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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2018

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana	0-11487	35-1559596
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

202 East Center Street, P.O. Box 1387, Warsaw, Indiana 46581 1387
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

(574) 267 6144
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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 No

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 No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

Number of shares of common stock outstanding at April 30, 2018: 25,291,582

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ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands except share data)

	March 31, 2018 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2017
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$113,509	\$140,402
Short-term investments	54,042	35,778
Total cash and cash equivalents	167,551	176,180
Securities available for sale (carried at fair value)	560,664	538,493
Real estate mortgage loans held for sale	1,511	3,346
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$45,627 and \$47,121	3,800,041	3,771,338
Land, premises and equipment, net	55,737	56,466
Bank owned life insurance	76,109	75,879
Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank stock	13,772	13,772
Accrued interest receivable	14,616	14,093
Goodwill	4,970	4,970
Other assets	31,977	28,439
Total assets	\$4,726,948	\$4,682,976
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Noninterest bearing deposits	\$858,950	\$885,622
Interest bearing deposits	3,240,538	3,123,033
Total deposits	4,099,488	4,008,655
Borrowings		
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	94,716	70,652
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	0	80,030
Subordinated debentures	30,928	30,928
Total borrowings	125,644	181,610
Accrued interest payable	7,484	6,311
Other liabilities	20,999	17,733
Total liabilities	4,253,615	4,214,309
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common stock: 90,000,000 shares authorized, no par value		
25,291,582 shares issued and 25,124,441 outstanding as of March 31, 2018		
25,194,903 shares issued and 25,025,933 outstanding as of December 31, 2017	107,860	108,862
Retained earnings	376,850	363,794
Accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss)	(7,988)	(670)
Treasury stock, at cost (2018 - 167,141 shares, 2017 - 168,970 shares)	(3,478)	(3,408)
Total stockholders' equity	473,244	468,578
Noncontrolling interest	89	89

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Total equity	473,333	468,667
Total liabilities and equity	\$4,726,948	\$4,682,976

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (unaudited - in thousands except share and per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
NET INTEREST INCOME		
Interest and fees on loans		
Taxable	\$41,794	\$34,447
Tax exempt	217	150
Interest and dividends on securities		
Taxable	2,434	2,320
Tax exempt	1,331	1,162
Other interest income	292	48
Total interest income	46,068	38,127
Interest on deposits	9,367	5,442
Interest on borrowings		
Short-term	111	310
Long-term	367	314
Total interest expense	9,845	6,066
NET INTEREST INCOME	36,223	32,061
Provision for loan losses	3,300	200
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	32,923	31,861
NONINTEREST INCOME		
Wealth advisory fees	1,505	1,250
Investment brokerage fees	290	321
Service charges on deposit accounts	3,628	3,143
Loan and service fees	2,177	1,893
Merchant card fee income	642	538
Bank owned life insurance income	363	471
Other income	1,039	509
Mortgage banking income	241	131
Net securities gains/(losses)	(6)	3
Total noninterest income	9,879	8,259
NONINTEREST EXPENSE		
Salaries and employee benefits	12,019	11,370
Net occupancy expense	1,426	1,120
Equipment costs	1,274	1,075
Data processing fees and supplies	2,513	2,016
Corporate and business development	1,133	1,502
FDIC insurance and other regulatory fees	461	434
Professional fees	872	954
Other expense	1,504	1,577
Total noninterest expense	21,202	20,048

INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE	21,600	20,072
Income tax expense	3,264	5,558
NET INCOME	\$18,336	\$14,514
BASIC WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES	25,257,414	25,152,242
BASIC EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE	\$0.73	\$0.58
DILUTED WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES	25,696,864	25,596,136
DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE	\$0.71	\$0.57

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(unaudited - in thousands)

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
Net income	\$18,336	\$14,514
Other comprehensive income		
Change in securities available for sale:		
Unrealized holding gain/(loss) on securities available for sale arising during the period	(9,161)	713
Reclassification adjustment for gains/(losses) included in net income	6	(3)
Net securities gain/(loss) activity during the period	(9,155)	710
Tax effect	2,029	(265)
Net of tax amount	(7,126)	445
Defined benefit pension plans:		
Amortization of net actuarial loss	66	66
Net gain activity during the period	66	66
Tax effect	(17)	(26)
Net of tax amount	49	40
 Total other comprehensive income, net of tax	 (7,077)	 485
 Comprehensive income	 \$11,259	 \$14,999

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (unaudited - in thousands except share and per share data)

	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock Stock	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Treasury Stock	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance at January 1, 2017	24,937,865	\$104,405	\$327,873	\$(2,387)	\$(2,913)	\$426,978
Comprehensive income:						
Net income			14,514			14,514
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax				485		485
Cash dividends declared, \$0.19 per share			(4,771)			(4,771)
Treasury shares purchased under deferred directors' plan	(4,846)	220			(220)	0
Stock activity under equity compensation plans	84,672	(1,652)				(1,652)
Stock based compensation expense		1,559				1,559
Balance at March 31, 2017	25,017,691	\$104,532	\$337,616	\$(1,902)	\$(3,133)	\$437,113
Balance at January 1, 2018	25,025,933	\$108,862	\$363,794	\$(670)	\$(3,408)	\$468,578
Adoption of ASU 2018-02 (See Note 1)			173	(173)		0
Adoption of ASU 2014-09 (See Note 1)			24			24
Adoption of ASU 2016-01 (See Note 1)			68	(68)		0
Comprehensive income:						
Net income			18,336			18,336
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax				(7,077)		(7,077)
Cash dividends declared, \$0.22 per share			(5,545)			(5,545)
Treasury shares purchased under deferred directors' plan	(3,807)	185			(185)	0
Treasury shares sold and distributed under deferred directors' plan	5,636	(115)			115	0

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Stock activity under equity compensation plans	96,679	(2,483)				(2,483)
Stock based compensation expense		1,411				1,411
Balance at March 31, 2018	25,124,441	\$107,860	\$376,850	\$(7,988)	\$(3,478)	\$473,244

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited - in thousands)

Three Months Ended March 31	2018	2017
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$18,336	\$14,514
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation	1,404	1,165
Provision for loan losses	3,300	200
Net loss (gain) on sale and write down of other real estate owned	16	(5)
Amortization of loan servicing rights	132	158
Loans originated for sale, including participations	(9,506)	(10,812)
Net gain on sales of loans	(350)	(364)
Proceeds from sale of loans, including participations	11,499	13,066
Net loss on sales of premises and equipment	2	0
Net loss (gain) on sales and calls of securities available for sale	6	(3)
Net securities amortization	749	715
Stock based compensation expense	1,411	1,559
Earnings on life insurance	(363)	(471)
Gain on life insurance	(201)	0
Tax benefit of stock option exercises	(761)	(924)
Net change:		
Interest receivable and other assets	(2,130)	(301)
Interest payable and other liabilities	2,395	2,263
Total adjustments	7,603	6,246
Net cash from operating activities	25,939	20,760
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of securities available for sale	12,322	16,811
Proceeds from maturities, calls and principal paydowns of securities available for sale	12,659	14,109
Purchases of securities available for sale	(53,841)	(52,763)
Purchase of life insurance	(258)	(446)
Net increase in total loans	(32,003)	(61,496)
Proceeds from sales of land, premises and equipment	1	0
Purchases of land, premises and equipment	(678)	(2,285)
Proceeds from sales of other real estate	12	42
Proceeds from life insurance	564	0
Net cash from investing activities	(61,222)	(86,028)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net increase in total deposits	90,833	101,485
Net increase in short-term borrowings	24,064	89,731

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Payments on long-term borrowings	(80,030)	(175,002)
Common dividends paid	(5,545)	(4,771)
Payments related to equity incentive plans	(2,483)	(1,652)
Purchase of treasury stock	(185)	(220)
Net cash from financing activities	26,654	9,571
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(8,629)	(55,697)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	176,180	167,280
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	\$167,551	\$111,583
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	\$8,672	\$5,841
Income taxes	0	4
Supplemental non-cash disclosures:		
Securities purchases payable	3,081	2,073

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

This report is filed for Lakeland Financial Corporation (the "Company") and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Lake City Bank (the "Bank") and LCB Risk Management, a captive insurance company. Also included in this report is the Bank's wholly owned subsidiary, LCB Investments II, Inc. ("LCB Investments"), which manages the Bank's investment portfolio. LCB Investments also owns LCB Funding, Inc. ("LCB Funding"), a real estate investment trust. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") for interim financial information and with the instructions for Form 10-Q. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements and are unaudited. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (all of which are normal and recurring in nature) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three-month period ended March 31, 2018 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any subsequent reporting periods, including the year ending December 31, 2018. The Company's 2017 Annual Report on Form 10-K should be read in conjunction with these statements.

Adoption of New Accounting Standards

The Company accounts for revenue in accordance with ASU No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" and all the subsequent amendments to the ASU (collectively "ASC 606"), which the Company adopted on January 1, 2018, using the modified retrospective approach. Results for reporting periods beginning after January 1, 2018 are presented under ASC 606, while prior period amounts are not adjusted and continue to be reported under the accounting standards in effect for the prior period. We recorded a net increase to opening retained earnings of \$24,000 as of January 1, 2018 due to the cumulative impact of adopting ASC 606. Revenue is split between net interest income and noninterest income at a ratio of approximately 80% to 20%, respectively. The scope of the guidance explicitly excludes net interest income as well as many other revenues for financial assets and liabilities including loans, leases, securities, and derivatives. The Company's services that fall within ASC 606 are presented in noninterest income and are recognized as revenue as the Company satisfies its obligation to the customer. The majority of the Company's revenue is from the business of banking and the Company's assigned regions have similar economic characteristics, products, services and customers. Accordingly, all of the Company's operations are considered by management to be aggregated in one reportable operating segment.

The income statement impact of adopting ASC 606 for the period ending March 31, 2018 is outlined below:

	Period ending March 31, 2018		
	As reported	Under legacy GAAP	Impact of ASC 606
Noninterest income			
Loan and service fees	\$2,177	\$1,983	\$194
Other income	241	241	0
Total	\$2,418	\$2,224	\$194
Noninterest expense			
Data processing fees and supplies	2,513	2,319	194
Total	\$2,513	\$2,319	\$194
Net Impact	\$(95)	\$(95)	\$0
Net income	\$18,336	\$18,336	\$0
Comprehensive income	11,259	11,259	0
Basic earnings per share	\$0.73	\$0.73	\$0

Diluted earnings per share	0.71	0.71	0
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In January 2016, the FASB amended existing accounting guidance related to the recognition and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities. These amendments make targeted improvements to U.S. GAAP as follows: (1) Require equity investments (except those accounted for under the equity method of accounting or those that result in consolidation of the investee) to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income. However, an entity may choose to measure equity investments that do not have readily determinable fair values at cost minus impairment, if any, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or a similar investment of the same issuer. (2) Simplify the impairment assessment of equity investments without readily determinable fair values by requiring a qualitative assessment to identify impairment. When a qualitative assessment indicates that impairment exists, an entity is required to measure the investment at fair value. (3) Eliminate the requirement to disclose the fair value of financial instruments measured at amortized cost for entities that are not public business entities. (4) Eliminate the requirement for public business entities to disclose the method(s) and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value that is required to be disclosed for financial instruments measured at amortized cost on the balance sheet. (5) Require public business entities to use the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes. (6) Require an entity to present separately in other comprehensive income the portion of the total change in the fair value of a liability resulting from a change in the instrument-specific credit risk when the entity has elected to measure the liability at fair value in accordance with the fair value option for financial instruments. (7) Require separate presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities by measurement category and form of financial asset (that is, securities or loans and receivable) on the balance sheet or the accompanying notes to the financial statements. (8) Clarify that an entity should evaluate the need for a valuation allowance on a deferred tax asset related to available-for-sale securities in combination with the entity's other deferred tax assets. This guidance was effective beginning January 1, 2018. Adopting this standard resulted in a credit to retained earnings for the reclassification in the amount of \$68,000.

In August 2016, the FASB issued guidance related to the classification of certain cash receipts and cash payments in the statement of cash flow. This standard provides cash flow statement classification guidance for certain transactions including how the predominance principle should be applied when cash receipts and cash payments have aspects of more than one class of cash flows. This guidance was effective beginning January 1, 2018. Adopting this standard did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-07, "Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost." Under the new guidance, employers will present the service cost component of the net periodic benefit cost in the same income statement line item as other employee compensation costs arising from services rendered during the period. In addition, only the service cost component will be eligible for capitalization in assets. Employers will present the other components separately from the line item that includes the service cost. The guidance was effective beginning January 1, 2018. As a result of the applicable plans being frozen April 1, 2000, there was no service cost recognized for the three-month periods ending March 31, 2018 and 2017. All other components of cost were recorded in other expense under noninterest expenses on the Consolidated Statements of Income for all periods presented. Adopting this standard did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

In February 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-02, "Income Statement – Reporting Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income." The ASU required a reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings for stranded tax effects resulting from the newly enacted federal corporate income tax rate as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The amount reclassified was the difference between the historical corporate income tax rate and the newly 21% federal corporate income tax rate. The new guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and early adoption is permitted. The Company elected to early adopt the guidance during the first quarter of 2018, and recorded a credit to retained earnings for the reclassification in the amount of \$173,000.

Newly Issued But Not Yet Effective Accounting Standards

In February 2016, the FASB issued new accounting guidance related to leases. This update, effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2019, will replace existing lease guidance in GAAP and will require lessees to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet for all leases and disclose key information about leasing arrangements. When implemented, lessees and lessors will be required to recognize and measure leases at the beginning of the earliest period presented using a modified retrospective approach. The Company currently has approximately \$5.2 million of lease obligations that would come on balance sheet as both assets and liabilities upon adoption of this accounting standard.

In June 2016, the FASB issued guidance related to credit losses on financial instruments. This update will change the accounting for credit losses on loans and debt securities. The measurement of expected credit losses is to be based on information about past events, including historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts that affect the collectability of the reported amount. For loans, this measurement will take place at the time the financial asset is first added to the balance sheet and periodically thereafter. This differs significantly from the "incurred loss" model required under current GAAP, which delays recognition until it is probable a loss has been incurred. In addition, the guidance will modify the other-than-temporary impairment model for available-for-sale debt securities to require an allowance for credit impairment instead of a direct write-down, which will allow for reversal of credit impairments in future periods. This guidance is effective for public business entities that meet the definition of an SEC filer for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods in those fiscal years. The Company has formed a cross-functional committee that has evaluated existing technology and other solutions for calculating losses under this new standard, selected a vendor to validate data currently loaded in the technology solution selected, and reviewed the validation assessment report. The committee is currently evaluating the various methods available for calculating the credit losses, including but not limited to discounted cash flows, migration, and vintage. Management expects to recognize credit losses earlier upon adoption of this accounting standard and the expected credit loss model than it has historically done under the current incurred credit loss model and is evaluating the impact of adopting this new accounting standard on our financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-04 "Intangibles - Goodwill and Other - Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment." These amendments eliminate Step 2 from the goodwill impairment test. The amendments also eliminate the requirements for any reporting unit with a zero or negative carrying amount to perform a qualitative assessment and, if it fails that qualitative test, to perform Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test. An entity still has the option to perform the qualitative assessment for a reporting unit to determine if the quantitative impairment test is necessary. The guidance is effective for annual or any interim goodwill impairment tests in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted for interim or annual goodwill impairment tests performed on testing dates after January 1, 2017. ASU 2017-04 should be adopted on a prospective basis. Management does not expect the adoption of this new accounting standard to have a material impact on our financial statements.

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-08, "Receivables—Nonrefundable Fees and Other Costs: Premium Amortization on Purchased Callable Debt Securities." This update amends the amortization period for certain purchased callable debt securities held at a premium. FASB is shortening the amortization period for the premium to the earliest call date. Under current GAAP, entities generally amortize the premium as an adjustment of yield over the contractual life of the instrument. Concerns were raised that current GAAP excludes certain callable debt securities from consideration of early repayment of principal even if the holder is certain that the call will be exercised. As a result, upon the exercise of a call on a callable debt security held at a premium, the unamortized premium is recorded as a loss in earnings. There is diversity in practice (1) in the amortization period for premiums of callable debt securities and (2) in how the potential for exercise of a call is factored into current impairment assessments. The amendments in this update become effective for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Management is currently evaluating the impact of adopting the new guidance on our consolidated financial statements, but it is not expected to have a material impact.

In August 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued ASU 2017-12, "Derivatives and Hedging: Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities". The purpose of this updated guidance is to better align a company's financial reporting for hedging activities with the economic objectives of those activities. ASU 2017-12 is effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption, including adoption in an interim period, permitted. The Company plans to adopt ASU 2017-12 on January 1, 2019. ASU 2017-12 requires a modified retrospective transition method in which the Company will recognize the cumulative effect of the change on the opening balance of each affected component of equity in the statement of financial position as of the date of adoption. While the Company continues to assess all potential impacts of the standard, we currently expect adoption to have an immaterial impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts appearing in the financial statements and notes thereto for prior periods have been reclassified to conform with the current presentation. The reclassifications had no effect on net income or stockholders' equity as previously reported.

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NOTE 2. SECURITIES

Information related to the fair value and amortized cost of securities available for sale and the related gross unrealized gains and losses recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income is provided in the tables below.

(dollars in thousands)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gain	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
March 31, 2018				
U.S. Treasury securities	\$992	\$0	\$(8)	\$984
U.S. government sponsored agencies	5,091	0	(101)	4,990
Mortgage-backed securities: residential	342,526	1,304	(6,840)	336,990
Mortgage-backed securities: commercial	34,944	0	(585)	34,359
State and municipal securities	185,049	1,257	(2,965)	183,341
Total	\$568,602	\$2,561	\$(10,499)	\$560,664
December 31, 2017				
U.S. Treasury securities	\$992	\$5	\$0	\$997
U.S. government sponsored agencies	5,191	0	(69)	5,122
Mortgage-backed securities: residential	314,650	2,099	(2,975)	313,774
Mortgage-backed securities: commercial	44,208	75	(72)	44,211
State and municipal securities	172,375	2,990	(976)	174,389
Total	\$537,416	\$5,169	\$(4,092)	\$538,493

Information regarding the fair value and amortized cost of available for sale debt securities by maturity as of March 31, 2018 is presented below. Maturity information is based on contractual maturity for all securities other than mortgage-backed securities. Actual maturities of securities may differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to prepay the obligation without a prepayment penalty.

(dollars in thousands)	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$2,286	\$2,311
Due after one year through five years	24,307	24,506
Due after five years through ten years	34,001	33,976
Due after ten years	130,538	128,522
Mortgage-backed securities	191,132	189,315
Total debt securities	377,470	371,349
.....	\$568,602	\$560,664

Securities proceeds, gross gains and gross losses are presented below.

(dollars in thousands)	Three months ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
Sales of securities available for sale		
Proceeds	\$12,322	\$16,811
Gross gains	21	197

Gross losses (27) (194)

The Company sold 22 securities with a total book value and a total fair value of \$12.3 million during the first three months of 2018. The Company sold 27 securities with a total book value and a total fair value of \$16.8 million during the first three months of 2017.

Purchase premiums or discounts are recognized in interest income using the interest method over the terms of the securities or over the estimated lives of mortgage-backed securities. Gains and losses on sales are based on the amortized cost of the security sold and recorded on the trade date.

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Securities with carrying values of \$184.2 million and \$171.1 million were pledged as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, as collateral for securities sold under agreements to repurchase, borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank and for other purposes as permitted or required by law.

Information regarding securities with unrealized losses as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 is presented below. The tables divide the securities between those with unrealized losses for less than twelve months and those with unrealized losses for twelve months or more.

(dollars in thousands)	Less than 12 months		12 months or more		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
March 31, 2018						
US Treasury	\$984	\$8	\$0	\$0	\$984	\$8
U.S. government sponsored agencies	2,235	26	2,756	75	4,991	101
Mortgage-backed securities: residential	227,412	4,424	56,266	2,416	283,678	6,840
Mortgage-backed securities: commercial	34,359	585	0	0	34,359	585
State and municipal securities	53,945	834	48,232	2,131	102,177	2,965
Total temporarily impaired	\$318,935	\$5,877	\$107,254	\$4,622	\$426,189	\$10,499
December 31, 2017						
U.S. government sponsored agencies	\$2,353	\$6	\$2,769	\$63	\$5,122	\$69
Mortgage-backed securities: residential	142,834	1,412	59,024	1,563	201,858	2,975
Mortgage-backed securities: commercial	23,505	72	0	0	23,505	72
State and municipal securities	8,585	47	49,552	929	58,137	976
Total temporarily impaired	\$177,277	\$1,537	\$111,345	\$2,555	\$288,622	\$4,092

The total number of securities with unrealized losses as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 is presented below.

	Less than 12 months		Total
	12 months	or more	
March 31, 2018			
US Treasury	1	0	1
U.S. government sponsored agencies	1	1	2
Mortgage-backed securities: residential	74	21	95
Mortgage-backed securities: commercial	9	0	9
State and municipal securities	70	62	132
Total temporarily impaired	155	84	239
December 31, 2017			
U.S. government sponsored agencies	1	1	2
Mortgage-backed securities: residential	46	21	67
Mortgage-backed securities: commercial	5	0	5
State and municipal securities	17	62	79
Total temporarily impaired	69	84	153

The following factors are considered in determining whether or not the impairment of these securities is other-than-temporary. In making this determination, management considers the extent and duration of the unrealized loss, and the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, as well as the underlying fundamentals of the relevant market and the outlook for such market in the near future. Management also assesses whether it intends to sell, or it is more likely than not that it will be required to sell, a security in an unrealized loss position before recovery of its amortized cost basis. If either of the criteria regarding intent or requirement to sell is met, the entire difference between amortized cost and fair value is recognized as impairment through earnings. For debt securities that do not meet the aforementioned criteria, the amount of impairment is split into two components as follows: 1) OTTI related to credit loss, which must be recognized in the income statement and 2) OTTI related to other factors, which is recognized in other comprehensive income. Credit loss is defined as the difference between the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected and the amortized cost basis. As of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, all of the securities in the Company's portfolio were backed by the U.S. government, government agencies, government sponsored entities or were A-rated or better, except for certain non-local or local municipal securities, which are not rated. For the government, government agency, government-sponsored entity and municipal securities, management did not believe that there would be credit losses or that full principal would not be received. Management considers the unrealized losses on these securities to be primarily interest rate driven and does not expect material losses given current market conditions unless the securities are sold. However, at this time management does not have the intent to sell, and it is more likely than not that the Company will not be required to sell these securities before the recovery of their amortized cost basis.

NOTE 3. LOANS

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2018		December 31, 2017	
Commercial and industrial loans:				
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$778,779	20.2 %	\$743,609	19.4 %
Non-working capital loans	706,228	18.4	675,072	17.7
Total commercial and industrial loans	1,485,007	38.6	1,418,681	37.1
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:				
Construction and land development loans	237,887	6.2	224,474	5.9
Owner occupied loans	543,192	14.1	538,603	14.1
Nonowner occupied loans	507,041	13.2	508,121	13.3
Multifamily loans	193,956	5.0	173,715	4.5
Total commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans	1,482,076	38.5	1,444,913	37.8
Agri-business and agricultural loans:				
Loans secured by farmland	145,363	3.8	186,437	4.9
Loans for agricultural production	171,607	4.5	196,404	5.1
Total agri-business and agricultural loans	316,970	8.3	382,841	10.0
Other commercial loans	116,657	3.0	124,076	3.3
Total commercial loans	3,400,710	88.4	3,370,511	88.2
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:				
Closed end first mortgage loans	180,542	4.7	179,302	4.7
Open end and junior lien loans	179,065	4.7	181,865	4.8
Residential construction and land development loans	13,342	0.3	13,478	0.3
Total consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans	372,949	9.7	374,645	9.8
Other consumer loans	73,277	1.9	74,369	2.0
Total consumer loans	446,226	11.6	449,014	11.8
Subtotal	3,846,936	100.0 %	3,819,525	100.0 %
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(45,627)		(47,121)	
Net deferred loan fees	(1,268)		(1,066)	
Loans, net	\$3,800,041		\$3,771,338	

The recorded investment in loans does not include accrued interest.

The Company had \$156,000 in residential real estate loans in the process of foreclosure as of March 31, 2018, compared to \$47,000 as of December 31, 2017.

NOTE 4. ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES AND CREDIT QUALITY

The following tables present the activity in the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2018 and 2017:

	Commercial	Commercial	Commercial	Commercial	Consumer	Consumer	Unallocated	Total
	and	and	and	and	1-4			
(dollars in thousands)	Industrial	Residential	Agricultural	Commercial	Mortgage	Family	Other	
Three Months Ended March 31, 2018								
Beginning balance, January 1	\$21,097	\$14,714	\$4,920	\$577	\$2,768	\$379	\$2,666	\$47,121
Provision for loan losses	3,902	207	(76)	(67)	(794)	(49)	177	3,300
Loans charged-off	(4,360)	(491)	0	0	(7)	(119)	0	(4,977)
Recoveries	86	8	4	0	51	34	0	183
Net loans charged-off	(4,274)	(483)	4	0	44	(85)	0	(4,794)
Ending balance	\$20,725	\$14,438	\$4,848	\$510	\$2,018	\$245	\$2,843	\$45,627

	Commercial	Commercial	Commercial	Commercial	Consumer	Consumer	Unallocated	Total
	and	and	and	and	1-4			
(dollars in thousands)	Industrial	Residential	Agricultural	Commercial	Mortgage	Family	Other	
Three Months Ended March 31, 2017								
Beginning balance, January 1	\$20,272	\$13,452	\$3,532	\$461	\$2,827	\$387	\$2,787	\$43,718
Provision for loan losses	(339)	257	(77)	84	(77)	37	315	200
Loans charged-off	(375)	(48)	0	0	(7)	(73)	0	(503)
Recoveries	223	57	4	0	47	28	0	359
	(152)	9	4	0	40	(45)	0	(144)

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Net loans charged-off								
Ending balance	\$19,781	\$13,718	\$3,459	\$545	\$2,790	\$379	\$3,102	\$43,774

The following tables present the balance in the allowance for loan losses and the recorded investment in loans by portfolio segment and based on impairment method as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

	Commercial and Industrial	Commercial Real Estate and Multifamily Residential	Agri-business and Agricultural	Other Commercial	Consumer 1-4 Family Mortgage	Other Consumer	Unallocated	Total
(dollars in thousands)								
March 31, 2018								
Allowance for loan losses:								
Ending allowance balance attributable to loans:								
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$1,850	\$526	\$0	\$0	\$269	\$26	\$0	\$2,671
Collectively evaluated for impairment	18,875	13,912	4,848	510	1,749	219	2,843	42,956
Total ending allowance balance	\$20,725	\$14,438	\$4,848	\$510	\$2,018	\$245	\$2,843	\$45,627
Loans:								
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$8,820	\$4,873	\$283	\$0	\$1,799	\$49	\$0	\$15,824
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	1,476,113	1,475,135	316,772	116,507	372,266	73,051	0	3,829,844
Total ending loans balance	\$1,484,933	\$1,480,008	\$317,055	\$116,507	\$374,065	\$73,100	\$0	\$3,845,668

	Commercial and Industrial	Commercial Real Estate and Multifamily Residential	Agri-business and Agricultural	Other Commercial	Consumer 1-4 Family Mortgage	Other Consumer	Unallocated	Total
(dollars in thousands)								

December 31,
2017

Allowance for
loan losses:

Ending allowance balance
attributable to loans:

Individually evaluated for impairment	\$2,067	\$795	\$0	\$0	\$310	\$44	\$0	\$3,216
Collectively evaluated for impairment	19,030	13,919	4,920	577	2,458	335	2,666	43,905
Total ending allowance balance	\$21,097	\$14,714	\$4,920	\$577	\$2,768	\$379	\$2,666	\$47,121

Loans:

Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$6,979	\$4,802	\$283	\$0	\$1,756	\$50	\$0	\$13,870
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	1,411,648	1,438,219	382,643	123,922	374,013	74,144	0	3,804,589
Total ending loans balance	\$1,418,627	\$1,443,021	\$382,926	\$123,922	\$375,769	\$74,194	\$0	\$3,818,459

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The following table presents loans individually evaluated for impairment by class of loans as of March 31, 2018:

(dollars in thousands)	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment	Allowance for Loan Losses Allocated
With no related allowance recorded:			
Commercial and industrial loans:			
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$5,342	\$2,050	\$0
Non-working capital loans	4,389	2,045	0
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:			
Construction and land development loans	88	88	0
Owner occupied loans	3,876	3,139	0
Agri-business and agricultural loans:			
Loans secured by farmland	603	283	0
Consumer 1-4 family loans:			
Closed end first mortgage loans	618	537	0
Open end and junior lien loans	250	250	0
With an allowance recorded:			
Commercial and industrial loans:			
Working capital lines of credit loans	1,597	1,597	577
Non-working capital loans	3,128	3,128	1,273
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:			
Construction and land development loans	824	824	123
Owner occupied loans	822	822	403
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:			
Closed end first mortgage loans	1,012	1,012	269
Other consumer loans	49	49	26
Total	\$22,598	\$15,824	\$2,671

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The following table presents loans individually evaluated for impairment by class of loans as of December 31, 2017:

(dollars in thousands)	Unpaid Principal Balance		Recorded Investment		Allowance for Loan Losses Allocated	
With no related allowance recorded:						
Commercial and industrial loans:						
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$	491	\$	491	\$	0
Non-working capital loans	2,973		1,579		0	
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:						
Construction and land development loans	88		88		0	
Owner occupied loans	2,558		2,310		0	
Agri-business and agricultural loans:						
Loans secured by farmland	602		283		0	
Consumer 1-4 family loans:						
Closed end first mortgage loans	636		570		0	
With an allowance recorded:						
Commercial and industrial loans:						
Working capital lines of credit loans	1,617		1,617		667	
Non-working capital loans	3,292		3,292		1,400	
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:						
Construction and land development loans	827		827		350	
Owner occupied loans	1,577		1,577		445	
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:						
Closed end first mortgage loans	950		950		269	
Open end and junior lien loans	236		236		41	
Other consumer loans	50		50		44	
Total	\$	15,897	\$	13,870	\$	3,216

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The following table presents loans individually evaluated for impairment by class of loans as of and for the three-month period ended March 31, 2018:

(dollars in thousands)	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized	Cash Basis Interest Income Recognized
With no related allowance recorded:			
Commercial and industrial loans:			
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$1,011	\$7	\$2
Non-working capital loans	1,728	15	5
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:			
Construction and land development loans	102	1	0
Owner occupied loans	2,557	7	2
Agri-business and agricultural loans:			
Loans secured by farmland	283	0	0
Consumer 1-4 family loans:			
Closed end first mortgage loans	543	2	1
Open end and junior lien loans	92	0	0
With an allowance recorded:			
Commercial and industrial loans:			
Working capital lines of credit loans	1,608	2	1
Non-working capital loans	3,216	2	0
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:			
Construction and land development loans	721	11	5
Owner occupied loans	1,194	0	0
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:			
Closed end first mortgage loans	968	7	4
Open end and junior lien loans	154	0	0
Other consumer loans	49	1	0
Total	\$14,226	\$55	\$20

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The following table presents loans individually evaluated for impairment by class of loans as of and for the three-month period ended March 31, 2017:

(dollars in thousands)	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized	Cash Basis Interest Income Recognized
With no related allowance recorded:			
Commercial and industrial loans:			
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$577	\$7	\$7
Non-working capital loans	1,381	8	5
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:			
Construction and land development loans	126	1	1
Owner occupied loans	2,572	1	1
Nonowner occupied loans	4,604	84	72
Agri-business and agricultural loans:			
Loans secured by farmland	283	0	0
Consumer 1-4 family loans:			
Closed end first mortgage loans	191	1	0
Open end and junior lien loans	156	0	0
With an allowance recorded:			
Commercial and industrial loans:			
Working capital lines of credit loans	1,363	11	8
Non-working capital loans	6,699	49	39
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:			
Owner occupied loans	1,665	5	4
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:			
Closed end first mortgage loans	1,071	7	4
Other consumer loans	54	1	0
Total	\$20,742	\$175	\$141

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The following table presents the ageing of the recorded investment in past due loans as of March 31, 2018 by class of loans:

(dollars in thousands)	Loans Not Past Due	30-89 Days Past Due	Greater than 90 Days Past Due	Nonaccrual	Total Past Due and Nonaccrual	Total
Commercial and industrial loans:						
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$775,855	\$0	\$0	\$2,998	\$2,998	\$778,853
Non-working capital loans	702,304	0	0	3,776	3,776	706,080
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:						
Construction and land development loans	236,060	881	0	0	881	236,941
Owner occupied loans	539,547	0	0	3,314	3,314	542,861
Nonowner occupied loans	506,476	155	0	0	155	506,631
Multifamily loans	193,575	0	0	0	0	193,575
Agri-business and agricultural loans:						
Loans secured by farmland	145,083	0	0	283	283	145,366
Loans for agricultural production	171,689	0	0	0	0	171,689
Other commercial loans	116,507	0	0	0	0	116,507
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:						
Closed end first mortgage loans	179,003	767	26	382	1,175	180,178
Open end and junior lien loans	180,042	287	0	250	537	180,579
Residential construction loans	13,308	0	0	0	0	13,308
Other consumer loans	73,015	85	0	0	85	73,100
Total	\$3,832,464	\$2,175	\$26	\$11,003	\$13,204	\$3,845,668

The following table presents the ageing of the recorded investment in past due loans as of December 31, 2017 by class of loans:

(dollars in thousands)	Loans Not Past Due	30-89 Days Past Due	Greater than 90 Days Past Due	Nonaccrual	Total Past Due and Nonaccrual	Total
Commercial and industrial loans:						
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$742,205	\$11	\$0	\$1,459	\$1,470	\$743,675
Non-working capital loans	671,490	0	0	3,462	3,462	674,952
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:						
Construction and land development loans	215,713	8,000	0	0	8,000	223,713
Owner occupied loans	534,648	0	0	3,620	3,620	538,268
Nonowner occupied loans	507,696	0	0	0	0	507,696
Multifamily loans	173,100	244	0	0	244	173,344
Agri-business and agricultural loans:						
Loans secured by farmland	186,160	0	0	283	283	186,443
Loans for agricultural production	196,483	0	0	0	0	196,483
Other commercial loans	123,922	0	0	0	0	123,922
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:						
Closed end first mortgage loans	177,410	1,183	6	342	1,531	178,941
Open end and junior lien loans	183,056	89	0	236	325	183,381
Residential construction loans	13,447	0	0	0	0	13,447

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Other consumer loans	74,102	92	0	0	92	74,194
Total	\$3,799,432	\$9,619	\$6	\$9,402	\$19,027	\$3,818,459

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Troubled Debt Restructurings:

Troubled debt restructured loans are included in the totals for impaired loans. The Company has allocated \$2.3 million of specific reserves to customers whose loan terms have been modified in troubled debt restructurings as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. The Company is not committed to lend additional funds to debtors whose loans have been modified in a troubled debt restructuring.

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, December 31,	
	2018	2017
Accruing troubled debt restructured loans	\$4,085	\$2,893
Nonaccrual troubled debt restructured loans	7,945	7,750
Total troubled debt restructured loans	\$12,030	\$10,643

During the three months ended March 31, 2018, certain loans were modified as troubled debt restructurings. The modified terms of these loans include one or a combination of the following: inadequate compensation for the terms of the restructure or renewal; a modification of the repayment terms which delays principal repayment for some period; or renewal terms offered to borrowers in financial distress where no additional credit enhancements were obtained at the time of renewal.

Additional concessions were granted to borrowers with previously identified troubled debt restructured loans during the period. The loan to one of the borrowers is for a commercial real estate building where the collateral value and cash flows from the companies occupying the buildings do not support the loan with recorded investments of \$341,000. The loans to two other borrowers are for commercial and industrial capital and non-working capital loans with recorded investments of \$551,000. These concessions are not included in table below.

The following table presents loans by class modified as new troubled debt restructurings that occurred during the three months ended March 31, 2018:

(dollars in thousands)	All Modifications			Modified Repayment Terms	
	Number of Loans	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Number of Loans	Extension Period or Range (in months)
Troubled Debt Restructurings					
Commercial and industrial loans:					
Working capital lines of credit loans	1	\$600	\$600	1	0
Non-working capital loans	1	1,400	1,400	1	0
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:					
Construction and land development loans					
Owner occupied loans	1	824	824	1	12
Owner occupied loans	1	387	387	1	12
Consumer 1-4 family loans:					
Closed end first mortgage loans	1	198	197	1	239
Total	5	\$3,409	\$3,408	5	0-239

For the three-month period ending March 31, 2018, the troubled debt restructurings described in the table above decreased the allowance for loan losses by \$227,000, primarily due to the reduction of the allowance for loan losses on the construction and land development loan described in the table above.

For the three-month period ending March 31, 2018, charge-offs of \$1.6 million were recorded on the troubled debt restructurings described in the table above, which were from the charge-offs taken on the two commercial and industrial loans described in the table above.

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, certain loans were modified as troubled debt restructurings. The modified terms of these loans include one or a combination of the following: inadequate compensation for the terms of the restructure or renewal; a modification of the repayment terms which delays principal repayment for some period; or renewal terms offered to borrowers in financial distress where no additional credit enhancements were obtained at the time of renewal.

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Additional concessions were granted to borrowers with previously identified troubled debt restructured loans during the three months ended March 31, 2017. The loans to two of the borrowers are for commercial real estate buildings where the collateral value and cash flows from the companies occupying the buildings do not support the loans with recorded investments of \$500,000. The loans to two other borrowers are for commercial and industrial non-working capital loans with recorded investments of \$690,000. These concessions are not included in table below.

The following table presents loans by class modified as new troubled debt restructurings that occurred during the three months ended March 31, 2017:

(dollars in thousands)	Number of Loans	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Modified Repayment Terms	
				Number of Loans	Extension Period or Range (in months)
Troubled Debt Restructurings					
Commercial and industrial loans:					
Non-working capital loans	2	1,712	1,712	2	6
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:					
Owner occupied loans	1	486	486	1	6
Consumer 1-4 family loans:					
Closed end first mortgage loans	1	44	46	1	350
Total	4	\$2,242	\$2,244	4	6-350

For the period ended March 31, 2017, the commercial and industrial troubled debt restructurings described above increased the allowance for loan losses by \$34,000 and the commercial real estate and multi-family residential loan troubled debt restructuring described above increased the allowance for loan losses by \$49,000.

No charge-offs resulted from any troubled debt restructurings described above during the three-month period ended March 31, 2017.

There were no troubled debt restructurings that had payment defaults within the twelve months following modification during the three-month periods ended March 31, 2018 and 2017.

Credit Quality Indicators:

The Company categorizes loans into risk categories based on relevant information about the ability of borrowers to service their debt such as: current financial information, historical payment experience, credit documentation, public information and current economic trends, among other factors. The Company analyzes commercial loans individually by classifying the loans as to credit risk. This analysis is performed on a quarterly basis for Special Mention, Substandard and Doubtful grade loans and annually on Pass grade loans over \$150,000.

The Company uses the following definitions for risk ratings:

Special Mention. Loans classified as Special Mention have a potential weakness that deserves management's close attention. If left uncorrected, these potential weaknesses may result in deterioration of the repayment prospects for the loan or of the institution's credit position at some future date.

Substandard. Loans classified as Substandard are inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Loans so classified have a well-defined weakness or weaknesses that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that the Company will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected.

Doubtful. Loans classified as Doubtful have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified as Substandard, with the added characteristics that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions, and values, highly questionable and improbable.

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Loans not meeting the criteria above that are analyzed individually as part of the above-described process are considered to be Pass rated loans with the exception of consumer troubled debt restructurings which are evaluated and listed with Substandard commercial grade loans and consumer nonaccrual loans which are evaluated individually and listed with Not Rated loans. Loans listed as Not Rated are consumer loans or commercial loans with consumer characteristics included in groups of homogenous loans which are analyzed for credit quality indicators utilizing delinquency status. As of March 31, 2018, and based on the most recent analysis performed, the risk category of loans by class of loans is as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Not Rated	Total
Commercial and industrial loans:						
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$712,842	\$42,204	\$23,510	\$0	\$297	\$778,853
Non-working capital loans	654,352	22,189	24,707	0	4,832	706,080
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:						
Construction and land development loans	235,676	441	824	0	0	236,941
Owner occupied loans	501,679	19,028	22,154	0	0	542,861
Nonowner occupied loans	504,275	1,676	680	0	0	506,631
Multifamily loans	193,338	237	0	0	0	193,575
Agri-business and agricultural loans:						
Loans secured by farmland	132,475	8,580	4,311	0	0	145,366
Loans for agricultural production	162,007	8,482	1,200	0	0	171,689
Other commercial loans	116,502	0	0	0	5	116,507
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:						
Closed end first mortgage loans	55,130	0	1,551	0	123,497	180,178
Open end and junior lien loans	9,855	0	250	0	170,474	180,579
Residential construction loans	0	0	0	0	13,308	13,308
Other consumer loans	14,282	0	49	0	58,769	73,100
Total	\$3,292,413	\$102,837	\$79,236	\$0	\$371,182	\$3,845,668

As of December 31, 2017, and based on the most recent analysis performed, the risk category of loans by class of loans is as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Not Rated	Total
Commercial and industrial loans:						
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$688,748	\$33,337	\$21,350	\$0	\$240	\$743,675
Non-working capital loans	624,275	20,171	25,834	0	4,672	674,952
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:						
Construction and land development loans	222,445	441	827	0	0	223,713
Owner occupied loans	496,231	19,361	22,676	0	0	538,268
Nonowner occupied loans	505,033	1,970	693	0	0	507,696
Multifamily loans	173,100	244	0	0	0	173,344
Agri-business and agricultural loans:						
Loans secured by farmland	174,118	7,988	4,337	0	0	186,443
Loans for agricultural production	185,772	9,716	995	0	0	196,483
Other commercial loans	123,917	0	0	0	5	123,922
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:						

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Closed end first mortgage loans	52,301	0	1,520	0	125,120	178,941
Open end and junior lien loans	8,259	0	236	0	174,886	183,381
Residential construction loans	0	0	0	0	13,447	13,447
Other consumer loans	18,642	0	50	0	55,502	74,194
Total	\$3,272,841	\$93,228	\$78,518	\$0	\$373,872	\$3,818,459

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NOTE 5. FAIR VALUE DISCLOSURES

Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values:

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.
- Level 2 Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a company's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

The Company used the following methods and significant assumptions to estimate the fair value of each type of financial instrument:

Securities: Securities available for sale are valued primarily by a third party pricing service. The fair values of securities available for sale are determined on a recurring basis by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1 inputs) or pricing models which utilize significant observable inputs such as matrix pricing. This is a mathematical technique widely used in the industry to value debt securities without relying exclusively on quoted prices for the specific securities but rather by relying on the securities' relationship to other benchmark quoted securities (Level 2 inputs). These models utilize the market approach with standard inputs that include, but are not limited to benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers and reference data. For certain municipal securities that are not rated and observable inputs about the specific issuer are not available, fair values are estimated using observable data from other municipal securities presumed to be similar or other market data on other non-rated municipal securities (Level 3 inputs).

The Company's Finance Department, which is responsible for all accounting and SEC compliance, and the Company's Treasury Department, which is responsible for investment portfolio management and asset/liability modeling, are the two areas that determine the Company's valuation policies and procedures. Both of these areas report directly to the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company. For assets or liabilities that may be considered for Level 3 fair value measurement on a recurring basis, these two departments and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer determine the appropriate level of the assets or liabilities under consideration. If there are assets or liabilities that are determined to be Level 3 by this group, the Risk Management Committee of the Company and the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors are made aware of such assets at their next scheduled meeting.

Securities pricing is obtained from a third party pricing service and all security prices are tested annually against prices from another third party provider and reviewed with a market value price tolerance variance that varies by sector: municipal securities +/- 5%, government mbs/cmo +/- 3% and U.S. treasuries +/-1%. If any securities fall outside the tolerance threshold, a determination of materiality is made for the amount over the threshold. Any security that would have a material threshold difference would be further investigated to determine why the variance exists and if any action is needed concerning the security pricing for that individual security. Changes in market value are reviewed monthly in aggregate by security type and any material differences are reviewed to determine why they exist. At least annually, the pricing methodology of the pricing service is received and reviewed to support the fair value levels used by the Company. A detailed pricing evaluation is requested and reviewed on any security determined to be fair valued using unobservable inputs by the pricing service.

Mortgage banking derivatives: The fair value of mortgage banking derivatives are based on observable market data as of the measurement date (Level 2).

Interest rate swap derivatives: Our derivatives are traded in an over-the-counter market where quoted market prices are not always available. Therefore, the fair values of derivatives are determined using quantitative models that utilize multiple market inputs. The inputs will vary based on the type of derivative, but could include interest rates, prices and indices to generate continuous yield or pricing curves, prepayment rates, and volatility factors to value the position. The majority of market inputs are actively quoted and can be validated through external sources, including brokers, market transactions and third-party pricing services. The fair value of interest rate swap derivatives is determined by pricing or valuation models using observable market data as of the measurement date (Level 2).

Impaired loans: Impaired loans with specific allocations of the allowance for loan losses are generally based on the fair value of the underlying collateral if repayment is expected solely from the collateral. Fair value is determined using several methods. Generally, the fair value of real estate is based on appraisals by qualified third party appraisers. These appraisals may utilize a single valuation approach or a combination of approaches including comparable sales and the income approach. Adjustments are routinely made in the appraisal process by the appraisers to adjust for differences between the comparable sales and income data available. Such adjustments are usually significant and result in a Level 3 classification of the inputs for determining fair value. In addition, the Company's management routinely applies internal discount factors to the value of appraisals used in the fair value evaluation of impaired loans. The deductions to the appraisals take into account changing business factors and market conditions, as well as value impairment in cases where the appraisal date predates a likely change in market conditions. Commercial real estate is generally discounted from its appraised value by 0-50% with the higher discounts applied to real estate that is determined to have a thin trading market or to be specialized collateral. In addition to real estate, the Company's management evaluates other types of collateral as follows: (a) raw and finished inventory is discounted from its cost or book value by 35-65%, depending on the marketability of the goods (b) finished goods are generally discounted by 30-60%, depending on the ease of marketability, cost of transportation or scope of use of the finished good (c) work in process inventory is typically discounted by 50-100%, depending on the length of manufacturing time, types of components used in the completion process, and the breadth of the user base (d) equipment is valued at a percentage of depreciated book value or recent appraised value, if available, and is typically discounted at 30-70% after various considerations including age and condition of the equipment, marketability, breadth of use, and whether the equipment includes unique components or add-ons; and (e) marketable securities are discounted by 10-30%, depending on the type of investment, age of valuation report and general market conditions. This methodology is based on a market approach and typically results in a Level 3 classification of the inputs for determining fair value.

Mortgage servicing rights: As of March 31, 2018, the fair value of the Company's Level 3 servicing assets for residential mortgage loans was \$4.1 million, none of which are currently impaired and therefore are carried at amortized cost. These residential mortgage loans have a weighted average interest rate of 3.82%, a weighted average maturity of 19 years and are secured by homes generally within the Company's market area, which is primarily Northern Indiana. A valuation model is used to estimate fair value by stratifying the portfolios on the basis of certain risk characteristics, including loan type and interest rate. Impairment is estimated based on an income approach. The inputs used include estimates of prepayment speeds, discount rate, cost to service, escrow account earnings, contractual servicing fee income, ancillary income, late fees, and float income. The most significant assumption used to value mortgage servicing rights is prepayment rate. Prepayment rates are estimated based on published industry consensus prepayment rates. The most significant unobservable assumption is the discount rate. At March 31, 2018, the constant prepayment speed (PSA) used was 102 and the discount rate used was 9.4%. At December 31, 2017, the PSA used was 123 and the discount rate used was 9.4%.

Other real estate owned: Nonrecurring adjustments to certain commercial and residential real estate properties classified as other real estate owned are measured at the lower of carrying amount or fair value, less costs to sell. Fair values are generally based on third party appraisals of the property and are reviewed by the Company's internal appraisal officer. Adjustments are routinely made in the appraisal process by the appraisers to adjust for differences between the comparable properties used to determine value. Such adjustments are usually significant and result in a Level 3 classification. In addition, the Company's management may apply discount factors to the appraisals to take into account changing business factors and market conditions, as well as value impairment in cases where the appraisal date predates a likely change in market conditions. In cases where the carrying amount exceeds the fair value, less costs to sell, an impairment loss is recognized.

Real estate mortgage loans held for sale: Real estate mortgage loans held for sale are carried at the lower of cost or fair value, as determined by outstanding commitments, from third party investors, and result in a Level 2 classification.

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The table below presents the balances of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2018			Assets at Fair Value
	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets				
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 984	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 984
U.S. government sponsored agency securities	0	4,990	0	4,990
Mortgage-backed securities	0	371,349	0	371,349
State and municipal securities	0	182,510	831	183,341
Total Securities	984	558,849	831	560,664
Mortgage banking derivative	0	165	0	165
Interest rate swap derivative	0	3,540	0	3,540
Total assets	\$ 984	\$ 562,554	\$ 831	\$ 564,369
Liabilities				
Mortgage banking derivative	0	9	0	9
Interest rate swap derivative	0	3,580	0	3,580
Total liabilities	\$ 0	\$ 3,589	\$ 0	\$ 3,589

(dollars in thousands)	December 31, 2017			Assets at Fair Value
	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets				
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 997	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 997
U.S. government sponsored agency securities	0	5,122	0	5,122
Mortgage-backed securities	0	357,985	0	357,985
State and municipal securities	0	173,509	880	174,389
Total Securities	997	536,616	880	538,493
Mortgage banking derivative	0	136	0	136
Interest rate swap derivative	0	2,441	0	2,441
Total assets	\$ 997	\$ 539,193	\$ 880	\$ 541,070
Liabilities				
Mortgage banking derivative	0	3	0	3
Interest rate swap derivative	0	2,562	0	2,562
Total liabilities	\$ 0	\$ 2,565	\$ 0	\$ 2,565

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the three months ended March 31, 2018 and there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during 2017.

The table below presents a reconciliation of all assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017:

(dollars in thousands)	State and Municipal Securities	
	2018	2017

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Balance of recurring Level 3 assets at January 1	\$	880	\$	670
Changes in fair value of securities included in other comprehensive income	(4)		(3)	
Principal payments	(45)		(45)	
Balance of recurring Level 3 assets at March 31	\$	831	\$	622

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The state and municipal securities measured at fair value included below are non-rated Indiana municipal revenue bonds and are not actively traded.

Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

(dollars in thousands)	Fair Value at 3/31/2018	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range of Inputs (Average)
State and municipal securities	\$ 831	Price to type, par, call	Discount to benchmark index	0-5% (1.24%)

Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

(dollars in thousands)	Fair Value at 12/31/2017	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range of Inputs (Average)
State and municipal securities	\$ 880	Price to type, par, call	Discount to benchmark index	0-5% (2.03%)

The primary methodology used in the fair value measurement of the Company's state and municipal securities classified as Level 3 is a discount to the AAA municipal benchmark index. Significant increases or (decreases) in this index as well as the degree to which the security differs in ratings, coupon, call and duration will result in a higher or (lower) fair value measurement for those securities that are not callable. For those securities that are continuously callable, a slight premium to par is used.

The table below presents the balances of assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis:

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2018			Assets at Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets				
Impaired loans:				
Commercial and industrial loans:				
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,547	\$ 2,547
Non-working capital loans	0	0	2,136	2,136
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:				
Construction and land development loans	0	0	701	701
Owner occupied loans	0	0	589	589
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:				
Closed end first mortgage loans	0	0	70	70
Total assets	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,043	\$ 6,043

(dollars in thousands)	December 31, 2017			Assets at Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets				
Impaired loans:				
Commercial and industrial loans:				
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 934	\$ 934
Non-working capital loans	0	0	1,693	1,693

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Commercial real estate and multi-family
residential loans:

Construction and land development loans	0	0	477	477				
Owner occupied loans	0	0	1,133	1,133				
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:								
Open end and junior lien loans	0	0	195	195				
Total assets	\$	0	\$	0	\$	4,432	\$	4,432

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The following table presents the valuation methodology and unobservable inputs for Level 3 assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis at March 31, 2018:

(dollars in thousands)	Fair Value	Valuation Methodology	Unobservable Inputs	Average	Range of Inputs
Impaired loans: Commercial and industrial	\$ 4,683	Collateral based measurements	Discount to reflect current market conditions and ultimate collectability	23%	23% - 100%
Impaired loans: Commercial real estate	1,290	Collateral based measurements	Discount to reflect current market conditions and ultimate collectability	29%	15% - 57%
Impaired loans: Consumer 1-4 family mortgage	70	Collateral based measurements	Discount to reflect current market conditions and ultimate collectability	8%	

The following table presents the valuation methodology and unobservable inputs for Level 3 assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis at December 31, 2017:

(dollars in thousands)	Fair Value	Valuation Methodology	Unobservable Inputs	Average	Range of Inputs
Impaired loans: Commercial and industrial	\$ 2,627	Collateral based measurements	Discount to reflect current market conditions and ultimate collectability	37%	23% - 100%
Impaired loans: Commercial real estate	1,610	Collateral based measurements	Discount to reflect current market conditions and ultimate collectability	33%	2% - 58%
Impaired loans: Consumer 1-4 family mortgage	195	Collateral based measurements	Discount to reflect current market conditions and ultimate collectability	17%	

Impaired loans, which are measured for impairment using the fair value of the collateral for collateral dependent loans, had a gross carrying amount of \$7.9 million, with a valuation allowance of \$1.9 million at March 31, 2018. The change from December 31, 2017 in the fair value of impaired loans resulted in a net increase in the provision for loan losses of \$4.2 million, primarily due to a partial charge-off on one commercial lending relationship in the amount of \$4.6 million, over the three months ended March 31, 2018. At March 31, 2017, impaired loans had a gross carrying amount of \$9.8 million, with a valuation allowance of \$3.9 million, resulting in a net increase in the provision for loan losses of \$800,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2017.

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The following table contains the estimated fair values and the related carrying values of the Company's financial instruments. Items which are not financial instruments are not included. Due to the adoption of ASU 2016-01 as of January 1, 2018, the fair value as presented below is measured using the exit price notion in the periods after adoption and may not be comparable with prior periods presented as a result of the change in methodology.

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2018				
	Carrying Value	Estimated Fair Value			Total
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Financial Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 167,551	\$ 164,806	\$ 2,726	\$ 0	\$ 167,532
Securities available for sale	560,664	984	558,849	831	560,664
Real estate mortgages held for sale	1,511	0	1,545	0	1,545
Loans, net	3,800,041	0	0	3,744,565	3,744,565
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	10,352	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Federal Reserve Bank stock	3,420	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Accrued interest receivable	14,616	8	2,760	11,848	14,616
Financial Liabilities:					
Certificates of deposit	(1,476,845)	0	(1,480,116)	0	(1,480,116)
All other deposits	(2,622,643)	(2,622,643)	0	0	(2,622,643)
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	(94,716)	0	(94,716)	0	(94,716)
Subordinated debentures	(30,928)	0	0	(31,203)	(31,203)
Standby letters of credit	(808)	0	0	(808)	(808)
Accrued interest payable	(7,484)	(136)	(7,343)	(5)	(7,484)
(dollars in thousands)	December 31, 2017				
	Carrying Value	Estimated Fair Value			Total
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Financial Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 176,180	\$ 174,045	\$ 2,127	\$ 0	\$ 176,172
Securities available for sale	538,493	997	536,616	880	538,493
Real estate mortgages held for sale	3,346	0	3,390	0	3,390
Loans, net	3,771,338	0	0	3,744,842	3,744,842
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	10,352	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Federal Reserve Bank stock	3,420	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Accrued interest receivable	14,093	3	2,925	11,165	14,093
Financial Liabilities:					
Certificates of deposit	(1,412,583)	0	(1,417,075)	0	(1,417,075)
All other deposits	(2,596,072)	(2,596,072)	0	0	(2,596,072)
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	(70,652)	0	(70,652)	0	(70,652)
Other short-term borrowings	(80,000)	0	(80,004)	0	(80,004)
Long-term borrowings	(30)	0	(31)	0	(31)
Subordinated debentures	(30,928)	0	0	(31,194)	(31,194)
Standby letters of credit	(758)	0	0	(758)	(758)
Accrued interest payable	(6,311)	(149)	(6,158)	(4)	(6,311)

NOTE 6. SECURITIES SOLD UNDER AGREEMENTS TO REPURCHASE

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase represent collateralized borrowings with customers located primarily within the Company's service area. These repurchase liabilities are not covered by federal deposit insurance and are secured by securities owned. The Company retains the right to substitute similar type securities and has the right to withdraw all excess collateral applicable to the repurchase liabilities whenever the collateral values are in excess of the related repurchase liabilities. However, as a means of mitigating market risk, the Company maintains excess collateral to cover normal changes in the repurchase liability by monitoring daily usage. The Company maintains control of the securities through the use of third-party safekeeping arrangements.

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase of \$94.7 million and \$70.7 million, which mature on demand, are secured by mortgage-backed securities with a carrying amount of \$114.1 million and \$98.0 million at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. Additional information concerning recognition of these liabilities is disclosed in Note 8.

NOTE 7. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Components of net periodic benefit cost:

	Three Months Ended			
	March 31,		SERP	
	Pension		SERP	
(dollars in thousands)	Benefits	Benefits	Benefits	Benefits
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Service cost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest cost	23	26	9	10
Expected return on plan assets	(34)	(35)	(15)	(16)
Recognized net actuarial (gain) loss	48	46	18	20
Net pension expense (benefit)	\$37	\$37	\$12	\$14

The Company previously disclosed in its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017 that it expected to contribute \$0 to its pension plan and \$0 to its Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("SERP") in 2018. The Company has contributed \$368,200 to its pension plan and \$0 to its SERP as of March 31, 2018. The Company does not expect to make any additional contributions to its pension plan or SERP during the remainder of 2018. As a result of freezing the plan effective April 1, 2000, there is no service cost to record on the pension plan or the SERP for the three-month periods ending March 31, 2018 and 2017. All other components of cost noted in the table above were recorded in other expense under noninterest expenses on the Consolidated Statements of Income for all periods presented.

NOTE 8. OFFSETTING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The following tables summarize gross and net information about financial instruments and derivative instruments that are offset in the statement of financial position or that are subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

March 31, 2018			
	Gross	Net Amounts	
Gross	Amounts	of Assets	Gross Amounts Not
Amounts of	Offset in the	presented in	Offset in the Statement

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(dollars in thousands)	Recognized Assets/ Liabilities	Statement of Financial Position	the Statement of Financial Position	of Financial Financial Instruments	Statement of Financial Position Cash Collateral Received	Net Amount
Assets						
Interest Rate Swap Derivatives	\$3,540	\$0	\$3,540	\$0	\$0	\$3,540
Total Assets	\$3,540	\$0	\$3,540	\$0	\$0	\$3,540
Liabilities						
Interest Rate Swap Derivatives	\$3,580	\$0	\$3,580	\$0	\$(250)	\$3,330
Repurchase Agreements	94,716	0	94,716	(94,716)	0	0
Total Liabilities	\$98,296	\$0	\$98,296	\$(94,716)	\$(250)	\$3,330

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	December 31, 2017					
	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets/ Liabilities	Gross Amounts Offset in the Statement of Financial Position	Net Amounts of Assets presented in the Statement of Financial Position	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Statement of Financial Position	Cash Collateral Received	Net Amount
(dollars in thousands)						
Assets						
Interest Rate Swap Derivatives	\$2,441	\$0	\$2,441	\$0	\$0	\$2,441
Total Assets	\$2,441	\$0	\$2,441	\$0	\$0	\$2,441
Liabilities						
Interest Rate Swap Derivatives	\$2,562	\$0	\$2,562	\$0	\$(750)	\$1,812
Repurchase Agreements	70,652	0	70,652	(70,652)	0	0
Total Liabilities	\$73,214	\$0	\$73,214	\$(70,652)	\$(750)	\$1,812

If an event of default occurs causing an early termination of an interest rate swap derivative, any early termination amount payable to one party by the other party may be reduced by set-off against any other amount payable by the one party to the other party. If a default in performance of any obligation of a repurchase agreement occurs, each party will set-off property held in respect of transactions against obligations owing in respect of any other transactions.

NOTE 9. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per common share is net income available to common shareholders divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period, including shares held in treasury on behalf of participants in the Company's Directors Fee Deferral Plan. Diluted earnings per common share includes the dilutive effect of additional potential common shares issuable under stock options, stock awards and warrants, none of which were antidilutive.

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2018	2017
Weighted average shares outstanding for basic earnings per common share	25,257,414	25,152,242
Dilutive effect of stock options, awards and warrants	439,450	443,894
Weighted average shares outstanding for diluted earnings per common share	25,696,864	25,596,136
Basic earnings per common share	\$0.73	\$0.58
Diluted earnings per common share	\$0.71	\$0.57

NOTE 10. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

The following tables summarize the changes within each classification of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) net of tax for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017:

(dollars in thousands)	Unrealized Gains and Losses on Available- for-Sales Securities	Defined Benefit Pension Items	Total
Balance at December 31, 2017	\$784	\$(1,454)	\$(670)
Other comprehensive income before reclassification	(7,132)	0	(7,132)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	6	49	55
Net current period other comprehensive income	(7,126)	49	(7,077)
Adoption of ASU 2018-02 (See Note 1)	140	(313)	(173)
Adoption of ASU 2016-01 (See Note 1)	(68)	0	(68)
Balance at March 31, 2018	\$(6,270)	\$(1,718)	\$(7,988)

(dollars in thousands)	Unrealized Gains and Losses on Available- for-Sales Securities	Defined Benefit Pension Items	Total
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$(722)	\$(1,665)	\$(2,387)
Other comprehensive income before reclassification	448	0	448
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(3)	40	37
Net current period other comprehensive income	445	40	485
Balance at March 31, 2017	\$(277)	\$(1,625)	\$(1,902)

Reclassifications out of accumulated comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2018 are as follows:

Details about Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components	Amount Reclassified From Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Affected Line Item in the Statement Where Net Income is Presented
(dollars in thousands)		
Unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities	\$(6)	Net securities gains (losses)
Tax effect	0	Income tax expense
	(6)	Net of tax
Amortization of defined benefit pension items	(66)	Other expense
Tax effect	17	Income tax expense
	(49)	Net of tax
Total reclassifications for the period	\$(55)	Net income

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Reclassifications out of accumulated comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2017 are as follows:

Details about Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components	Amount Reclassified From Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Affected Line Item in the Statement Where Net Income is Presented
(dollars in thousands)		
Unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities	\$3	Net securities gains (losses)
Tax effect	0	Income tax expense
	3	Net of tax
Amortization of defined benefit pension items	(66)	Other expense
Tax effect	26	Income tax expense
	(40)	Net of tax
Total reclassifications for the period	\$(37)	Net income

NOTE 11. REVENUE RECOGNITION

All of the Company's revenue from contracts with customers in the scope of ASC 606 is recognized within noninterest income. The following table presents the Company's sources of noninterest income for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017. Items outside of scope of ASC 606 are noted as such.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017 (2)
NONINTEREST INCOME		
Wealth advisory fees	\$1,505	\$1,250
Investment brokerage fees	290	321
Service charges on deposit accounts		
Service charges on commercial deposit accounts	2,303	1,798
Service charges on retail deposit accounts	229	233
Overdrafts, net	831	844
Other	265	268
Loan and service fees		
Debit card interchange fees	1,420	1,105
Loan fees (1)	530	568
Other	227	220
Merchant card fee income	642	538
Bank owned life insurance income (1)	363	471
Other income (1)	1,039	509
Mortgage banking income (1)	241	131
Net securities gains/(losses) (1)	(6)	3
Total noninterest income	\$9,879	\$8,259

(1) Not within scope of ASC 606

(2) The Company elected the modified retrospective approach of adoption; therefore, prior period

balances are presented under legacy GAAP and may not be comparable to current year presentation.

The following is a description of principal activities from which we generate revenue. Revenues are recognized as the Company satisfies its obligations with our customers, in an amount that reflects the consideration that we expect to receive in exchange for those services.

Wealth advisory fees

The Company provides wealth advisory services to its customers and earns fees from its contracts with trust customers to manage assets for investment and/or to transact on their accounts. These fees are primarily earned over time as the Company provides the contracted monthly, quarterly, or annual services and are generally assessed based on a tiered scale of the market value of assets under management (AUM) at month-end. Fees that are transaction based, including trade execution services, are recognized at the point in time that the transaction is executed. Other related services, such as escrow accounts that are based on a fixed schedule, are recognized when the services are rendered.

Investment brokerage services

The Company provides investment brokerage services through a full service brokerage and investment and advisory firm, Cetera Investment Services LLC ("Cetera"). The Company receives commissions from Cetera on a monthly basis based upon customer activity for the month. The fees are recognized monthly and a receivable is recorded until commissions are generally paid by the 5th business day of the following month. Because the Company (i) acts as an agent in arranging the relationship between the customer and the Cetera and (ii) does not control the services to the customers, investment brokerage service fees are presented net of Cetera's related costs.

Service charges on deposit accounts

The Company earns fees from its deposit customers for transaction-based, account maintenance, and overdraft services. Transaction-based fees, which include services such as ATM use fees, stop payment charges, statement rendering, and ACH fees, are recognized at the time the transaction is executed as that is the point in time the Company fulfills the customer's request. Account maintenance fees, which relate primarily to monthly maintenance, are earned over the course of a month, representing the period over which the Company satisfies the performance obligation. Overdraft fees are recognized at the point in time that the overdraft occurs. Service charges on deposits are withdrawn from the customer's balance.

Interchange income

The Company provides the ability to transact on certain deposit accounts through the use of debit cards by outsourcing the services through third party service providers. Performance obligations are met on a transactional basis and income is recognized monthly based on transaction type and volume. Under the accounting standards in effect in the prior period, revenue was previously recognized net of the third party's costs. Under ASC 606, fees from interchange income related to its customers use of debit cards will be reported gross in loan and service fees under noninterest income. The cost of using third party providers for these interchange services will be reported in data processing fees and supplies under noninterest expense, which has no effect on net income for the period.

Gain on sale of other real estate (OREO) owned financed by seller

On occasion, the Company underwrites a loan to purchase property owned by the Company. Under the accounting standards in effect in the prior period, the gain on the sale of the Company owned property was deferred and recognized over the life of the loan. Under ASC 606, the Company assesses whether the buyer is committed to perform their obligations under the contract and whether collectability of the transaction price is probable. Once these criteria are met, the OREO asset is derecognized and the gain or loss on sale is recorded upon the transfer of control of the property to the buyer. In determining the gain or loss on the sale, the Company adjusts the transaction price and related gain (loss) on sale if a significant financing component is present. As a result of the adoption of ASC 606, the Company reported a net increase of \$24,000 to opening retained earnings as of January 1, 2018.

ITEM 2 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

OVERVIEW

Net income in the first three months of 2018 was \$18.3 million, up 26.3% from \$14.5 million for the comparable period of 2017. Diluted income per common share was \$0.71 in the first three months of 2018, up 24.6% from \$0.57 in the comparable period of 2017. Annualized return on average total equity was 15.82% in the first three months of 2018 versus 13.63% in the comparable period of 2017. Annualized return on average total assets was 1.58% in the first three months of 2018 versus 1.37% in the comparable period of 2017. The average equity to average assets ratio was 9.99% in the first three months of 2018 versus 10.02% in the comparable period of 2017.

Total assets were \$4.727 billion as of March 31, 2018 versus \$4.683 billion as of December 31, 2017, an increase of \$44.0 million, or 0.9%. This increase was primarily due to a \$28.7 million increase in net loans as well as a \$22.2 million increase in securities available for sale. The growth in assets resulted from an increase in net deposits of \$90.8 million, which funded the increases of \$28.7 million and \$22.2 million in net loans and securities available for sale, respectively. In addition, the Company reduced its borrowings by \$56.0 million. Total equity increased by \$4.7 million as a result of net income of \$18.3 million offset by paying dividends of \$0.22 per share totaling \$5.6 million and a reduction in accumulated other comprehensive income of \$7.3 million.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Certain of the Company's accounting policies are important to the portrayal of the Company's financial condition, since they require management to make difficult, complex or subjective judgments, some of which may relate to matters that are inherently uncertain. Estimates associated with these policies are susceptible to material changes as a result of changes in facts and circumstances. Some of the facts and circumstances which could affect these judgments include changes in interest rates, in the performance of the economy or in the financial condition of borrowers. Management believes that its critical accounting policies include determining the allowance for loan losses and the valuation and other-than-temporary impairment of investment securities.

Allowance for Loan Losses

The Company maintains an allowance for loan losses to provide for probable incurred credit losses. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when management believes that the principal is uncollectable. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance. Allocations of the allowance are made for specific loans and for pools of similar types of loans, although the entire allowance is available for any loan that, in management's judgment, should be charged against the allowance. A provision for loan losses is taken based on management's ongoing evaluation of the appropriate allowance balance. A formal evaluation of the adequacy of the loan loss allowance is conducted monthly. The ultimate recovery of all loans is susceptible to future market factors beyond the Company's control.

The level of loan loss provision is influenced by growth in the overall loan portfolio, changes in market risk, changes in concentration risk, commercial loan focus and large credit concentration, new industry lending activity, general economic conditions and historical loss analysis. In addition, management gives consideration to changes in the allocation for specific watch list credits in determining the appropriate level of the loan loss provision. Furthermore, management's overall view on credit quality is a factor in the determination of the provision.

The determination of the appropriate allowance is inherently subjective, as it requires significant estimates by management. The Company has an established process to determine the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses that generally includes consideration of the following factors: changes in the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, overall portfolio quality and current economic conditions that may affect the borrowers' ability to repay. Consideration is not limited to these factors although they represent the most commonly cited factors. With respect to specific

allocation levels for individual credits, management considers the amounts and timing of expected future cash flows and the current valuation of collateral as the primary measures. Management also considers trends in adversely classified loans based upon an ongoing review of those credits. With respect to pools of similar loans, allocations are assigned based upon historical experience unless the rate of loss is expected to be greater than historical losses as noted below. A detailed analysis is performed on loans that are classified but determined not to be impaired which incorporates probability of default with a loss given default scenario to develop non-specific allocations for the loan pool. These allocations may be adjusted based on the other factors cited above. An appropriate level of general allowance for pooled loans is determined after considering the following: application of historical loss percentages, emerging market risk, commercial loan focus and large credit concentration, new industry lending activity and general economic conditions. It is also possible that the following could affect the overall process: social, political, economic and terrorist events or activities. All of these factors are susceptible to change, which may be significant. As a result of this detailed process, the allowance results in two forms of allocations, specific and general. These two components represent the total allowance for loan losses deemed adequate to cover probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio.

Commercial loans are subject to a dual standardized grading process administered by the credit administration function. These grade assignments are performed independent of each other and a consensus is reached by credit administration and the loan review officer. Specific allowances are established in cases where management has identified significant conditions or circumstances related to an individual credit that indicate the loan is impaired. Considerations with respect to specific allocations for these individual credits include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) does the customer's cash flow or net worth appear insufficient to repay the loan; (b) is there adequate collateral to repay the loan; (c) has the loan been criticized in a regulatory examination; (d) is the loan impaired; (e) are there other reasons where the ultimate collectability of the loan is in question; or (f) are there unique loan characteristics that require special monitoring.

Allocations are also applied to categories of loans considered not to be individually impaired, but for which the rate of loss is expected to be consistent with or greater than historical averages. Such allocations are based on past loss experience and information about specific borrower situations and estimated collateral values. In addition, general allocations are made for other pools of loans, including non-classified loans. These general pooled loan allocations are performed for portfolio segments of commercial and industrial, commercial real estate and multi-family, agri-business and agricultural, other commercial, consumer 1-4 family mortgage and other consumer loans, and loans within certain industry categories believed to present unique risk of loss. General allocations of the allowance are primarily made based on a three-year historical average for loan losses for these portfolios, subjectively adjusted for economic factors and portfolio trends.

Due to the imprecise nature of estimating the allowance for loan losses, the Company's allowance for loan losses includes an unallocated component. The unallocated component of the allowance for loan losses incorporates the Company's judgmental determination of inherent losses that may not be fully reflected in other allocations, including factors such as the level of classified credits, economic uncertainties, industry trends impacting specific portfolio segments, broad portfolio quality trends and trends in the composition of the Company's large commercial loan portfolio and related large dollar exposures to individual borrowers.

Valuation and Other-Than-Temporary Impairment of Investment Securities

The fair values of securities available for sale are determined on a recurring basis by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges or pricing models, which utilize significant observable inputs such as matrix pricing. This is a mathematical technique widely used in the industry to value debt securities without relying exclusively on quoted prices for the specific securities but rather by relying on the securities' relationship to other benchmark quoted securities. Different judgments and assumptions used in pricing could result in different estimates of value. The fair value of certain securities is determined using unobservable inputs, primarily observable inputs of similar securities.

At the end of each reporting period, securities held in the investment portfolio are evaluated on an individual security level for other-than-temporary impairment in accordance with current accounting guidance. Impairment is other-than-temporary if the decline in the fair value of the security is below its amortized cost and it is probable that all amounts due according to the contractual terms of a debt security will not be received.

Significant judgments are required in determining impairment, which includes making assumptions regarding the estimated prepayments, loss assumptions and the change in interest rates.

We consider the following factors when determining other-than-temporary impairment for a security or investment:

- the length of time and the extent to which the market value has been less than amortized cost;
- the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer;
- the underlying fundamentals of the relevant market and the outlook for such market for the near future; and

our intent and ability to hold the security for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in market value.

The assessment of whether a decline exists that is other-than-temporary involves a high degree of subjectivity and judgment and is based on the information available to management at a point in time. If, in management's judgment, other-than-temporary impairment exists, the cost basis of the security will be written down to the computed net present value, and the unrealized loss will be transferred from accumulated other comprehensive loss as an immediate reduction of current earnings (as if the loss had been realized in the period of other-than-temporary impairment).

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

Selected income statement information for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 is presented in the following table:

(dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
Income Statement Summary:		
Net interest income	\$36,223	\$32,061
Provision for loan losses	3,300	200
Noninterest income	9,879	8,259
Noninterest expense	21,202	20,048
Other Data:		
Efficiency ratio (1)	45.99%	49.72%
Dilutive EPS	\$0.71	\$0.57
Tangible capital ratio (2)	9.94%	10.06%
Net charge-offs/(recoveries) to average loans	0.51%	0.02%
Net interest margin	3.36%	3.27%
Noninterest income to total revenue	21.43%	20.48%

(1) Noninterest expense/Net interest income plus Noninterest income

(2) Non-GAAP financial measure. See reconciliation below.

(dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
Total Equity	\$473,333	\$437,202
Less: Goodwill	(4,970)	(4,970)
Plus: Deferred tax assets related to goodwill	1,174	1,840
Tangible Common Equity	469,537	434,072
Total Assets	\$4,726,948	\$4,319,103
Less: Goodwill	(4,970)	(4,970)
Plus: Deferred tax assets related to goodwill	1,174	1,840
Tangible Assets	4,723,152	4,315,973
Tangible Common Equity/Tangible Assets	9.94%	10.06%

Net Income

Net income was \$18.3 million in the first three months of 2018, an increase of \$3.8 million, or 26.3%, versus net income of \$14.5 million in the first three months of 2017. The growth in net income of \$3.8 million for the first quarter 2018 as compared to the prior year period resulted primarily from increased net interest income of \$4.2 million and growth in noninterest income of \$1.6 million. These increases were offset by an increase in provision expense of \$3.1 million and increased noninterest expense of \$1.2 million, resulting in an increase to income before income tax expense of \$1.5 million. In addition, net income for the first quarter 2018, was favorably impacted by the reduced

federal tax rate. First quarter income tax expense for 2018 was \$2.3 million lower than the prior year period. Net interest income increased \$4.2 million, or 13.0%, to \$36.2 million versus \$32.1 million in the first three months of 2017. Net interest income increased primarily due to an 8.9% increase in average earning assets. An increase of \$249.6 million, or 7.9%, in average commercial loans from the first three months of 2017 was the primary reason for the increase in average earning assets over the past twelve months, which reflects our continuing strategic focus on commercial lending. In addition, net interest income was favorably impacted during the first quarter 2018 by expansion in net interest margin from 3.27% for the three months ended in March 2017 to 3.36% for the three months ended March 31, 2018. The expansion in net interest margin resulted from the Federal Reserve Bank increases to the Federal Funds Rate which increased three times from March 31, 2017. The net interest margin increased nine basis points to 3.36% in the first three months of 2018 compared to 3.27% for the first three months of 2017.

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Net Interest Income

The following tables set forth consolidated information regarding average balances and rates:

(fully tax equivalent basis, dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2018			2017			Yield (1)/	Rate
	Average Balance	Interest Income	Yield (1)/Rate	Average Balance	Interest Income	Yield (1)/Rate		
Earning Assets								
Loans:								
Taxable (2)(3)	\$3,767,300	\$41,794	4.50 %	\$3,491,018	\$34,447	4.00 %		
Tax exempt (1)	24,622	272	4.48	18,137	221	4.94		
Investments: (1)								
Available for sale	546,042	4,119	3.06	515,283	4,083	3.21		
Short-term investments	4,579	9	0.80	5,121	5	0.40		
Interest bearing deposits	78,918	283	1.45	30,326	43	0.58		
Total earning assets	\$4,421,461	\$46,477	4.26 %	\$4,059,885	\$38,799	3.88 %		
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(47,189)			(43,981)				
Nonearning Assets								
Cash and due from banks	137,738			108,682				
Premises and equipment	56,192			52,729				
Other nonearning assets	138,524			132,830				
Total assets	\$4,706,726			\$4,310,145				
Interest Bearing Liabilities								
Savings deposits	\$268,091	\$89	0.13 %	\$271,087	\$99	0.15 %		
Interest bearing checking accounts	1,491,820	3,575	0.97	1,383,791	1,952	0.57		
Time deposits:								
In denominations under \$100,000	255,209	848	1.35	238,347	670	1.14		
In denominations over \$100,000	1,238,189	4,855	1.59	975,450	2,721	1.13		
Miscellaneous short-term borrowings	82,862	111	0.54	184,950	310	0.68		
Long-term borrowings and subordinated debentures	30,933	367	4.81	30,959	314	4.11		
Total interest bearing liabilities	\$3,367,104	\$9,845	1.19 %	\$3,084,584	\$6,066	0.80 %		
Noninterest Bearing Liabilities								
Demand deposits	841,608			768,495				
Other liabilities	28,016			25,172				
Stockholders' Equity	469,998			431,894				
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$4,706,726			\$4,310,145				
Interest Margin Recap								
Interest income/average earning assets		46,477	4.26		38,799	3.88		
Interest expense/average earning assets		9,845	0.90		6,066	0.61		
Net interest income and margin		\$36,632	3.36 %		\$32,733	3.27 %		

(1) Tax exempt income was converted to a fully taxable equivalent basis at a 21 percent tax rate for 2018 and a 35 percent tax rate for 2017. The tax equivalent rate for tax exempt loans and tax exempt securities acquired after January 1, 1983 included the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 ("TEFRA") adjustment applicable to nondeductible interest expenses. Taxable equivalent basis adjustments were \$409,000 and \$672,000 in the

three-month periods ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

(2) Loan fees, which are immaterial in relation to total taxable loan interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, are included as taxable loan interest income.

(3) Nonaccrual loans are included in the average balance of taxable loans.

Net interest income increased \$4.2 million, or 13.0%, for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared with the first three months of 2017. The increased level of net interest income during the first three months of 2018 was largely driven by an increase in average earning assets of \$361.6 million, which resulted primarily from loan growth. Average loans outstanding increased \$282.8 million to \$3.792 billion during the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to \$3.509 billion during the same period of 2017, with most of the growth being in commercial loans. The earning asset growth was funded through deposit growth offset by a decrease in borrowings. Average time deposits increased by \$279.6 million, average interest bearing checking accounts increased by \$108.0 million, average noninterest bearing demand deposits increased by \$73.1 million and average borrowings decreased by \$102.1 million.

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The tax equivalent net interest margin was 3.36% for the first three months of 2018 compared to 3.27% during the first three months of 2017. The yield on earning assets totaled 4.26% during the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to 3.88% in the same period of 2017. Cost of funds (expressed as a percentage of average earning assets) totaled 0.90% during the first three months of 2018 compared to 0.61% in the same period of 2017. The increase in net interest margin for the first quarter of 2018 as compared to the same period in 2017 resulted from the effect of the Federal Reserve Bank increases to the Federal Funds Rate and the asset sensitive position of the balance sheet.

Provision for Loan Losses

The Company recorded a provision for loan loss expense of \$3.3 million in the three-month period ended March 31, 2018, compared to a provision of \$200,000 during the comparable period of 2017. The primary factors impacting the provision in the first three months of 2018 were strong loan growth and net charge-offs taken during the first quarter of 2018. Net charge offs in the quarter were \$4.8 million versus net charge offs of \$144,000 in the first quarter of 2017 and net charge offs of \$226,000 during the linked fourth quarter 2017. Net charge offs included a \$4.6 million charge off related to a single commercial borrower. At December 31, 2017, loans to the borrower were current and performing. Late in the first quarter of 2018, the borrower encountered working capital challenges and it became clear to the bank that the borrower was not able to generate sufficient cash flow from operations to fully support its business. As a result, it was determined that full collection of the outstanding loan balance of \$6.8 million was not probable and would likely not be repaid. The remaining loan exposure of \$2.2 million to this borrower, which is on nonaccrual status, is secured by a blanket lien on all assets, including accounts receivable, land, buildings and equipment. In addition the exposure is supported by personal guarantees and a security interest in undeveloped commercial real estate. Additional factors considered by management included the continued stability in key loan quality metrics including appropriate reserve coverage of nonperforming loans and stable economic conditions in the Company's markets, and changes in the allocation for specific watch list credits. Management's overall view on current credit quality was also a factor in the determination of the provision for loan losses. The Company's management continues to monitor the adequacy of the provision based on loan levels, asset quality, economic conditions and other factors that may influence the assessment of the collectability of loans.

Noninterest Income

Noninterest income categories for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 are shown in the following tables:

	Three Months Ended March 31,			Percent Change
	2018	2017		
(dollars in thousands)				
Wealth advisory fees	\$1,505	\$1,250	20.4	%
Investment brokerage fees	290	321	(9.7)	
Service charges on deposit accounts	3,628	3,143	15.4	
Loan and service fees	2,177	1,893	15.0	
Merchant card fee income	642	538	19.3	
Bank owned life insurance	363	471	(22.9)	
Other income	1,039	509	104.1	
Mortgage banking income	241	131	84.0	
Net securities gains (losses)	(6)	3	(300.0)	
Total noninterest income	\$9,879	\$8,259	19.6	%
Noninterest income to total revenue	21.43%	20.48%		

The Company's noninterest income increased \$1.6 million, or 19.6%, to \$9.9 million for the first quarter of 2018, compared to \$8.3 million for the first quarter of 2017. Noninterest income was positively impacted by a 15.4%

increase over the prior year first quarter, in recurring fee income for service charges on deposit accounts, primarily due to growth in fees from business accounts. In addition, wealth advisory fees increased by 20.4% compared to the year ago period due to continued growth of client relationships. The Company adopted the new revenue recognition accounting standard effective on January 1, 2018 that requires the evaluation of all contracts and the related recognition of revenue. Although the adoption of this standard did not have a significant impact to net income, the evaluation of recording revenue gross versus net did cause some reclassifications of expenses associated with various revenue streams. Adoption of this standard resulted in an increase to NYCE income recorded in loan and service fees of \$194,000. The increase to these accounts resulted from reclassification adjustments between these accounts and non-interest expense due to reporting these revenue streams gross versus net of expenses as in prior periods. Other income increased \$530,000 for the first quarter of 2018 compared to the first quarter of 2017, primarily due to a gain recorded on insurance proceeds and an increase in the FHLB dividend.

Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expense categories for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 are shown in the following tables:

(dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,		Percent	
	2018	2017	Change	
Salaries and employee benefits	\$12,019	\$11,370	5.7	%
Net occupancy expense	1,426	1,120	27.3	
Equipment costs	1,274	1,075	18.5	
Data processing fees and supplies	2,513	2,016	24.7	
Corporate and business development	1,133	1,502	(24.6)	
FDIC insurance and other regulatory fees	461	434	6.2	
Professional fees	872	954	(8.6)	
Other expense	1,504	1,577	(4.7)	
Total noninterest expense	\$21,202	\$20,048	5.8	%

The Company's noninterest expense increased \$1.2 million, or 5.8%, to \$21.2 million in the first quarter of 2018, compared to \$20.0 million in the first quarter of 2017. Salaries and employee benefits increased primarily due to higher employee health insurance expense, an increase to the Company's minimum hiring wage, special bonuses paid to non-officer employees, and normal merit increases. Data processing fees increased due to the Company's continued investment in technology-based solutions as well as the adoption of the new FASB revenue recognition accounting standard discussed above. Corporate and business development expense decreased primarily due to a reduction in contributions as well as lower advertising expenses. The Company's efficiency ratio was 46.0% for the first quarter of 2018, compared to 49.7% for the first quarter of 2017 and 43.7% for the linked fourth quarter of 2017.

Income Taxes

The Company's income tax expense decreased \$2.3 million in the three-month period ended March 31, 2018, compared to the same period in 2017. The effective tax rate was 15.1% in the three-month period ended March 31, 2018, compared to 27.7% for the comparable period of 2017. The decrease in the effective tax rate in the three-month period ended March 31, 2018 was primarily due to the effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act which lowered the Company's federal income tax rate to 21% from 35%. In addition the Company recognized tax benefits of \$761,000 and \$924,000, respectively, in the three-month periods ended March 31, 2018 and 2017. The tax benefits were related to employee long-term incentive stock awards which vested in the respective periods. The Company's long-term incentive plans vest in January of each year on the third anniversary of the grant date and are subject to performance conditions.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Overview

Total assets of the Company were \$4.727 billion as of March 31, 2018, an increase of \$44.0 million, or 0.9%, when compared to \$4.683 billion as of December 31, 2017. Overall asset growth was primarily driven by a \$28.7 million, or 0.8%, increase in net loans to \$3.800 billion at March 31, 2018 from \$3.771 billion at December 31, 2017 and an increase of \$22.2 million, or 4.1%, in securities available for sale to \$560.7 million at March 31, 2018 from \$538.5 million at December 31, 2017 due to securities purchases. A decrease of \$8.6 million, or 4.9%, in cash and cash equivalents partially offset the overall growth of total assets. Funding for the balance sheet growth came from a \$90.8 million increase in deposits offset by a \$56.0 million decrease in borrowings.

Uses of Funds

Total Cash and Cash Equivalents

Total cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$8.6 million, or 4.9%, to \$167.6 million at March 31, 2018, from \$176.2 million at December 31, 2017. The short-term investment component of cash and cash equivalents increased primarily due to higher interest-bearing balances on deposit with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Cash and cash equivalents decreased in order to fund growth in loans and securities.

Investment Portfolio

The amortized cost and the fair value of securities as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 were as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2018		December 31, 2017	
	Amortized Fair		Amortized Fair	
	Cost	Value	Cost	Value
U.S. Treasury securities	\$992	\$984	\$992	\$997
U.S. government sponsored agencies	5,091	4,990	5,191	5,122
Mortgage-backed securities: residential	342,526	336,990	314,650	313,774
Mortgage-backed securities: commercial	34,944	34,359	44,208	44,211
State and municipal securities	185,049	183,341	172,375	174,389
Total	\$568,602	\$560,664	\$537,416	\$538,493

At March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, there were no holdings of securities of any one issuer, other than the U.S. government, government agencies and government sponsored entities, in an amount greater than 10% of stockholders' equity.

Purchases of securities available for sale totaled \$53.8 million in the first three months of 2018. The purchases consisted primarily of mortgage-backed securities issued by government sponsored entities and also purchases of state and municipal securities. Paydowns from prepayments and scheduled payments of \$10.0 million were received in the first three months of 2018, and the amortization of premiums, net of the accretion of discounts, was \$749,000. Sales of securities totaled \$12.3 million in the first three months of 2018. Maturities and calls of securities totaled \$2.7 million in the first three months of 2018. No other-than-temporary impairment was recognized in the first three months of 2018.

Purchases of securities available for sale totaled \$52.8 million in the first three months of 2017. Paydowns from prepayments and scheduled payments of \$12.4 million were received in the first three months of 2017, and the amortization of premiums, net of the accretion of discounts, was \$715,000. Sales of securities totaled \$16.8 million in the first three months of 2017. Maturities and calls of securities totaled \$1.7 million in the first three months of 2017. No other-than-temporary impairment was recognized in the first three months of 2017.

The investment portfolio is managed by a third party firm to provide for an appropriate balance between liquidity, credit risk and investment return and to limit the Company's exposure to risk to an acceptable level. The Company does not trade or invest in or sponsor certain unregistered investment companies defined as hedge funds and private equity funds under what is commonly referred to as the "Volcker Rule" of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Real Estate Mortgage Loans HFS

Real estate mortgage loans held-for-sale decreased by \$1.8 million, or 54.8%, to \$1.5 million at March 31, 2018, from \$3.3 million at December 31, 2017. The balance of this asset category is subject to a high degree of variability depending on, among other things, recent mortgage loan rates and the timing of loan sales into the secondary market. The Company generally sells all of the mortgage loans it originates on the secondary market. Proceeds from sales totaled \$11.5 million in the first three months of 2018 compared to \$13.1 million in the first three months of 2017.

Loan Portfolio

The loan portfolio by portfolio segment as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 is summarized as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2018		December 31, 2017		Current Period Change
Commercial and industrial loans	\$1,485,007	38.6 %	\$1,418,681	37.1 %	\$66,326
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans	1,482,076	38.5	1,444,913	37.8	37,163
Agri-business and agricultural loans	316,970	8.3	382,841	10.0	(65,871)
Other commercial loans	116,657	3.0	124,076	3.3	(7,419)
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans	372,949	9.7	374,645	9.8	(1,696)
Other consumer loans	73,277	1.9	74,369	2.0	(1,092)
Subtotal	3,846,936	100.0 %	3,819,525	100.0 %	27,411
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(45,627)		(47,121)		1,494
Net deferred loan fees	(1,268)		(1,066)		(202)
Loans, net	\$3,800,041		\$3,771,338		\$28,703

Total loans, excluding real estate mortgage loans held for sale, increased by \$27.4 million to \$3.847 billion at March 31, 2018 from \$3.820 billion at December 31, 2017. The increase was concentrated in the commercial and commercial real estate categories and reflected the Company's long standing strategic plan that is focused on expanding and growing the commercial lending business throughout our market areas. The increase was partially offset by seasonal declines in agri-business loans.

The following table summarizes the Company's non-performing assets as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Nonaccrual loans including nonaccrual troubled debt restructured loans	\$11,002	\$9,401
Loans past due over 90 days and still accruing	26	6
Total nonperforming loans	\$11,028	\$9,407
Other real estate owned	10	40
Repossessions	114	55
Total nonperforming assets	\$11,152	\$9,502
Impaired loans including troubled debt restructurings	\$15,824	\$13,869
Nonperforming loans to total loans	0.29%	0.25%
Nonperforming assets to total assets	0.24%	0.20%
Performing troubled debt restructured loans	\$4,085	\$2,893
Nonperforming troubled debt restructured loans (included in nonaccrual loans)	7,945	7,750
Total troubled debt restructured loans	\$12,030	\$10,643

Total nonperforming assets increased by \$1.7 million, or 17.4%, to \$11.2 million during the three-month period ended March 31, 2018. The increase in nonperforming assets was primarily due to one commercial relationship being placed in nonaccrual status.

Net charge offs in the quarter were \$4.8 million versus net charge offs of \$144,000 in the first quarter of 2017 and net charge offs of \$226,000 during the linked fourth quarter 2017. Net charge offs included a \$4.6 million charge off related to a single commercial borrower.

A loan is impaired when full payment under the original loan terms is not expected. Impairment for smaller loans that are similar in nature and which are not in nonaccrual or troubled debt restructured status, such as residential mortgage, consumer, and credit card loans, is determined based on the class of loans and impairment is determined on an individual loan basis for other loans. If a loan is impaired, a portion of the allowance may be allocated so that the loan is reported, net, at the present value of estimated future cash flows or at the fair value of collateral if repayment is expected solely from the collateral.

Total impaired loans increased by \$2.0 million, or 14.1%, to \$15.8 million at March 31, 2018 from \$13.9 million at December 31, 2017. The increase in the impaired loans category was primarily due to addition of the one commercial credit which was also placed in nonaccrual status.

Loans are charged against the allowance for loan losses when management believes that the principal is uncollectible. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance. The allowance is an amount that management believes will be adequate to absorb probable incurred credit losses relating to specifically identified loans based on an evaluation of the loans by management, as well as other probable incurred losses inherent in the loan portfolio. The evaluations take into consideration such factors as changes in the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, overall portfolio quality, review of specific problem loans and current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to repay. Management also considers trends in adversely classified loans based upon a monthly review of those credits. An appropriate level of general allowance is determined after considering the following factors: application of historical loss percentages, emerging market risk, commercial loan focus and large credit concentrations, new industry lending activity and current economic conditions. Federal regulations require insured institutions to classify their own assets on a regular basis. The regulations provide for three categories of classified loans: Substandard, Doubtful and Loss. The regulations also contain a Special Mention category. Special Mention applies to loans that do not currently expose an insured institution to a sufficient degree of risk to warrant classification as Substandard, Doubtful or Loss but do possess credit deficiencies or potential weaknesses deserving management's close attention. The Company's policy is to establish a specific allowance for loan losses for any assets where management has identified conditions or circumstances that indicate an asset is impaired. If an asset or portion thereof is classified as a loss, the Company's policy is to either establish specified allowances for loan losses in the amount of 100% of the portion of the asset classified loss or charge-off such amount.

