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AMERICAN NATIONAL BANKSHARES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 17, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) March 17, 2005

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANKSHARES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia	0-12820	54-1284688
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

628 Main Street, Danville, VA	24541
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 434-792-5111

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On March 15, 2005, the Board of Directors of American National Bank and Trust Company (the "Bank"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of American National Bankshares Inc. (the "Corporation"), upon recommendation from the Corporation's Human Resources and Compensation Committee, approved the 2005 Incentive Compensation Program. Substantially all officers, including all executive officers, of the Bank are eligible to participate in the Program.

Under the Program, each participating employee will be eligible for an incentive payment equal to 3% of his or her 2005 base compensation if the Corporation achieves a certain amount of basic earnings per share in 2005. With each increase of 1% (or portion thereof) in earnings per share above the minimum threshold, each participating employee will be eligible for an additional incentive payment of 1% (or pro rata portion thereof) of his or her 2005 base

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compensation. The calculated incentive amount must then be earned as a percentage of the performance goals met by the employee in 2005. If the employee exceeds the performance goals, an additional incentive payment may be made, not to exceed 25% of the calculated incentive amount.

Signature

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

Date: March 17, 2005

/s/Neal A. Petrovich

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Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer