES (BENEFIT) |  | 272 |  | (23 | ) |  | 830 |  | 527 |
| Net income | \$ | 1,400 | \$ | 786 |  | \$ | 4,442 | \$ | 3,560 |
| Net income per share, basic | \$ | 0.45 | \$ | 0.25 |  | \$ | 1.42 | \$ | 1.14 |
| Net income per share, diluted | \$ | 0.45 | \$ | 0.25 |  | \$ | 1.41 | \$ | 1.14 |

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## PEOPLES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND 2009 (UNAUDITED)



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## PEOPLES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

| (In thousands) | Nine Months Ended |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. 30, } \\ & 2010 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. 30, } \\ & 2009 \end{aligned}$ |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$4,442 |  | \$3,560 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization | 724 |  | 710 |
| Provision for loan losses | 2,022 |  | 1,370 |
| Amortization of securities' premiums and accretion of discounts, net | 188 |  | 183 |
| Amortization of deferred loan costs | 176 |  | 258 |
| (Gain) loss on sales of securities available for sale, net | (223 | ) | 651 |
| Other than temporary security impairment | 140 |  | 136 |
| Deferred income taxes | 0 |  | 34 |
| Proceeds from the sale of loans originated for sale | 6,318 |  | 20,013 |
| Net gain on sale of loans originated for sale | (209 | ) | (215 |
| Loans originated for sale | (6,528 | ) | (18,466 |
| Net earnings on investment in life insurance | (245 | ) | (255 |
| Gain from investment in life insurance | (320 | ) | 0 |
| Loss on sale of other real estate owned | 45 |  | 0 |
| Increase in accrued interest receivable | (482 | ) | (20 |
| Decrease in other assets | 201 |  | 34 |
| Decrease in accrued interest payable | (73 | ) | (1,219 |
| (Increase) decrease in other liabilities | 676 |  | (411 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 6,852 |  | 6,363 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities |  |  |  |
| Proceeds from sale of available for sale securities | 61,056 |  | 48,364 |
| Proceeds from maturities of and principal payments received on available for sale |  |  |  |
| Purchase of available for sale securities | (70,262 | ) | (44,944 |
| Net increase in loans | (36,817 | ) | (11,601 |
| Purchase of premises and equipment | (1,236 | ) | (343 |
| Proceeds from investment in life insurance | 549 |  | 0 |
| Proceeds from sale of other real estate | 1,829 |  | 0 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (32,094 | ) | (840 |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities |  |  |  |
| Cash dividends paid | (1,851 | ) | (1,786 |
| Increase (decrease) in deposits | 26,088 |  | (5,053 |
| Repayment of long-term borrowings | (8,181 | ) | (719 |
| Increase in short-term borrowings | 21,575 |  | 1,559 |
| Proceeds from sale of treasury stock | 103 |  | 59 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 37,734 |  | (5,940 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 12,292 |  | (417 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | 18,915 |  | 18,533 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$31,207 |  | \$ 18,116 |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash paid |  |  |  |


| Interest paid | $\$ 5,138$ | $\$ 6,744$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Income taxes paid | $\$ 254$ | $\$ 815$ |
| Non-cash investing and financing activities |  |  |
| Transfers from loans to other real estate owned through foreclosure <br> Consideration received for exchange of securities available for sale | $\$ 265$ | $\$ 311$ |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

## NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Peoples Financial Services Corp. (the "Corporation" or the "Company") and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Peoples National Bank (the "Bank"), Peoples Advisors, LLC ("Advisors"), and Peoples Financial Capital Corporation. The Bank has two wholly owned subsidiaries, Peoples Financial Leasing, LLC and Peoples Investment Holdings, LLC. All material inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information as well as with instructions for Form $10-\mathrm{Q}$ and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included and are of a normal, recurring nature. Operating results for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended December 31, 2010. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

In preparing these consolidated financial statements, the Company evaluated the events and transactions that occurred between September 30, 2010 through the date these consolidated financial statements were issued.

## NOTE 2. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

Net income applicable to common stock

| Three Months Ended |  | Nine Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept 30, | Sept 30, | Sept 30, | Sept 30, |
| 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\$ 1,400,000$ | $\$ 786,000$ | $\$ 4,442,000$ | $\$ 3,560,000$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| $3,141,056$ | $3,134,656$ | $3,139,005$ | $3,133,129$ |
| 2,891 | 174 | 2,410 | 241 |
|  |  |  |  |
| $3,143,947$ | $3,134,830$ | $3,141,415$ | $3,133,370$ |
| $\$ 0.45$ | $\$ 0.25$ | $\$ 1.42$ | $\$ 1.14$ |
| $\$ 0.45$ | $\$ 0.25$ | $\$ 1.41$ | $\$ 1.14$ |

Stock options for 9,950 and 22,200 shares of common stock were not considered in computing diluted earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, because they are antidilutive.

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## NOTE 3. SECURITIES AVAILABLE FOR SALE

At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the amortized cost and fair values of securities available-for-sale are as follows:

SEPTEMBER 30, 2010:

| U.S. Government agencies and corporations | $\$ 48,572$ | $\$ 2,920$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 51,492$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Obligations of state and political subdivisions | 51,788 | 1,710 | $(351$ | $)$ |
| 53,147 |  |  |  |  |
| Taxable obligations of state and political subdivisions | 18,640 | 796 | $(32$ | $)$ |
| Corporate debt securities | 4,468 | 212 | $(620$ | $)$ |
| , 404 |  |  |  |  |
| Mortgage-backed securities - residential | 5,422 | 139 | 0 | 5,561 |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations - residential | 172 | 10 | 0 | 182 |
| Preferred equity securities | 78 | 0 | $(42$ | $)$ |
| Common equity securities | 1,301 | 51 | $(182$ | $)$ |
| Total | $\$ 130,441$ | $\$ 5,838$ | $\$(1,227$ | $)$ |
|  |  |  |  | 135,052 |

December 31, 2009:

| U.S. Government agencies and corporations | \$60,989 | \$103 | \$(627 | ) | \$60,465 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Obligations of state and political subdivisions | 52,836 | 191 | (1,483 | ) | 51,544 |
| Taxable obligations of state and political subdivisions | 2,219 | 20 | (83 | ) | 2,156 |
| Corporate debt securities | 11,738 | 67 | (1,471 | ) | 10,334 |
| Mortgage-backed securities - residential | 4,427 | 212 | (2 | ) | 4,637 |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations - residential | 198 | 5 | 0 |  | 203 |
| Preferred equity securities | 78 | 7 | 0 |  | 85 |
| Common equity securities | 1,442 | 4 | (364 | ) | 1,082 |
| Total | \$133,927 | \$609 | \$(4,030 | ) | \$130,506 |

The amortized cost and fair value of securities as of September 30, 2010, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to prepay obligations with or without any penalties.

|  | Amortized <br> Cost | Fair Value <br> (In Thousands) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Due in one year or less | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |
| Due after one year through five years | 13,908 | 14,133 |
| Due after five years through ten years | 43,083 | 45,130 |
| Due after ten years | 66,477 | 68,840 |
|  | 123,468 | 128,103 |
|  |  |  |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 5,422 | 5,561 |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations - residential | 172 | 182 |
| Equity securities | 1,379 | 1,206 |
|  | $\$ 130,441$ | $\$ 135,052$ |

Proceeds from sale of available-for-sale securities during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 and the year ended December 31, 2009 were $\$ 61,056,000, \$ 48,364,000$, and $\$ 62,172,000$, respectively. Gross gains realized on these sales were $\$ 660,000, \$ 664,000$, and $\$ 879,000$, respectively. Gross losses on these sales were $\$ 437,000$, $\$ 1,315,000$, and $\$ 1,371,000$, respectively. A decision was made in the third quarter of 2009 to sell a financial corporate debt security which had significantly deteriorated in value. The realized loss on this security alone accounted for $\$ 1,229,000$ of the losses incurred for the period ended September 30, 2009.

Securities with a carrying value of $\$ 83,516,000$ and $\$ 63,066,000$ at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively, were pledged to secure public deposits and repurchase agreements as required or permitted by law.

The following tables show the Company's investments' gross unrealized losses and fair value, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

September 30, 2010:

|  | Less Than 12 Months |  | 12 Months or More |  |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fair Value | Unrealized Losses | Fair Value | Unrealized Losses |  | Fair Value | Unrealized Losses |
| Obligations of state and political subdivisions | \$0 | \$0 | \$2,930 | \$(351 | ) | \$2,930 | \$(351 |
| Taxable obligations of state and political subdivisions | 0 | 0 | 461 | (32 | ) | 461 | (32 |
| Corporate debt securities | 0 | 0 | 2,392 | (620 | ) | 2,392 | (620 |
| Preferred equity securities | 36 | (42 ) | 0 | 0 |  | 36 | (42 |
| Common equity securities | 0 | 0 | 780 | (182 | ) | 780 | (182 |
| Total Temporarily Impaired Securities | \$36 | \$(42 ) | \$6,563 | \$ 1,185 | ) | \$6,599 | \$(1,227 |

December 31, 2009:

|  | Less Than 12 Months |  | 12 Months or More |  |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fair Value | Unrealized Losses | Fair Value | Unrealized Losses |  | Fair Value | Unrealized Losses |
| U.S. Govt./Agency | \$49,953 | \$(627 ) | \$0 | \$0 |  | \$49,953 | \$(627 |
| Obligations of state and political subdivisions | 23,138 | (322 ) | 8,403 | (1,161 | ) | 31,541 | (1,483 |
| Taxable obligations of state and political subdivisions | 716 | (7 ) | 417 | (76 | ) | 1,133 | (83 |
| Corporate debt securities | 0 | 0 | 8,809 | (1,471 | ) | 8,809 | (1,471 |
| Mortgage-backed securities-residential | 114 | 0 | 121 | (2 | ) | 235 | (2 |
| Common equity securities | 343 | (7 ) | 619 | (357 | ) | 962 | (364 |
| Total Temporarily Impaired Securities | \$74,264 | \$(963 ) | \$18,369 | \$(3,067 | ) | \$92,633 | \$(4,030 |

At September 30, 2010, the Company had 8 (all greater than 12 months) obligations of state and political subdivisions, 2 (both greater than 12 months) corporate debt securities, 2 (both greater than 12 months) preferred equity securities, and 9 (all greater than 12 months) common equity securities, with unrealized losses. These unrealized losses reflect the current rate environment and management believes that these unrealized losses represent a temporary impairment of those securities.

The Company recorded other than temporary impairments of $\$ 140,000$ for the three months and thus, nine months ended September 30, 2010. These impairments were the result of writing down three separate common equity securities. These write-downs were measured based on public market prices. In reaching the determination to record these impairments, management reviewed the facts and circumstances available surrounding the securities, including the duration and amount of the unrealized loss, the financial condition of the issuer and the prospects for a change in market value within a reasonable period of time. Based on its assessment, management determined that the impairment was other-than-temporary and that a charge was appropriate for these securities. The entire change was credit-related and was recorded in operations. Compare this to the nine months ended September 30, 2009 when the Company recorded other than temporary impairments of $\$ 136,000$, related entirely to common equity securities. No impairment charges were recorded for the three months ended September 30, 2009.

None of the Company's corporate debt securities are trust preferred issuances. Rather, the portfolio contains corporate bond issuances in large national financial institutions. The Company's common equity securities portfolio contains investments in financial stocks that the Company believes have the potential to appreciate in value over the long-term while providing a reasonable dividend yield.

Management evaluates securities at the CUSIP number level for other-than-temporary impairment ("OTTI") at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market conditions warrant such an evaluation. All of the Company's investment securities classified as available-for-sale are evaluated for OTTI under the rules for accounting for certain investments in debt and equity securities.

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In determining OTTI under the rules for accounting for certain debt and equity securities, management considers many factors, including: (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than amortized cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, (3) whether the market decline was affected by macroeconomic conditions, and (4) whether the entity has the intent to sell the debt security or more likely than not will be required to sell the debt security before its anticipated recovery. The assessment of whether an other-than-temporary decline exists involves a high degree of subjectivity and judgment and is based on information available to management at a point in time. An OTTI is deemed to have occurred if there has been an adverse change in the remaining expected future cash flows.

When an OTTI occurs under the model, the amount of the OTTI recognized in earnings depends on whether an entity intends to sell the security or more likely than not will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period credit loss. If an entity intends to sell or more likely than not will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period credit loss, the OTTI shall be recognized in earnings equal to the entire difference between the investment's amortized cost basis and its fair value at the balance sheet date. If an entity does not intend to sell the security and it is not more likely than not that the entity will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period loss, the OTTI shall be separated into the amount representing the credit loss and the amount related to all other factors. The amount of the total OTTI related to the credit loss is determined based on the present value of cash flows expected to be collected and is recognized in earnings. The amount of the total OTTI related to other factors shall be recognized in other comprehensive income, net of applicable tax benefit. The previous amortized cost basis less the OTTI recognized in earnings shall become the new amortized cost basis of the investment. As of September 30, 2010 the Company does not intend to sell or more likely than not, be required to sell these securities before recovery. Management believes that the unrealized losses represent temporary impairment of the securities.

As a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh ("FHLB"), the Company is required to purchase and hold stock in the FHLB to satisfy membership and borrowing requirements. This stock is restricted in that it can only be sold to the FHLB or to another member institution, and all sales of FHLB stock must be at par. As a result of these restrictions, FHLB stock is unlike other investment securities insofar as there is no trading market for FHLB stock and the transfer price is determined by FHLB membership rules and not by market participants. As of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, our FHLB stock totaled $\$ 2.771$ million.

In December 2008, the FHLB voluntarily suspended dividend payments on its stock, as well as the repurchase of excess stock from members. The FHLB cited a significant reduction in the level of core earnings resulting from lower short-term interest rates, the increased cost of liquidity, and constrained access to the debt markets at attractive rates and maturities as the main reasons for the decision to suspend dividends and the repurchase of excess capital stock. The FHLB last paid a dividend in the third quarter of 2008.

FHLB stock is held as a long-term investment and its value is determined based on the ultimate recoverability of the par value. The Company evaluates impairment quarterly. The decision of whether impairment exists is a matter of judgment that reflects our view of the FHLB's long-term performance, which includes factors such as the following:

- its operating performance;
- the severity and duration of declines in the fair value of its net assets related to its capital stock amount;
- its commitment to make payments required by law or regulation and the level of such payments in relation to its operating performance;
- the impact of legislative and regulatory changes on the FHLB, and accordingly, on the members of FHLB; and
- its liquidity and funding position.

After evaluating all of these considerations, the Company concluded that the par value of its investment in FHLB stock will be recovered. Accordingly, no impairment charge was recorded on these securities for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2010. Our evaluation of the factors described above in future periods could result in the recognition of impairment charges on FHLB stock.

## NOTE 4. OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The components of other comprehensive income and related tax effects for the nine months and three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 are as follows:

| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended |  | Nine Months Ended |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sept 30, | Sept 30, | Sept 30, | Sept 30, |  |
|  | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |  |
|  | $\$ 4,525$ | $\$ 4,468$ | $\$ 8,115$ | $\$ 4,743$ |  |
| Unrealized holding gains on available for sale securities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less: Reclassification adjustment for (gains) losses realized <br> in net income | $(222,169$ | $(223$ | 651 |  |  |
| Less: Reclassification adjustment for other than temporary |  |  |  |  |  |
| impairment | 140 | 0 | 140 | 136 |  |
| Net unrealized gains | 4,643 | 5,637 | 8,032 | 5,530 |  |
| Tax effect | $(1,579$ | $(1,916$ | $)$ | $(2,731$ | $(1,880$ |
| Other comprehensive income | $\$ 3,064$ | $\$ 3,721$ | $\$ 5,301$ | $\$ 3,650$ |  |

## NOTE 5. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

All stock options were fully vested prior to 2009 and there are no unrecognized compensation costs related to stock options. For the nine month periods ending September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, there were no stock options granted.

## NOTE 6. GUARANTEES

The Company does not issue any guarantees that would require liability recognition or disclosure, other than standby letters of credit. Outstanding letters of credit written are conditional commitments issued by the Company to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. The Company's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the other party to the financial instrument for standby letters of credit is represented by the contractual amount of those instruments. The Company had $\$ 18.295$ million of standby letters of credit as of September 30, 2010. The Bank uses the same credit policies in making conditional obligations as it does for on-balance sheet instruments.

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The majority of these standby letters of credit expire within the next twelve months. The credit risk involved in issuing letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending other loan commitments. The Company requires collateral supporting these letters of credit as deemed necessary. The maximum undiscounted exposure related to these commitments at September 30, 2010 was $\$ 18.295$ million and the approximate value of underlying collateral upon liquidation, that would be expected to cover this maximum potential exposure, was $\$ 15.305$ million.

## NOTE 7. NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") has issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2010-08, Technical Corrections to Various Topics, thereby amending the Codification. This ASU resulted from a review by the FASB of its standards to determine if any provisions are outdated, contain inconsistencies, or need clarifications to reflect the FASB's original intent. The FASB believes the amendments do not fundamentally change U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). However, certain clarifications on embedded derivatives and hedging reflected in Topic 815, Derivatives and Hedging, may cause a change in the application of the guidance in Subtopic 815-15. Accordingly, the FASB provided special transition provisions for those amendments.

The ASU contains various effective dates. The clarifications of the guidance on embedded derivatives and hedging (Subtopic 815-15) are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2009. The amendments to the guidance on accounting for income taxes in a reorganization (Subtopic 852-740) applies to reorganizations for which the date of the reorganization is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. All other amendments are effective as of the first reporting period (including interim periods) beginning after the date this ASU was issued (February 2, 2010). This new guidance did not have a material effect on its consolidated financial statements.

The FASB has issued ASU 2010-09, Subsequent Events (Topic 855): Amendments to Certain Recognition and Disclosure Requirements. The amendments in the ASU remove the requirement for an SEC filer to disclose a date through which subsequent events have been evaluated in both issued and revised financial statements. Revised financial statements include financial statements revised as a result of either correction of an error or retrospective application of U.S. GAAP. The FASB also clarified that if the financial statements have been revised, then an entity that is not an SEC filer should disclose both the date that the financial statements were issued or available to be issued and the date the revised financial statements were issued or available to be issued. The FASB believes these amendments remove potential conflicts with the SEC's literature.

In addition, the amendments in the ASU require an entity that is a conduit bond obligor for conduit debt securities that are traded in a public market to evaluate subsequent events through the date of issuance of its financial statements and must disclose such date.

All of the amendments in the ASU were effective upon issuance (February 24, 2010) except for the use of the issued date for conduit debt obligors. That amendment is effective for interim or annual periods ending after June 15, 2010. The new pronouncement had no effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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ASU 2010-18, Receivables (Topic 310): Effect of a Loan Modification When the Loan Is Part of a Pool That Is Accounted for as a Single Asset, codifies the consensus reached in EITF Issue No. 09-I, "Effect of a Loan Modification When the Loan Is Part of a Pool That Is Accounted for as a Single Asset." The amendments to the Codification provide that modifications of loans that are accounted for within a pool under Subtopic 310-30 do not result in the removal of those loans from the pool even if the modification of those loans would otherwise be considered a troubled debt restructuring. An entity will continue to be required to consider whether the pool of assets in which the loan is included is impaired if expected cash flows for the pool change. ASU 2010-18 does not affect the accounting for loans under the scope of Subtopic 310-30 that are not accounted for within pools. Loans accounted for individually under Subtopic 310-30 continue to be subject to the troubled debt restructuring accounting provisions within Subtopic 310-40.

ASU 2010-18 is effective prospectively for modifications of loans accounted for within pools under Subtopic 310-30 occurring in the first interim or annual period ending on or after July 15, 2010. Upon initial adoption of ASU 2010-18, an entity may make a one-time election to terminate accounting for loans as a pool under Subtopic 310-30. This election may be applied on a pool-by-pool basis and does not preclude an entity from applying pool accounting to subsequent acquisitions of loans with credit deterioration. The new pronouncement had no effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

ASU 2010-20, Receivables (Topic 310): Disclosures about the Credit Quality of Financing Receivables and the Allowance for Credit Losses, will help investors assess the credit risk of a company's receivables portfolio and the adequacy of its allowance for credit losses held against the portfolios by expanding credit risk disclosures.

This ASU requires more information about the credit quality of financing receivables in the disclosures to financial statements, such as aging information and credit quality indicators. Both new and existing disclosures must be disaggregated by portfolio segment or class. The disaggregation of information is based on how a company develops its allowance for credit losses and how it manages its credit exposure.

The amendments in this Update apply to all public and nonpublic entities with financing receivables. Financing receivables include loans and trade accounts receivable. However, short-term trade accounts receivable, receivables measured at fair value or lower of cost or fair value, and debt securities are exempt from these disclosure amendments.

The effective date of ASU 2010-20 differs for public and nonpublic companies. For public companies, the amendments that require disclosures as of the end of a reporting period are effective for periods ending on or after December 15, 2010. The amendments that require disclosures about activity that occurs during a reporting period are effective for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2010. For nonpublic companies, the amendments are effective for annual reporting periods ending on or after December 15, 2011. The Company is currently reviewing the effect the new pronouncement will have on its consolidated financial statements.

## NOTE 8. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Management uses its best judgment in estimating the fair value of the Company's financial instruments; however, there are inherent weaknesses in any estimation technique. Therefore, for substantially all financial instruments, the fair value estimates herein are not necessarily indicative of the amounts the Company could have realized in a sales transaction on the dates indicated. The estimated fair value amounts have been measured as of their respective period-ends and have not been reevaluated or updated for purposes of these financial statements subsequent to those respective dates. As such, the estimated fair values of these financial instruments subsequent to the respective reporting dates may be different than the amounts reported at each period-end.

Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 860, Fair Value Measurements, defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under GAAP, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This topic applies to other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements.

ASC 860 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation methods used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC Topic 860 are as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (i.e., supported with little or no market activity).

An asset's or liability's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

For financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis, the fair value measurements by level within the fair value hierarchy used at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 are as follows:

|  | (Level 1) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quoted |  |  |  |
|  |  | Prices in | (Level 2) |  |
|  |  | Active | Significant | (Level 3) |
|  |  | Markets for | Other | Significant |
| Description | Identical | Observable | Unobservable |  |
| (In Thousands) | Assets | Inputs | Inputs |  |
| September 30, 2010 Securities available for sale |  |  |  |  |
| December 31, 2009 Securities available for sale | $\$ 135,052$ | $\$ 1,170$ | $\$ 133,882$ | $\$ 0$ |
|  |  | $\$ 130,506$ | $\$ 1,082$ | $\$ 129,424$ |

For financial assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis, the fair value measurements by level within the fair value hierarchy used at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 are as follows:

|  |  | (Level 1) Quoted |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Prices in Active | (Level 2) <br> Significant | (Level 3) |
|  |  | Markets for | Other | Significant |
|  |  | Identical Assets | Observable Inputs | Unobservable Inputs |
| (In Thousands) |  |  |  |  |
| September 30, 2010 Impaired loans | \$5,006 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 5,006 |
| September 30, 2010 Other real estate owned | \$265 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 265 |
| December 31, 2009 Impaired loans | \$ 1,834 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 1,834 |
| December 31, 2009 Other real estate owned | \$5,534 | \$0 | \$0 | \$ 5,534 |

The following information should not be interpreted as an estimate of the fair value of the entire Company since a fair value calculation is only provided for a limited portion of the Company's assets and liabilities. Due to a wide range of valuation techniques and the degree of subjectivity used in making the estimates, comparisons between the Company's disclosures and those of other companies may not be meaningful. The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair values of the Company's financial instruments at September 30, 2010:

Cash and Cash Equivalents (Carried at Cost)
The carrying amounts reported in the balance sheet for cash and short-term instruments approximate those assets' fair values.

Securities
The fair value of securities available for sale (carried at fair value) are determined by obtaining quoted market prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1), or matrix pricing (Level 2), which is a mathematical technique used widely in the industry to value debt securities without relying exclusively on quoted market prices for the specific securities but rather by relying on the securities' relationship to other benchmark quoted prices. For certain securities which are not traded in active markets or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations are adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, and such adjustments are generally based on available market evidence (Level 3). In the absence of such evidence, management's best estimate is used. Management's best estimate consists of both internal and external support on certain Level 3 investments. Internal cash flow models using a present value formula that includes assumptions market participants would use along with indicative exit pricing obtained from broker/dealers (where available) were used to support fair values of certain Level 3 investments.

## Loans Receivable (Carried at Cost)

The fair values of loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using market rates at the balance sheet date that reflect the credit and interest rate-risk inherent in the loans. Projected future cash flows are calculated based upon contractual maturity or call dates, projected repayments and prepayments of principal. Generally, for variable rate loans that reprice frequently and with no significant change in credit risk, fair values are based on carrying values.

## Impaired Loans (Generally Carried at Fair Value)

Impaired loans are those that are accounted for under ASC Topic 310, Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan, in which the Bank has measured impairment generally based on the fair value of the loan's collateral. Fair value is generally determined based upon independent third-party appraisals of the properties, or discounted cash flows based upon the expected proceeds. These assets are included as Level 3 fair values, based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurements. The fair value consists of the loan balances of $\$ 5,690,000$, net of a valuation allowance of $\$ 684,000$. The provision for impaired loans was $\$ 1,453,000$, offset by charge offs of $\$ 1,328,000$ during the nine months ended September 30, 2010. The provision for impaired loans was $\$ 715,000$, offset by charge offs of $\$ 1,188,000$ for the quarter ended September 30, 2010. At December 31, 2009, the fair value consists of loan balances of $\$ 2,393,000$, net of a valuation allowance of $\$ 559,000$.

Other Real Estate Owned
Other real estate owned is recorded at fair value, net of estimated selling costs, at the date of foreclosure. Subsequent declines in the recorded value of the property prior to its disposal is included in other expense.

Restricted Investment in Bank Stock (Carried at Cost)
The carrying amount of restricted investment in bank stock approximates fair value, and considers the limited marketability of such securities.

Accrued Interest Receivable and Payable (Carried at Cost)
The carrying amount of accrued interest receivable and accrued interest payable approximates its fair value.

## Deposit Liabilities (Carried at Cost)

The fair values disclosed for demand deposits (e.g., interest and noninterest checking, passbook savings and money market accounts) are, by definition, equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date (i.e., their carrying amounts). Fair values for fixed-rate certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered in the market on certificates to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly maturities on time deposits.

Short-Term Borrowings (Carried at Cost)
The carrying amounts of short-term borrowings approximate their fair values.
Long-Term Debt (Carried at Cost)
Fair values of FHLB advances are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis, based on quoted prices for new FHLB advances with similar credit risk characteristics, terms and remaining maturity. These prices obtained from this active market represent a market value that is deemed to represent the transfer price if the liability were assumed by a third party.

Off-Balance Sheet Financial Instruments (Disclosed at Cost)
Fair values for the Company's off-balance sheet financial instruments (lending commitments and letters of credit) are based on fees currently charged in the market to enter into similar agreements, taking into account, the remaining terms of the agreements and the counterparties' credit standing.

The estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments were as follows at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

|  | September 30, 2010Carrying |  | Decem Carrying <br> Amount | 31,2009 Fair Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Financial assets: |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$31,207 | \$31,207 | \$18,915 | \$18,915 |
| Securities available-for-sale | 135,052 | 135,052 | 130,506 | 130,506 |
| Loans receivable | 367,739 | 424,957 | 332,966 | 383,273 |
| Investment in restricted stock | 2,870 | 2,870 | 2,870 | 2,870 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 3,062 | 3,062 | 2,580 | 2,580 |
| Financial liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| Deposits | 436,126 | 438,270 | 410,038 | 411,043 |
| Short-term borrowings | 42,014 | 42,014 | 20,439 | 20,439 |
| Long-term borrowings | 30,569 | 31,136 | 38,750 | 39,255 |
| Accrued interest payable | 373 | 373 | 446 | 446 |
| Off-balance sheet items: |  |  |  |  |
| Commitments to grant loans | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unfunded commitments under lines of credit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Standby letters of credit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## NOTE 9. FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE

The Company has experienced significant increases in the cost of federal deposit insurance from previous year's levels of five to seven basis points. The FDIC has increased the assessment rate for the most highly rated institutions to between 10 and 14 basis points. The result is an assessment rate being paid by the Bank of just under 14 basis points. Assessment rates could be further increased if an institution's FHLB advances exceed $15 \%$ of deposits. The FDIC has also established a program under which it fully guarantees all non-interest bearing transaction accounts (TAG) and senior unsecured debt of a bank or its holding company (TLGP). Institutions that did not opt out of the program by November 14, 2008 are being assessed ten basis points for non-interest bearing transaction account balances in excess of $\$ 250,000$ and 75 basis points of the amount of debt issued. The TAG program has been extended through December 31, 2010 by the FDIC. The interim rule also gives the FDIC the discretion to extend the program through the end of 2011. The Company opted out of the TLGP. The FDIC adopted a program for the prepayment of FDIC premiums by all insured financial institutions for 2010-2012. This occurred in the fourth quarter of 2009 and the prepayment amount assessed to the Company was $\$ 2,183,000$. During the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company has incurred $\$ 155,000$ and $\$ 458,000$, respectively in FDIC assessments for 2010. The comparable expenses for those same periods in 2009 were $\$ 193,000$ and $\$ 633,000$, respectively. It should be noted that the second quarter of 2009 included the accrual for a special assessment levied by the FDIC in the amount of $\$ 210,000$.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations
The following discussion and analysis of the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation is presented to provide insight into management's assessment of financial results. The Corporation's subsidiaries, Peoples National Bank and Peoples Advisors, LLC, provide financial services to individuals and businesses within the Bank's primary market area made up of Susquehanna, Wyoming and Northern Lackawanna Counties in Pennsylvania, and Broome County in New York. The Bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System and subject to regulation, supervision, and examination by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Advisors is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD), which also acts as the primary regulator for Advisors. Peoples Financial Leasing, LLC is a subsidiary of the Bank and provides employee leasing services to the Bank. Peoples Investment Holdings, LLC is also a subsidiary of the Bank and its main activities are the maintenance and management of its intangible investments and the collection and distribution of the income from such investments or from tangible investments located outside of Delaware. Likewise, Peoples Financial Capital Corporation is a subsidiary of the Company and its main activities are the maintenance and management of its intangible investments and the collection and distribution of the income from such investments or from tangible investments located outside of Delaware.

## CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION

Except for historical information, this Report may be deemed to contain "forward looking" information. Examples of forward looking information may include, but are not limited to, (a) projections of or statements regarding future earnings, interest income, other income, earnings or loss per share, asset mix and quality, growth prospects, capital structure and other financial terms, (b) statements of plans and objectives of management or the Board of Directors, (c) statements of future economic performance, and (d) statements of assumptions, such as economic conditions in the market areas served by the Corporation and the Bank, underlying other statements and statements about the Corporation and the Bank or their respective businesses. Such forward looking information can be identified by the use of forward looking terminology such as "believes," "expects," "may," "intends," "will," "should," "anticipates," or the n of any of the foregoing or other variations thereon or comparable terminology, or by discussion of strategy. No assurance can be given that the future results covered by the forward looking information will be achieved. Such statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward looking information. Important factors that could impact operating results include, but are not limited to, (i) the effects of changing economic conditions in both the market areas served by the Corporation and the Bank and nationally, (ii) credit risks of commercial, real estate, consumer and other lending activities, (iii) significant changes in interest rates, (iv) changes in federal and state banking laws and regulations which could affect operations, (v) funding costs, and (vi) other external developments which could materially affect business and operations.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Disclosure of the Company's significant accounting policies is included in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. Some of these policies are particularly sensitive requiring significant judgments, estimates and assumptions to be made by Management. Additional information is contained on page 30 of this report for the provision and allowance for loan losses.

## OVERVIEW

|  | Executive Summary |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | September | December |  |
| (In thousands, except per share and share data) | 30,2010 | 31,2009 |  |
| Financial Condition |  |  |  |
| Total assets | $\$ 564,563$ | $\$ 516,483$ |  |
| Total loans, net | $\$ 367,739$ | $\$ 332,966$ |  |
| Total deposits | $\$ 436,126$ | $\$ 410,038$ |  |
| Stockholders' equity | $\$ 52,965$ | $\$ 44,970$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | September | September |  |
|  | 30,2010 | 30,2009 |  |
| Results of operations |  |  |  |
| Net income | $\$ 4,442$ | $\$ 3,560$ |  |
| Return on average assets | 1.09 | $\%$ | 1.02 |
| Return on average equity | 13.14 | $\%$ | 12.25 |
| Net income per share, basic | $\$ 1.42$ | $\$ 1.14$ |  |
| Net income per share, diluted | $\$ 1.41$ | $\$ 1.14$ |  |
| Net interest margin | 3.97 | $\%$ | 4.28 |

Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 increased $24.78 \%$ to $\$ 4.442$ million as compared to $\$ 3.560$ million for the same period in 2009. Diluted earnings per share increased $23.68 \%$ to $\$ 1.41$ per share for the first three quarters of 2010 from $\$ 1.14$ per share in the same nine month period in 2009. At September 30, 2010, the Company had total assets of $\$ 564.563$ million, net loans of $\$ 367.739$ million, and total deposits of $\$ 436.126$ million.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION

Cash and Cash Equivalents:
At September 30, 2010, cash, federal funds sold, and deposits with other banks totaled $\$ 31.207$ million when compared to $\$ 18.915$ million on December 31, 2009. The increase over the first nine months of 2010 has been most directly attributable to the increase in federal funds sold.

Management believes the liquidity needs of the Corporation are satisfied by the current balance of cash and cash equivalents, readily available access to traditional funding sources, and the portion of the securities and loan portfolios that mature within one year. The current sources of funds will enable the Corporation to meet all its cash obligations as they come due.

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Securities:

Securities totaled $\$ 135.052$ million on September 30 , 2010, increasing by $\$ 4.546$ million, or $3.48 \%$ from the December 31, 2009 total of $\$ 130.506$ million.

The total securities portfolio is held as available for sale. This strategy was implemented in 1995 to provide more flexibility in using the investment portfolio for liquidity purposes as well as providing more flexibility in selling when market opportunities occur.

Securities available for sale are accounted for at fair value, with unrealized gains or losses net of deferred income taxes reported in the accumulated other comprehensive income component of stockholders' equity. The carrying value of securities, as of September 30, 2010, included an unrealized gain of $\$ 4.611$ million reflected as accumulated other comprehensive income of $\$ 3.043$ million in stockholders' equity, net of deferred income taxes of $\$ 1.568$ million. This compares to an unrealized loss of $\$ 3.421$ million at December 31, 2009 reflected as accumulated other comprehensive loss of $\$ 2.258$ million, net of deferred income taxes of $\$ 1.163$ million. At September 30, 2010, securities available for sale included twenty-one securities with unrealized lossess aggregating $\$ 1.227$ million. The majority of the unrealized losses reflect changes in interest rates subsequent to the acquisition of specific securities and management believes that these unrealized losses represent a temporary impairment of those securities. As long term rates increase, the underlying value of securities owned by the Company decrease, creating an unrealized loss. The Company does not intend to sell these securities nor is it likely they will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis. The Company has the intent and ability to hold such securities until maturity or market price recovery. Management believes that the unrealized losses represent temporary impairment of the securities.

Management monitors the earnings performance and effectiveness of liquidity of the securities portfolio on a monthly basis through the Asset/Liability Committee ("ALCO"). The ALCO also reviews and manages interest rate risk for the Corporation. Through active balance sheet management and analysis of the securities portfolio, the Corporation maintains sufficient liquidity to satisfy depositor requirements and various credit needs of its customers.

## Loans:

Net loans increased $\$ 34.773$ million, or $10.44 \%$, to $\$ 367.739$ million as of September 30, 2010 from $\$ 332.966$ million as of December 31, 2009. Of the loan growth experienced through the third quarter of 2010, the most significant increase was in commercial loans at $\$ 30.709$ million, or $15.50 \%$, to $\$ 228.795$ million as of September 30,2010 compared to $\$ 198.086$ million at year-end December 31, 2009. Residential real estate mortgages increased $\$ 3.225$ million, or $2.76 \%$, to $\$ 120.145$ million as of September 30, 2010 compared to $\$ 116.920$ million as of December 31, 2009. Consumer loans also increased at $6.78 \%$, or $\$ 1.411$ million, to $\$ 22.213$ million as of September 30,2010 compared to $\$ 20.802$ million at year-end December 31, 2009.

Maintaining a loan to deposit ratio of $75-90 \%$ is a goal of the Bank, but loan quality is always considered in this effort. Management has continued its efforts to create good underwriting standards for both commercial and consumer credit. Most commercial lending is done primarily with locally owned small businesses.

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## Deposits:

Deposits are attracted from within the Bank's primary market area through the offering of various deposit instruments including NOW accounts, money market accounts, savings accounts, certificates of deposit, and IRA's. During the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, total deposits increased by $\$ 26.088$ million, or $6.36 \%$, to $\$ 436.126$ million compared to $\$ 410.038$ million as of December 31 , 2009. Time deposits increased by $\$ 4.553$ million, or $5.29 \%$, to $\$ 90.643$ million when compared to year end December 31,2009 at $\$ 86.090$ million. Other core deposit relationships increased or decreased as follows; demand deposits were up $\$ 1.970$ million, or $2.74 \%$, to $\$ 73.805$ million when compared to $\$ 71.835$ million at December 31, 2009. Interest-bearing checking deposits were down $\$ 1.948$ million, or $4.31 \%$, to $\$ 43.198$ million compared to $\$ 45.146$ million as of December 31, 2009. Money market deposit accounts were up $\$ 241$ thousand, or $0.67 \%$, to $\$ 36.227$ million compared to $\$ 35.986$ million as of December 31,2009 . And finally, savings deposits were up $\$ 21.272$ million, or $12.44 \%$, to $\$ 192.253$ million when compared to $\$ 170.981$ million at December 31, 2009.

The trend through nine months of 2010 is expected due to the nature of those deposits affected. The current economic climate has induced consumers to seek safe alternatives in which to invest their money. Short term and core deposit rates have remained flat while at the same time rates offered on certificates of deposit have decreased compared to the same time period in 2009. As such, savings deposits offer consumers a competitive interest rate while at the same time offering the relative safety offered by a commercial bank and the expanded $\$ 250,000$ FDIC insurance. Savings deposits also allow for increased liquidity for the Bank.

## Borrowings:

The Bank utilizes borrowings as a source of funds for its asset/liability management. Advances are available from the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) provided certain standards related to credit worthiness have been met. Repurchase and term agreements are also available from the FHLB.

Total short-term borrowings at September 30, 2010 were $\$ 42.014$ million as compared to $\$ 20.439$ million as of December 31, 2009, an increase of $\$ 21.575$ million, or $105.56 \%$. Long-term borrowings were $\$ 30.569$ million as of September 30, 2010 compared to $\$ 38.750$ million as of December 31, 2009, a decrease of $\$ 8.181$ million, or $21.11 \%$. The decrease in long-term borrowings includes the contractual principal payments to the FHLB. Additionally, August of 2010 included the maturity of a $\$ 2.500$ million term FHLB borrowing and the prepayment of another $\$ 5.000$ million FHLB term borrowing. The prepayment came at the cost of a $\$ 597$ thousand penalty. Analysis was performed on the interest cost savings from the early payment and the determination was to prepay the advance and shorten the overall duration of liabilities.

## Accrued Interest Payable:

Accrued interest payable decreased $\$ 73$ thousand, or $16.37 \%$, from December 31, 2009 to September 30, 2010 due to the decrease in the weighted average interest rates on interest bearing deposits $(1.37 \%$ in 2010 versus $1.81 \%$ for the same period in 2009.) Also, the cost of borrowings decreased significantly over the same period ( $2.85 \%$ in 2010 versus $3.27 \%$ for the same period in 2009.) See the interest rates and interest differential table on page 29.

## Capital:

The adequacy of the Company's capital is reviewed on an ongoing basis with reference to the size, composition and quality of the Company's resources and regulatory guidelines. Management seeks to maintain a level of capital sufficient to support existing assets and anticipated asset growth, maintain favorable access to capital markets, and preserve high quality credit ratings. As of September 30, 2010, regulatory capital to total average assets was $8.19 \%$ as compared to $8.68 \%$ on December 31, 2009. The Company repurchases its stock in the open market, or from individuals as warranted, to leverage the capital account and to provide stock for its stock option plan and dividend reinvestment plan. In the nine months ended September 30, 2010 however, the Company did not purchase any additional shares for the treasury.

