

Ameris Bancorp
Form 8-K
June 19, 2012

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): June 14, 2012

Ameris Bancorp

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Georgia
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-13901
(Commission
File Number)

58-1456434
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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310 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (229) 890-1111

31768

(Zip Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On June 14, 2012, V. Wayne Williford, a director of Ameris Bancorp (the Company) tendered his resignation, effective immediately, from the Company's Board of Directors, the Ameris Bank Board of Directors and the Ameris Bank Jacksonville Community Board of Directors. Mr. Williford advised the Company that his decision to resign was based on personal reasons related to the demands of other business activities.

The Board of Directors of the Company will be deliberate in its process to appoint a director to fill the vacancy created by this resignation.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AMERIS BANCORP

By: /s/ Edwin W. Hortman, Jr.
Edwin W. Hortman, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: June 19, 2012