The Company has complied with the standards of capital adequacy mandated by the banking regulators. The bank regulators have established "risk-based" capital requirements designed to measure capital adequacy. Risk-based capital ratios reflect the relative risks of various assets the banks hold in their portfolios. A weight category of either 0\% (lowest risk asset), $20 \%, 50 \%$, or $100 \%$ (highest risk assets) is assigned to each asset on the balance sheet. Capital is being maintained in compliance with risk-based capital guidelines. The Company's Tier 1 capital to risk weighted asset ratio was $11.10 \%$ and the total capital ratio to risk weighted asset ratio was $12.05 \%$ at September 30, 2010. The Company is deemed to be well-capitalized under regulatory standards.

## Liquidity:

Liquidity measures an organization's ability to meet cash obligations as they come due. The consolidated statements of cash flows presented in the accompanying consolidated financial statements included in Part I of this Form 10-Q provide analysis of the Company's cash and cash equivalents. Additionally, management considers that portion of the loan and investment portfolio that matures within one year as part of the Company's liquid assets.

The liquidity of the Company is reflected in its capacity to have sufficient amounts of cash available to fund the needs of customer withdrawal requests, accommodate loan demand, and maintain regulatory reserve requirements; that is to conduct banking business. Additional liquidity is obtained by either increasing liabilities or by decreasing assets. The primary source for increasing liabilities is the generation of additional deposit accounts, which are managed through our system of branches. In addition, payments on existing loans or securities available-for-sale can generate additional liquidity. Other sources include income from operations, decreases in federal funds sold or interest-bearing deposits in other banks, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, and borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB). As of September 30, 2010, the Bank had a borrowing capacity from the Federal Home Loan Bank of approximately $\$ 147,000,000$ ( $\$ 116,431,000$ available).

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The Company feels that it offers a variety of attractive deposit products at competitive rates that will mitigate significant runoff in deposits from occurring. One such product is the certificate of savings product which acts as a hybrid between a core savings product and a short term certificate of deposit. This deposit product offers an interest rate that far outweighs any comparable savings product on the market and a quarterly limit placed on customer withdrawals which provide stability in funding to the Company. This account has proven to be a deposit leader in the past and the Company will rely on it to provide a source of funds. Beyond its own product line up, the Company also has available to it open lines of credit at the FHLB with current availability of approximately $\$ 116,431,000$, Atlantic Central Bankers Bank (ACBB) in the amount of \$7,000,000 and the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (FRB) that amount to $\$ 1,100,000$. While the FHLB has been an inexpensive source of funds in the past, liquidity concerns surrounding the FHLB have prompted the Company to explore additional funding options at the FRB. Collateral standards of the FRB make it feasible to increase available lines and open the Company up to yet another source of funding liquidity.

The ALCO addresses the liquidity needs of the Bank to see that sufficient funds are available to meet credit demands and deposit withdrawals, as well as to the placement of available funds in the investment portfolio. In assessing liquidity requirements, equal consideration is given to the current position as well as the future outlook.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements:
The Company's consolidated financial statements do not reflect various commitments that are made in the normal course of business, which may involve some liquidity risk. These commitments consist primarily of commitments to grant new loans, unfunded commitments of existing loans and letters of credit made under the same standards as on-balance sheet instruments. Unused commitments on September 30, 2010 totaled $\$ 43.063$ million, which consisted of $\$ 19.841$ million in unfunded commitments of existing loans, $\$ 4.927$ million to grant new loans and $\$ 18.295$ million in letters of credit. Due to fixed maturity dates and specified conditions within these instruments, many will expire without being drawn upon. Management believes that amounts actually drawn upon can be funded in the normal course of operations and therefore, do not represent a significant liquidity risk to the Company.

Interest Rate Sensitivity:
The management of interest rate sensitivity seeks to avoid fluctuating net interest margins and to provide consistent net interest income through periods of changing interest rates.

The Company's risk of loss arising from adverse changes in the fair value of financial instruments, or market risk, is composed primarily of interest rate risk. The primary objective of the Company's asset/liability management activities is to maximize net interest income while maintaining acceptable levels of interest rate risk. The Company's ALCO is responsible for establishing policies to limit exposure to interest rate risk, and to ensure procedures are established to monitor compliance with those policies. The guidelines established by ALCO are reviewed by the Company's Board of Directors.

The tools used to monitor sensitivity are the Statement of Interest Sensitivity Gap and the Interest Rate Shock Analysis. The Bank uses a software model to measure and to keep track. In addition, an outside source does a quarterly analysis to make sure our internal analysis is current and correct. The Statement of Interest Sensitivity Gap is a good assessment of current position and is a very useful tool for the ALCO in performing its job. This report is monitored in an effort to "match" maturities or re-pricing opportunities of assets and liabilities, in order to attain the maximum interest within risk tolerance policy guidelines. The Statement does, although, have inherent limitations in that certain assets and liabilities may react to changes in interest rates in different ways, with some categories reacting in advance of changes and some lagging behind the changes. In addition, there are estimates used in determining the actual propensity to change of certain items, such as deposits without maturities.

The following table sets forth the Company's interest sensitivity analysis as of September 30, 2010:

## INTEREST RATE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

(Dollars in thousands)
Maturity or Re-pricing In:


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## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

## Net Interest Income:

For the three months ended September 30, 2010, total interest income increased by $\$ 411$ thousand, or $6.93 \%$, to $\$ 6.340$ million as compared to $\$ 5.929$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2009. This increase was primarily due to the increase in earning assets between periods. The yield earned on loans for the three months ended September 30, 2010 was $5.58 \%$ compared to a $6.03 \%$ yield on loans for the quarter ended September 30, 2009. Conversely, average earning assets increased to $\$ 529.485$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to $\$ 434.428$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 while average loans increased to $\$ 370.462$ million for the quarter ended September 30, 2010 as compared to $\$ 321.582$ million for the same period in 2009. This would indicate that the increase in interest was driven by volume when comparing the two periods. The resulting interest earned on loans was $\$ 5.066$ million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2010 compared to $\$ 4.766$ million for the same period in 2009 , an increase of $\$ 300$ thousand, or $6.29 \%$. The overall yield on earning assets, on a fully tax equivalent basis, decreased for the three months ended September 30, 2010 to $5.06 \%$ as compared to $5.79 \%$ for the three months ended September 30, 2009. This has been due to lower market yields available for investment.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, total interest income increased by $\$ 850$ thousand, or $4.66 \%$, to $\$ 19.071$ million as compared to $\$ 18.221$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. This increase was also primarily due to the increase in earning assets between periods. The yield earned on loans for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was $5.83 \%$ compared to a $6.22 \%$ yield on loans for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. As with the quarterly discussion, average earning assets increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 to $\$ 512.282$ million as compared to $\$ 433.026$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. Average total loans increased to $\$ 360.136$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to $\$ 319.498$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The resulting interest earned on loans was $\$ 15.279$ million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 compared to $\$ 14.490$ million for the same period in 2009, an increase of $\$ 789$ thousand, or $5.45 \%$. The overall yield on earning assets, on a tax equivalent basis, decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 to $5.29 \%$ as compared to $5.99 \%$ for the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

Total interest expense decreased by $\$ 66$ thousand, or $3.88 \%$, to $\$ 1.635$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 from $\$ 1.701$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2009. This decrease was attributable to the decrease in the cost of funds. The cost of funds decreased to $1.49 \%$ for the three months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to $1.87 \%$ for the third quarter of 2009. Average interest bearing liabilities on the other hand increased to $\$ 434.436$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to $\$ 360.281$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2009. This increase was due to the increase in average savings deposits and the increase in commercial type cash management accounts classified as other borrowings. Average savings deposits increased to $\$ 191.972$ million for the three month period ended September 30, 2010 as compared to $\$ 141.421$ million for the same period in 2009. Average other borrowings increased to $\$ 73.938$ million for the three month period ended September 30,2010 as compared to $\$ 58.834$ million for the same period in 2009. This was due to the relatively attractive rates offered for these products when compared to other market rates.

Total interest expense decreased by $\$ 460$ thousand, or $8.33 \%$, to $\$ 5.065$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 from $\$ 5.525$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. As with the quarterly interest expense, this decrease was primarily attributable to the decrease in the cost of funds, which decreased to $1.60 \%$ for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010 as compared to $2.05 \%$ for the same period in 2009 . Offsetting the decrease in the cost of funds was the increase to average interest bearing liabilities to $\$ 423.219$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to $\$ 360.411$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The year-to-date increase in average interest bearing liabilities was also due to the increase in average savings deposits. Average savings deposits increased to $\$ 184.914$ million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 when compared to $\$ 121.939$ million for the nine- month period ended September 30, 2009.

Net interest income increased by $\$ 477$ thousand, or $11.28 \%$, to $\$ 4.705$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 from $\$ 4.228$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2009. The Bank's net interest spread decreased to $3.57 \%$ for the three months ended September 30, 2010 from $3.92 \%$ for the three months ended September 30, 2009 on a fully tax equivalent basis. The net interest margin decreased to $3.84 \%$ for the three-month period ended September 30, 2010 from $4.23 \%$ for the three month period ended September 30, 2009 on a fully tax equivalent basis. The yield curve has continued to be steep since the Federal Reserve began their process of injecting liquidity into the financial markets through the implementation of lower overnight and discount rates as well as the treasury purchases aimed at keeping borrowing rates low. The effect this has had on short-term rates is that overnight federal funds rates are near $0 \%$. This is indicative of how lower funding costs have affected the Company. As deposit liability rates are affected by the short end of the yield curve and loan and securities rates tend to follow the long end of the yield curve, the result has been a net interest margin that has held up relatively well between periods in light of the historically low level of current market rates.

Net interest income increased by $\$ 1.310$ million, or $10.32 \%$, to $\$ 14.006$ million for the nine months ended September 30 , 2010 from $\$ 12.696$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The Bank's net interest spread decreased to $3.69 \%$ for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 from $3.94 \%$ for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 on a fully tax equivalent basis. As was the case with the quarterly results, the net interest margin has shown a decrease to $3.97 \%$ for the nine month period ended September 30,2010 from $4.28 \%$ for the nine month period ended September 30, 2009 on a fully tax equivalent basis. The decrease in net interest spread for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 when compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009 is also due to the fact that market rates are historically low across the yield curve and therefore it is hard to squeeze margin from the balance sheet.

Below are the tables which set forth average balances and corresponding yields for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010, and September 30, 2009:

Distribution of Assets, Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity; Interest Rates and Interest Differential (quarter to date)

September 2010
Three months ended

|  | September 2010 |  |  |  | September 2009 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | (2) |  |  |  | (2) |  |
| (Dollars in thousands) | Average |  | Yield/ |  | Average |  |  |  |
| ASSETS | Balance | Interest | Rate |  | Balance | Interest |  |  |
| Loans |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Real estate | \$120,763 | \$1,740 | 5.72 | \% | \$118,097 | \$1,691 | 5.68 | \% |
| Installment | 22,221 | 151 | 2.70 | \% | 18,384 | 269 | 5.81 | \% |
| Commercial | 200,367 | 2,886 | 5.71 | \% | 162,152 | 2,555 | 6.25 | \% |
| Tax exempt (1) | 26,554 | 279 | 6.32 | \% | 22,424 | 242 | 6.49 | \% |
| Other loans | 557 | 10 | 7.12 | \% | 525 | 9 | 6.80 | \% |
| Total loans (1) | 370,462 | 5,066 | 5.58 | \% | 321,582 | 4,766 | 6.03 | \% |
| Investment securities (AFS) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Taxable | 81,176 | 740 | 3.62 | \% | 47,796 | 609 | 5.06 | \% |
| Non-taxable (1) | 52,060 | 525 | 6.06 | \% | 54,441 | 550 | 6.07 | \% |
| Total securities (1) | 133,236 | 1,265 | 4.57 | \% | 102,237 | 1,159 | 5.60 | \% |
| Time deposits with other banks | 280 | 0 | 0.00 | \% | 1,126 | 0 | 0.00 | \% |
| Fed funds sold | 25,507 | 9 | 0.14 | \% | 9,483 | 4 | 0.17 | \% |
| Total earning assets (1) | 529,485 | 6,340 | 5.06 | \% | 434,428 | 5,929 | 5.79 | \% |
| Less: allowance for loan losses | (3,815 |  |  |  | (2,921 |  |  |  |
| Cash and due from banks | 7,786 |  |  |  | 6,560 |  |  |  |
| Premises and equipment, net | 7,341 |  |  |  | 6,183 |  |  |  |
| Other assets | 20,318 |  |  |  | 22,104 |  |  |  |
| Total assets | \$561,115 |  |  |  | \$466,354 |  |  |  |
| LIABILITIES AND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deposits |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest bearing demand | \$39,462 | 56 | 0.56 | \% | \$36,487 | 85 | 0.92 | \% |
| Regular savings | 191,972 | 510 | 1.05 | \% | 141,421 | 486 | 1.36 | \% |
| Money market savings | 37,761 | 68 | 0.71 | \% | 32,650 | 86 | 1.05 | \% |
| Time | 91,303 | 531 | 2.31 | \% | 90,889 | 558 | 2.44 | \% |
| Total interest bearing deposits | 360,498 | 1,165 | 1.28 | \% | 301,447 | 1,215 | 1.60 | \% |
| Borrowings | 73,938 | 470 | 2.52 | \% | 58,834 | 486 | 3.28 | \% |
| Total interest bearing | 434,436 | 1,635 | 1.49 | \% | 360,281 | 1,701 | 1.87 | \% |
| Liabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest income (1) |  | \$4,705 | 3.57 | \% |  | \$4,228 | 3.92 | \% |
| Non-interest bearing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demand deposits | 74,807 |  |  |  | 64,490 |  |  |  |
| Accrued expenses and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other liabilities | 4,467 |  |  |  | 2,489 |  |  |  |
| Stockholders' equity | 47,405 |  |  |  | 39,094 |  |  |  |
| Total liabilities and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stockholders' equity | \$561,115 |  |  |  | \$466,354 |  |  |  |

Interest income/earning assets

| (1) | 5.06 | $\%$ | 5.79 | $\%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest expense/earning assets | 1.23 | $\%$ | 1.55 | $\%$ |
| Net interest margin (1) | 3.84 | $\%$ | 4.23 | $\%$ |
| (1) Yields on tax exempt assets have been calculated on a fully tax equivalent basis assuming a tax rate of $34 \%$. |  |  |  |  |
| (2) Yields and costs are based on a $365 / 92$ annualization method. |  |  |  |  |

Distribution of Assets, Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity;
Interest Rates and Interest Differential (year to date)

Nine months ended
September 2010
September 2009
(2)

| (Dollars in thousands) | Average <br> Balance | Interest | Yield/ <br> Rate | Average <br> Balance | Interest | Rate |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

EIABILITIES AND
STOCKHOLDERS'EQUITY
Deposits

| Interest bearing demand | \$43,543 | 247 | 0.76 | \% | \$33,256 | 217 | 0.87 | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Regular savings | 184,914 | 1,580 | 1.14 | \% | 121,939 | 1,166 | 1.28 | \% |
| Money market savings | 37,072 | 221 | 0.80 | \% | 32,618 | 254 | 1.04 | \% |
| Time | 90,655 | 1,590 | 2.34 | \% | 113,605 | 2,444 | 2.88 | \% |
| Total interest bearing deposits | 356,184 | 3,638 | 1.37 | \% | 301,418 | 4,081 | 1.81 | \% |
| Borrowings | 67,035 | 1,427 | 2.85 | \% | 58,993 | 1,444 | 3.27 | \% |
| Total interest bearing | 423,219 | 5,065 | 1.60 | \% | 360,411 | 5,525 | 2.05 | \% |
| Liabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest income (1) |  | \$ 14,006 | 3.69 | \% |  | \$ 12,696 | 3.94 | \% |
| Non-interest bearing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demand deposits | 71,981 |  |  |  | 62,649 |  |  |  |
| Accrued expenses and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other liabilities | 3,954 |  |  |  | 2,965 |  |  |  |
| Stockholders' equity | 45,208 |  |  |  | 38,838 |  |  |  |
| Total liabilities and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stockholders' equity | \$544,362 |  |  |  | \$464,863 |  |  |  |
| Interest income/earning assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (1) |  |  | 5.29 | \% |  |  | 5.99 | \% |
| Interest expense/earning assets |  |  | 1.32 | \% |  |  | 1.71 | \% |

Net interest margin (1)
3.97 \%
4.28
(1) Yields on tax exempt assets have been calculated on a fully tax equivalent basis assuming a tax rate of $34 \%$. (2) Yields and costs are based on a 365/273 annualization method.

The following table shows the net interest income on a fully-tax-equivalent basis for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009.

## NET INTEREST INCOME

| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } 30, \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { September 30, } \\ 2009 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { September 30, } \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } 30, \\ 2009 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Total Interest Income | \$ | 6,340 | \$ | 5,929 | \$ | 19,071 | \$ | 18,221 |
| Tax Exempt Loans |  | 144 |  | 125 |  | 424 |  | 365 |
| Non-Taxable Securities |  | 270 |  | 283 |  | 776 |  | 814 |
|  |  | 6,754 |  | 6,337 |  | 20,271 |  | 19,400 |
| Total Interest Expense |  | 1,635 |  | 1,701 |  | 5,065 |  | 5,525 |
| Net Interest Income (Fully Tax |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equivalent Basis) | \$ | 5,119 | \$ | 4,636 | \$ | 15,206 | \$ | 13,875 |

Provision for Loan Losses:
The provision for loan losses for the three months ended September 30, 2010 was $\$ 445$ thousand, an increase of $\$ 280$ thousand or $169.70 \%$ over the same period in 2009. The increase in the provision for the quarter ended September 30, 2010 when compared to the same period in 2009 is due to increases in impaired loans which have made increased provisions necessary in order to maintain adequate reserve levels.

The provision for loan losses for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was $\$ 2.022$ million, an increase of $\$ 652$ thousand, or $47.59 \%$ over the same period in 2009. The increase in the provision for 2010 is due to a large commercial credit which had deteriorated to the point where the ultimate satisfaction of the credit was doubtful. The Company felt it prudent to charge the reserve and maintain satisfactory reserve levels. One of the Bank's main goals is to increase the loan to deposit ratio without jeopardizing loan quality. To reach its goal, management has continued its efforts to create strong underwriting standards for both commercial and consumer credit. The Bank's lending consists primarily of retail lending which includes single family residential mortgages and other consumer lending and commercial lending primarily to locally owned small businesses. The Bank has not participated in any sub-prime lending activity.

In the three month period ended September 30, 2010, charge-offs totaled $\$ 1.312$ million while net charge-offs totaled $\$ 1.308$ million as compared to $\$ 118$ thousand and $\$ 109$ thousand, respectively, for the same three month period in 2009.

In the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, charge-offs totaled $\$ 1.469$ million while net charge-offs totaled $\$ 1.431$ million as compared to $\$ 1.500$ million and $\$ 1.388$ million, respectively, for the same nine month period in 2009.

The variance between periods is due to the eventual charge off which was experienced in relation to the commercial credit discussed with the provision for loan loss. The charge off of this credit and increase in provisioning levels has allowed the Company to maintain adequate reserves.

Monthly, senior management uses a detailed analysis of the loan portfolio to determine loan loss reserve adequacy. The process considers all "problem loans" including classified, criticized, and monitored loans. Prior loan loss history and current market trends, both nationally and locally, are taken into consideration. A watch list of potential problem loans is maintained and monitored on a monthly basis by the Board of Directors. The Bank has not had, nor presently has, any foreign loans. Based upon this analysis, senior management has concluded that the allowance of loan losses is adequate.

Non-performing loans:

## (Dollars in thousands)

Non-accrual and restructured
Loans past due 90 or more days, accruing interest
Total nonperforming loans
Foreclosed assets
Total nonperforming assets
Nonperforming loans to total loans at period-end
Nonperforming assets to period end loans and foreclosed assets
Allowance to total loans
Allowance to non-accural loans

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } 30, \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ |  | December 31, 2009 |  |  | September 30, 2009 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | 6,290 |  | \$ | 3,087 |  | \$ | 3,683 |  |
|  | 146 |  |  | 239 |  |  | 421 |  |
|  | 6,436 |  |  | 3,326 |  |  | 4,104 |  |
|  | 3,925 |  |  | 5,534 |  |  | 5,482 |  |
| \$ | 10,361 |  | \$ | 8,860 |  | \$ | 9,586 |  |
|  | 1.73 | \% |  | 0.99 | \% |  | 1.26 | \% |
|  | 2.76 | \% |  | 2.60 | \% |  | 2.90 | \% |
|  | 1.06 | \% |  | 0.99 | \% |  | 0.92 | \% |
|  | 60.58 | \% |  | 132.00 | \% |  | 79.62 | \% |

Other Income:
Service charges and fees increased $12.71 \%$, or $\$ 60$ thousand, to $\$ 532$ thousand in the three months ended September 30, 2010, from $\$ 472$ thousand in the three months ended September 30, 2009. Debit card fee income increased to $\$ 201$ thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to $\$ 130$ thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2009 an increase of $\$ 71$ thousand, or $54.62 \%$. This service charge item combined with a decrease of $\$ 14$ thousand, or $4.91 \%$ in net overdraft fees to $\$ 271$ thousand for the quarter ended September 30, 2010 when compared to $\$ 285$ thousand for the same quarter in 2009 accounts for the increase for the third quarter of 2010 when compared to the same period in 2009.

Service charges and fees increased $10.35 \%$, or $\$ 145$ thousand, to $\$ 1.546$ million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010, from $\$ 1.401$ million in the nine months ended September 30, 2009. Debit card fee income increased to $\$ 567$ thousand for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to $\$ 413$ thousand for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 an increase of $\$ 154$ thousand, or $37.29 \%$, more than accounting for the year to date increase from 2009.

Investment division income was $\$ 81$ thousand for the three month period ended September 30, 2010, an increase of $\$ 22$ thousand, or $37.29 \%$, from $\$ 59$ thousand for the same period in 2009. The increase is due to an increase to confidence in the investment industry as a whole which was noted in this quarter. This income classification is prone to fluctuation as commissions reflect overall activity in the investing public.

Investment division income was $\$ 240$ thousand for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, a decrease of $\$ 44$ thousand, or $15.49 \%$, from $\$ 284$ thousand for the same period in 2009 . This is seen as being due to an overall industry slowdown in 2010.

Earnings on investment in life insurance (BOLI) was $\$ 81$ thousand for the three month period ended September 30, 2010, compared to $\$ 85$ thousand for the three month period ended September 30, 2009, a decrease of $\$ 4$ thousand, or $4.71 \%$. This decrease is considered to be in line with crediting rate adjustments for 2010.

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Earnings on investment in life insurance (BOLI) were $\$ 245$ thousand for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, a decrease of $\$ 10$ thousand, or $3.92 \%$, when compared to $\$ 255$ thousand for the nine month period ended September 30, 2009. This remaining variance is also considered to be in line with crediting rate adjustments for 2010.

Other income was $\$ 264$ thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2010, an increase of $\$ 113$ thousand, or $74.83 \%$ from $\$ 151$ thousand for the comparable period in 2009. The most significant increases were in fees and premiums recognized on mortgage sales for the quarter. With loan rates being at historical lows, this activity has picked up in the current year. Income recognized through mortgage sales is up $\$ 71$ thousand, or $73.96 \%$ at $\$ 168$ thousand when comparing the third quarter of 2010 to the same period in 2009, which came in at $\$ 97$ thousand.

Other income was $\$ 862$ thousand for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, an increase of $\$ 369$ thousand, or $74.85 \%$, from $\$ 493$ thousand for the comparable period in 2009. The most significant increase was from tax exempt cash surrender value received from BOLI in the amount of $\$ 320$ thousand recognized in the first quarter of 2010.

Income from other real estate was $\$ 75$ thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2010, an increase of $\$ 31$ thousand, or $70.45 \%$ from $\$ 44$ thousand for the comparable period in 2009. This income statement item captures operating income from a commercial property that the Company took a deed in lieu of foreclosure on.

Income from other real estate was $\$ 362$ thousand for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, an increase of $\$ 166$ thousand, or $84.69 \%$, from $\$ 196$ thousand for the comparable period in 2009. The operating income is subject to variations when comparing periods. The offsetting expenses associated with this property are captured in other non-interest expense.

Gains on security sales were $\$ 22$ thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to losses on security sales of $\$ 1.169$ million for the comparable period in 2009 , an increase of $\$ 1.191$ million. This variance is primarily due to a $\$ 1.229$ million loss on the sale of a security that was sold due to a credit rating that had fallen below investment grade in July 2009.

Gains on security sales were $\$ 223$ thousand for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to loss of $\$ 651$ thousand for the comparable period in 2009, an increase of $\$ 874$ thousand. This increase too is due to the $\$ 1.229$ million loss on the sale of a security that was sold due to a credit rating that had fallen below investment grade during the third quarter of 2009. This was somewhat offset by a merger transaction in the second quarter in which an exchange of one of the Company's common stock for common stock in the surviving entity. The transaction was structured so that $60 \%$ of the resulting company shares were recognized in cash and $40 \%$ were exchanged for shares in the new company. The result of this transaction was the realization of a $\$ 248$ thousand gain in the second quarter of 2009.

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As previously mentioned in the discussion of securities, management evaluates securities for other than temporary impairment at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market concerns warrant such evaluation. Consideration is given to (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and (3) the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. As such, a determination was made in the first nine months of 2010 and 2009 to record other than temporary impairment charges. The amount of impairment charged against income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was $\$ 140$ thousand as compared to similar charges for the period ended September 30, 2009 of $\$ 136$ thousand. There were $\$ 140$ thousand in impairment charges against income for the quarter ended September 30, 2010 compared no impairment charges in the third quarter of 2009.

## Other Operating Expenses:

Total other expenses increased $28.82 \%$, or $\$ 848$ thousand, to $\$ 3.790$ million during the three months ended September 30,2010 compared to $\$ 2.942$ million for the comparable period in 2009. The most significant contributing factor to the increase in other operating expenses is a $\$ 597$ thousand penalty assessed by the FHLB related to the prepayment of a $\$ 5.00$ million advance in the third quarter. There was no comparable charge to income in 2009. This would also account for the majority of the variance for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010 below:

Total other expenses increased $10.67 \%$, or $\$ 969$ thousand, to $\$ 10.050$ million during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to $\$ 9.081$ million for the comparable period in 2009.

Components of other expenses are as follows:
Salaries and benefits increased $7.97 \%$, or $\$ 110$ thousand, to $\$ 1.490$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to $\$ 1.380$ million for the same period in 2009. Incremental pay raises increased the salary figure by $\$ 100$ thousand when comparing the third quarter of 2010 to the third quarter of 2009. Salaries and benefits are within the third quarter 2010 budgeted amounts.

Salaries and benefits increased $2.69 \%$, or $\$ 110$ thousand, to $\$ 4.196$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to $\$ 4.086$ million for the same period in 2009. While incremental pay raises increased the salary figure by $\$ 321$ thousand when comparing the nine month period ended September 30, 2010 to the same period in 2009, credits received for health care premiums in the amount of $\$ 80$ thousand contributed to a reduction in benefits of $\$ 138$ thousand between those same periods. Salaries and benefits are within 2010 budgeted amounts.

Occupancy expenses increased $\$ 24$ thousand, or $12.70 \%$, for the three month period ended September 30, 2010, to $\$ 213$ thousand, compared to $\$ 189$ thousand for the same period in 2009. This is considered to be in line, and is actually below budgeted expectations.

Occupancy expense also increased $\$ 18$ thousand, or $2.87 \%$, for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, to $\$ 646$ thousand, compared to $\$ 628$ thousand for the nine month period ended September 30, 2009. Year to date occupancy costs are also within budget for the period ended September 30, 2010.

Equipment expense increased $\$ 8$ thousand, or $5.93 \%$, for the three month period ended September 30, 2010, to $\$ 143$ thousand, compared to $\$ 135$ thousand for the same period in 2009. Increased depreciation expense in relation to branch equipment put in service during 2010 accounts for the additional depreciation expense. This variance is within budget expectations.

Equipment expense decreased $\$ 5$ thousand, or $1.22 \%$, for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, to $\$ 405$ thousand, compared to $\$ 410$ thousand for the nine month period ended September 30, 2009. This variance is considered to be immaterial and is in line with budget expectations.

FDIC insurance and assessments were up $\$ 11$ thousand, or $6.15 \%$ for the three months ended September 30, 2010, to $\$ 190$ thousand when compared to $\$ 179$ thousand for the same period in 2009. The increase in FDIC assessments for 2009 is discussed in more detail in Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements included in this document.

FDIC insurance and assessments decreased $\$ 166$ thousand, or $22.96 \%$ to $\$ 557$ thousand for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 when compared to $\$ 723$ thousand for the same period in 2009. The variance is the result of a $\$ 210,000$ special assessment incurred as of June 30, 2009 which was previously discussed in Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements included in this document.

Professional fees and outside services decreased $\$ 19$ thousand, or $13.19 \%$, in the three months ended September 30, 2010 to $\$ 125$ thousand, compared to $\$ 144$ thousand for the three month period ended September 30, 2009. Costs associated with one time professional services incurred in the third quarter of 2009 in the amount of $\$ 30$ thousand more than accounted for this variance. Those services were in conjunction with a large commercial credit which had deteriorated to the point where the ultimate satisfaction of the credit was doubtful. The Company did not incur similar costs in the third quarter of 2010.

Professional fees and outside services increased $\$ 14$ thousand, or $3.33 \%$, in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 to $\$ 434$ thousand, compared to $\$ 420$ thousand for the same nine month period ended September 30, 2009. Costs associated with special reviews performed by an outside consultant in the amount of $\$ 5$ thousand and increased fees paid to the Department of Education for $\$ 6$ thousand account for this increase.

Computer services and supplies increased $\$ 49$ thousand, or $20.76 \%$, for the three months ended September 30, 2010, to $\$ 285$ thousand, compared to $\$ 236$ thousand for the comparable period in 2009. Increases were expected as the Company works to implement new technologies to its information technologies department. The expense classification is within budget for the third quarter of 2010.

Computer services and supplies increased $\$ 64$ thousand, or $8.40 \%$, for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, to $\$ 826$ thousand, compared to $\$ 762$ thousand for the comparable period in 2009. This increase is considered to be line with budget expectations, and is in fact $\$ 24$ thousand below projections for the third quarter of 2010. Increases were expected as the Company works to implement new technologies to its information technologies department.

Taxes, other than payroll and income, increased $\$ 8$ thousand, or $9.09 \%$, to $\$ 96$ thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to $\$ 88$ thousand for the same period in 2009. The increase is considered to be immaterial and is within budget expectations for the third quarter of 2010.

Taxes, other than payroll and income, decreased $\$ 9$ thousand, or $3.02 \%$, to $\$ 289$ thousand for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to $\$ 298$ thousand for the same period in 2009. The decrease is the result of sales tax refunds of $\$ 10$ thousand received in the first quarter of 2010 that resulted from an independent audit of sales taxes paid.

Amortization expense-deposit acquisition premiums remained flat at $\$ 65$ thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the same period in 2009.

Amortization expense-deposit acquisition premiums also remained flat at $\$ 194$ thousand for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 when compared to the same period in 2009.

Advertising expense increased by $\$ 51$ thousand or $79.69 \%$, to $\$ 115$ thousand for the three-month period ended September 30, 2010 compared to $\$ 64$ thousand for the three-month period ended September 30, 2009. An increase was budgeted in 2010 as the Company continues to increase its marketing efforts in new markets. The $\$ 115$ thousand incurred for advertising in the third quarter of 2010 compares to $\$ 112$ incurred for the second quarter of 2010.

Advertising expense increased by $\$ 103$ thousand or $46.61 \%$, to $\$ 324$ thousand for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 compared to $\$ 221$ thousand for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009. Increases in advertising expense were budgeted for 2010 as the Company continues to increase its marketing efforts in new markets.

Stationary and printing supplies decreased $\$ 6$ thousand, or $7.14 \%$, to $\$ 90$ thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to $\$ 84$ thousand for the same period in 2009. This variance is just slightly over budget expectations for the third quarter of 2010 .

Stationary and printing supplies increased $\$ 20$ thousand, or $7.49 \%$, to $\$ 287$ thousand for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to $\$ 267$ thousand for the same period in 2009. This variance too was just slightly over budget expectations thus far in 2010. The items that make up this expense item tend to be smaller sundry expenses.

All other operating expenses decreased $\$ 284$ thousand, or $75.13 \%$, to $\$ 94$ thousand in the three months ended September 30, 2010, compared to $\$ 378$ thousand for the same three month period in 2009. The decrease is considered to be immaterial.

All other operating expenses increased $\$ 223$ thousand, or $20.80 \%$, to $\$ 1.295$ million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, compared to $\$ 1.072$ million for the same nine month period in 2009. The increase is primarily attributable to costs incurred during the first nine months of 2010 in relation to foreclosed assets. This compares to the first nine months of 2009 when credits totaling $\$ 185,000$ were received as reimbursement of previously incurred expenses on a large commercial foreclosure.

## Income Tax Provision:

The Corporation recorded an income tax provision of $\$ 272$ thousand, or $16.27 \%$ of pre-tax income, and a $\$ 23$ thousand tax benefit, or $3.01 \%$ of pre-tax income, respectively for the quarters ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

The Corporation recorded an income tax provision of $\$ 830$ thousand, or $15.74 \%$ of income, and $\$ 527$ thousand, or $12.89 \%$ of income, for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The fluctuation in effective tax rates between the periods is primarily due to the relationship of tax exempt income to pre-tax income.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk
The overnight borrowing rate has now been subject to a range of $0 \%$ to $0.25 \%$ since the Federal Reserve adopted their accommodative monetary policy. The Federal Reserve and Treasury Department have also acted in concert to drive longer term rates to historic lows as well as operating as a backstop to the financial industry through direct infusions of capital. While some federal programs to aid the economy have expired, there are no immediate signs that the current rate environment could change in the near term as inflation does not pose a threat, the employment and housing sectors have shown only minimal signs of improvement and the Federal Reserve contemplates another round of "quantitative easing". As such, the Company is operating within a steep, albeit low rate yield curve environment which has allowed the Company to maintain a strong net interest margin (see previous discussions). As of September 30,2010 , the Bank is currently showing more sensitivity to an upward rate shift scenario. The results of the latest financial simulation follow. The simulation shows a possible decrease in net interest income of $6.58 \%$, or $\$ 1.371$ million, in a +200 basis point rate shock scenario over a one-year period. An increase of $2.91 \%$ or $\$ 605$ thousand is shown in the model at a - 200 basis point rate shock scenario. The net interest income risk position of the Bank is within the guidelines established by the Bank's asset/liability policy for interest rate sensitivity testing. The variances are also within policy guidelines when tested over two full years. The percentage variances show a net interest income decrease of $4.91 \%$ when tested up 200 basis points and a decrease of $1.60 \%$ when tested down 200 basis points. The Bank continuously monitors this rate sensitivity and acts accordingly to minimize its risk to the overall asset liability position of the Company. To mitigate exposure to rising rates, the Bank has worked to shorten the duration on the asset side of the balance sheet to allow for flexibility to reinvest at the higher rates.

Equity value at risk is monitored regularly and is also within established policy limits. Please refer to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for December 31, 2009, for further discussion of this matter.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures
(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.

The Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15(d)-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of September 30, 2010. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in timely alerting them to any material information relating to the Company and its subsidiaries required to be included in the Company's periodic SEC filings.
(b) Changes in internal controls.

There were no changes made in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

Although as stated above, we have not made any significant changes in our internal controls over financial reporting in the most recent fiscal quarter, based on our documentation and testing to date, we have made improvements in the documentation, design and effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting, including the purchase of internal control software that allows upper management to view reports and to understand the risks and controls within the entire organization or specific areas of the organization. These reports provide up to date information at all times.

## PART II OTHER INFORMATION

## Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The nature of the Company's business generates a certain amount of litigation involving matters arising out of the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, there are no legal proceedings that might have a material effect on the consolidated results of operations, liquidity, or the financial position of the Company at this time.

Item 1A. Risk Factors
No changes from those previously disclosed.
Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

MONTH
July 1, 2010 - July 31, 2010
August 1, 2010 - August 31, 2010
September 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010
TOTAL

|  | Total <br> number of <br> shares <br> purchased <br> as part of | Maximum <br> number of <br> shares that <br> may yet be |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total |  | purchased |  |
| number of | Average <br> announced | plans or |  |
| shares | price paid | plans or | programs |
| purchased | per share | programs | $(1)$ |
| 0 | $\$ 0$ | 0 | 65,751 |
| 0 | $\$ 0$ | 0 | 65,751 |
| 0 | $\$ 0$ | 0 | 65,751 |
| 0 | $\$ 0$ | 0 |  |

(1) On July 2, 2001, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of an additional $5 \%$, or 158,931 shares of the Corporation's common stock outstanding.

Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities
None.
Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders
None.
Item 5. Other Information
None.

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Item 6. Exhibits
(3.1) Articles of Incorporation of Peoples Financial Services Corp. Incorporate by reference to the Corporation's Registration Statement on Form 10 as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 4, 1998;
(3.2) Bylaws of Peoples Financial Services Corp. as amended. Incorporated by reference to the Corporation's Exhibit 3.2 on Form 10-Q filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on November 8, 2004;
(10.4) Termination Agreement dated January 1, 1997, between Debra E. Dissinger and Peoples Financial Services Corp. Incorporated by reference to the Corporation's Registration Statement on Form 10 as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 4, 1998;
(10.6) Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan Agreement, dated December 3, 2004, for Debra E. Dissinger. Incorporated by reference to the Corporation's Exhibits 10.6 and 10.7 on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 15, 2005*;
(10.7) Supplemental Director Retirement Plan Agreement, dated December 3, 2004, for all Non-Employee Directors of the Company. Incorporated by reference to the Corporation's Exhibits 10.6 and 10.7 on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 15, 2005*;
(10.9) Amendment to Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan Agreement, dated December 30, 2005, for Debra E. Dissinger. Incorporated by reference to the Corporation's Exhibits 10.9 and 10.10 on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 15, 2006*;
(10.10) Amendment to Supplemental Director Retirement Plan Agreement, dated December 30, 2005, for all Non-Employee Directors of the Company. Incorporated by reference to the Corporation's Exhibits 10.9 and 10.10 on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 15, 2006*;
(10.11) Termination Agreement dated January 1, 2007, between Stephen N. Lawrenson and Peoples Financial Services Corp. Incorporated by reference to the Corporation's Exhibits 10.11 and 10.12 on Form 10-Q filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on May 10, 2007*;
(10.12) Termination Agreement dated January 1, 2007, between Joseph M. Ferretti and Peoples Financial Services Corp. Incorporated by reference to the Corporation's Exhibits 10.11 and 10.12 on Form 10-Q filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on May 10, 2007*;
(10.14) Termination Agreement dated October 23, 2009, between Frederick J. Malloy and Peoples Financial Services Corp. Incorporated by reference to the Corporation's Exhibit 10.14 on Form 8K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on October 27, 2009*;
(10.15) Employment Agreement dated November 30, 2009, between Alan W. Dakey and Peoples Financial Services Corp. Incorporated by reference to the Corporation's Exhibit 10.15 on Form 8K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on November 17, 2009*;
(11) The statement regarding computation of per-share earnings required by this exhibit is contained in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements captioned "Earnings Per Share";
(14) Code of Ethics, as amended. Incorporated by reference to the Corporation's Exhibit 14 as filed on Form 10Q with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on August 11, 2008;
(21) Subsidiaries of Peoples Financial Services Corp. Incorporated by reference to the Corporation's Exhibit 21 on Form 10-Q filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on August 9, 2007;
(31.1) Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), filed herewith;
(31.2) Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), filed herewith;
(32.1) Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 1350 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith; and
(32.2) Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 1350 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.

## 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, thereunto duly authorized.

PEOPLES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP.

By/s/ Alan W. Dakey
Alan W. Dakey, President/CEO
Date: $\quad$ November 9, 2010

By/s/ Frederick J. Malloy
Frederick J. Malloy, VP/Controller/Principal Accounting Officer
Date: November 9, 2010

By/s/ Debra E. Dissinger
Debra E. Dissinger, Executive Vice President/Principal Financial Officer
Date: November 9, 2010