At March 31, 2018, the allowance for loan losses was 1.19% of total loans outstanding, versus 1.23% of total loans outstanding at December 31, 2017. At March 31, 2018, management believed the allowance for loan losses was at a level commensurate with the overall risk exposure of the loan portfolio. However, if economic conditions do not remain stabilized, certain borrowers may experience difficulty and the level of nonperforming loans, charge-offs and delinquencies could rise and require increases in the allowance for loan losses. The process of identifying probable incurred credit losses is a subjective process. Therefore, the Company maintains a general allowance to cover probable credit losses within the entire portfolio. The methodology management uses to determine the adequacy of the loan loss reserve includes the considerations below.

The Company has a relatively high percentage of commercial and commercial real estate loans, most of which are extended to small or medium-sized businesses from a wide variety of industries. Generally, this type of lending has more credit risk than other types of lending because of the size and diversity of the credits. The Company manages this risk by adjusting its pricing to the perceived risk of each individual credit and by diversifying the portfolio by customer, product, industry and market area.

As of March 31, 2018, on the basis of management's review of the loan portfolio, the Company had 93 credits totaling \$182.0 million on the classified loan list versus 95 credits totaling \$171.7 million on December 31, 2017. As of March 31, 2018, the Company had \$102.8 million of assets classified as Special Mention, \$79.2 million classified as Substandard, \$0 classified as Doubtful and \$0 classified as Loss as compared to \$93.2 million, \$78.5 million, \$0 and \$0, respectively, at December 31, 2017.

Allowance estimates are developed by management after taking into account actual loss experience adjusted for current economic conditions. The Company has regular discussions regarding this methodology with regulatory authorities. Allowance estimates are considered a prudent measurement of the risk in the Company's loan portfolio and are applied to individual loans based on loan type. In accordance with current accounting guidance, the allowance is provided for losses that have been incurred as of the balance sheet date and is based on past events and current economic conditions and does not include the effects of expected losses on specific loans or groups of loans that are related to future events or expected changes in economic conditions. For a more thorough discussion of the allowance

for loan losses methodology see the Critical Accounting Policies section of this Item 2.

The allowance for loan losses decreased 3.2%, or \$1.5 million, from \$47.1 million at December 31, 2017 to \$45.6 million at March 31, 2018. Pooled loan allocations decreased from \$43.9 million at December 31, 2017 to \$43.0 million at March 31, 2018, which was primarily due to management's view of current credit quality and the current economic environment. Impaired loan allocations decreased \$545,000 from \$3.2 million at December 31, 2017 to \$2.7 million at March 31, 2018 due primarily to paydowns and pay-offs received on these loans over the three-month period ending March 31, 2018. While general trends in the overall economy and credit quality were stable, the Company believes that the unallocated component is appropriate given the uncertainty that exists regarding near term economic conditions.

Most of the Company's loan growth has been concentrated in the commercial loan portfolio, which can result in overall asset quality being influenced by a small number of credits. Management has historically considered growth and portfolio composition when determining loan loss allocations. Management believes that it is prudent to continue to provide for loan losses in a manner consistent with its historical approach due to the loan growth described above and current economic conditions.

Economic conditions in the Company's markets have generally improved and stabilized, and management is cautiously optimistic that the growth is positively impacting its borrowers. While the growth is not robust, commercial real estate activity and manufacturing growth is occurring. The Company's continued growth strategy promotes diversification among industries as well as continued focus on enforcement of a strong credit environment and an aggressive position in loan work-out situations. The Company believes that historical industry-specific issues in the Company's markets have improved and continue to be somewhat mitigated by its overall expansion strategy, the economic environment impacting its entire geographic footprint will continue to present challenges.

Sources of Funds

The average daily deposits and borrowings together with average rates paid on those deposits and borrowings for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 are summarized in the following table:

(dollars in thousands)	Three months ended March 31,			
	2018		2017	
	Balance	Rate	Balance	Rate
Noninterest bearing demand deposits	\$841,608	0.00%	\$768,495	0.00%
Savings and transaction accounts:				
Savings deposits	268,091	0.13	271,087	0.15
Interest bearing demand deposits	1,491,820	0.97	1,383,791	0.57
Time deposits:				
Deposits of \$100,000 or more	1,238,189	1.59	975,450	1.13
Other time deposits	255,209	1.35	238,347	1.14
Total deposits	\$4,094,917	0.93%	\$3,637,170	0.61%
FHLB advances and other borrowings	113,795	1.71	215,909	1.17
Total funding sources	\$4,208,712	0.95%	\$3,853,079	0.64%

Deposits and Borrowings

Total deposits increased by \$90.8 million, or 2.3%, from December 31, 2017. Core deposits increased by \$132.5 million to \$3.9 billion as of March 31, 2018 from \$3.7 billion as of December 31, 2017. Total brokered deposits were \$227.3 million at March 31, 2018 compared to \$269.0 million at December 31, 2017 reflecting a \$41.7 million decrease during the first quarter.

Core deposit growth was comprised of increases in retail deposits of \$123.2 million and in public fund deposits of \$26.4 million, which were offset by a decrease in commercial deposits of \$17.0 million. Total public funds deposits, including public funds transaction accounts, were \$1.290 billion at March 31, 2018 compared to \$1.264 billion at December 31, 2017.

The following table summarizes deposit composition at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

(dollars in thousands)	March, 31 2018	December 31, 2017	Current
			Period Change

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Retail	\$1,629,944	\$1,506,738	\$123,206
Commercial	952,285	969,292	(17,007)
Public funds	1,289,999	1,263,649	26,350
Core deposits	\$3,872,228	\$3,739,679	\$132,549
Brokered deposits	227,260	268,976	(41,716)
Total deposits	\$4,099,488	\$4,008,655	\$90,833

Total borrowings decreased by \$56.0 million, or 30.8%, from December 31, 2017. Most of the decrease resulted from the repayment of short-term advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis. The Company utilizes wholesale funding, including brokered deposits and Federal Home Loan Bank advances, to supplement funding of assets, which is primarily loan growth.

Capital

As of March 31, 2018, total stockholders' equity was \$473.2 million, an increase of \$4.7 million, or 1.0%, from \$468.6 million at December 31, 2017. In addition to net income of \$18.3 million, other increases in equity during the first three months of 2018 included \$1.4 million in stock based compensation expense. Offsetting the increases to stockholders' equity were decreases of \$7.1 million in accumulated other comprehensive income component of equity, which was driven by a net decrease in the fair value of available-for-sale securities, dividends paid in the amount of \$5.5 million and \$2.5 million in stock activity under equity compensation plans.

The impact on equity by other comprehensive income is not included in regulatory capital. The banking regulators have established guidelines for leverage capital requirements, expressed in terms of Tier 1, or core capital, as a percentage of average assets, to measure the soundness of a financial institution. In addition, banking regulators have established risk-based capital guidelines for U.S. banking organizations. The final rules implementing the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision's capital guidelines for U.S. banks became effective for the Company on January 1, 2015, with full compliance with all of the final rule's requirements phased in over a multi-year schedule, to be fully phased-in by January 1, 2019. The final rules include a capital conservation buffer, comprised of common equity Tier 1 capital, which was phased in beginning January 1, 2016 at 0.625% of risk-weighted assets and will increase each subsequent year by an additional 0.625% until reaching its final level of 2.5% on January 1, 2019. The capital conservation buffer was 1.25% as of December 31, 2017 and 1.875% as of March 31, 2018. As of March 31, 2018, the Company's capital levels remained characterized as "well-capitalized" under the new rules.

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The actual capital amounts and ratios of the Company and the Bank as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, are presented in the table below:

	Actual		Minimum Required For Capital Adequacy Purposes		For Capital Adequacy Purposes Plus Conservation Buffer		Minimum Required to Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Regulations	
(dollars in thousands)	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
As of March 31, 2018:								
Total Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)								
Consolidated	\$551,910	13.41%	\$329,303	8.00%	\$406,484	9.875%	\$411,629	10.00%
Bank	\$531,902	12.94%	\$328,736	8.00%	\$405,784	9.875%	\$410,921	10.00%
Tier I Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)								
Consolidated	\$506,194	12.30%	\$246,978	6.00%	\$324,158	7.875%	\$329,303	8.00%
Bank	\$486,186	11.83%	\$246,552	6.00%	\$323,600	7.875%	\$328,736	8.00%
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1)								
Consolidated	\$476,194	11.57%	\$185,233	4.50%	\$262,414	6.375%	\$267,559	6.50%
Bank	\$486,186	11.83%	\$184,914	4.50%	\$261,962	6.375%	\$267,098	6.50%
Tier I Capital (to Average Assets)								
Consolidated	\$506,194	10.76%	\$188,095	4.00%	\$188,095	4.00%	\$235,119	5.00%
Bank	\$486,186	10.36%	\$187,732	4.00%	\$187,732	4.00%	\$234,665	5.00%
As of December 31, 2017:								
Total Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)								
Consolidated	\$ 541,475	13.26%	\$ 326,782	8.00%	\$ 377,842	9.250%	\$ 408,478	10.00%
Bank	\$ 525,482	12.89%	\$ 326,140	8.00%	\$ 377,099	9.250%	\$ 407,675	10.00%
Tier I Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)								
Consolidated	\$ 494,265	12.10%	\$ 245,087	6.00%	\$ 296,147	7.250%	\$ 326,782	8.00%
Bank	\$ 478,272	11.73%	\$ 244,605	6.00%	\$ 295,564	7.250%	\$ 326,140	8.00%
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1)								
Consolidated	\$ 464,265	11.37%	\$ 183,815	4.50%	\$ 234,875	5.750%	\$ 265,511	6.50%
Bank	\$ 478,272	11.73%	\$ 183,454	4.50%	\$ 234,413	5.750%	\$ 264,988	6.50%
Tier I Capital (to Average Assets)								
Consolidated	\$ 494,265	10.76%	\$ 183,793	4.00%	\$ 183,793	4.00%	\$ 229,741	5.00%
Bank	\$ 478,272	10.44%	\$ 183,187	4.00%	\$ 183,187	4.00%	\$ 228,984	5.00%

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document (including information incorporated by reference) contains, and future oral and written statements of the Company and its management may contain, forward-looking statements, within the meaning of such term in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, with respect to the financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business of the Company. Forward-looking statements, which may be based upon beliefs, expectations and assumptions of the Company's management and on information currently available to management, are generally identifiable by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "plan," "intend," "estimate," "may," "will," "would," "could," "should" or other similar expressions. Additionally, all statements in this document, including forward-looking statements, speak only as of the date they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any statement in light of new information or future events.

The Company's ability to predict results or the actual effect of future plans or strategies is inherently uncertain. The factors, which could have a material adverse effect on the operations and future prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, are detailed in the "Risk Factors" section included under Item 1A. of Part I of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. In addition to the risk factors described in that section, there are other factors that may impact any public company, including ours, which could have a material adverse effect on the operations and future prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries. These additional factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- the effects of future economic, business and market conditions and changes, both domestic and foreign, including the effects of federal trade policies;
- governmental monetary and fiscal policies;
- the timing and scope of any legislative and regulatory changes, including changes in banking, securities and tax laws and regulations and their application by our regulators;
 - the risks of changes in interest rates on the levels, composition and costs of deposits, loan demand, and the values and liquidity of loan collateral, securities and other interest sensitive assets and liabilities;
- changes in borrowers' credit risks and payment behaviors;
- changes in the availability and cost of credit and capital in the financial markets;
- the effects of disruption and volatility in capital markets on the value of our investment portfolio;
- cyber-security risks and or cyber-security damage that could result from attacks on the Company's or third party service providers networks or data of the Company;
- changes in the prices, values and sales volumes of residential and commercial real estate;
- the effects of competition from a wide variety of local, regional, national and other providers of financial, investment and insurance services;
- changes in technology or products that may be more difficult or costly, or less effective than anticipated;
- the effects of war or other conflicts, acts of terrorism or other catastrophic events, including storms, droughts, tornados and flooding, that may affect general economic conditions, including agricultural production and demand and prices for agricultural goods and land used for agricultural purposes, generally and in our markets;

the failure of assumptions and estimates used in our reviews of our loan portfolio, underlying the establishment of reserves for possible loan losses, our analysis of our capital position and other estimates;

changes in the scope and cost of FDIC insurance, the state of Indiana's Public Deposit Insurance Fund and other coverages;

the effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, including any effects on the housing market, and on the demand for home equity loans and other loan products that we offer;

changes in accounting policies, rules and practices; and

the risks of mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, including, without limitation, the related time and costs of implementing such transactions, integrating operations as part of these transactions and possible failures to achieve expected gains, revenue growth and/or expense savings from such transactions.

These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. Additional information concerning the Company and its business, including factors that could materially affect the Company's financial results, is included in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 3 – QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Interest rate risk represents the Company's primary market risk exposure. The Company does not have a material exposure to foreign currency exchange risk, does not have any material amount of derivative financial instruments and does not maintain a trading portfolio. The Corporate Risk Committee of the Board of Directors annually reviews and approves the policy used to manage interest rate risk. The policy was last reviewed and approved in July 2017. The policy sets guidelines for balance sheet structure, which are designed to protect the Company from the impact that interest rate changes could have on net income but does not necessarily indicate the effect on future net interest income. The Company, through its Asset and Liability Committee, manages interest rate risk by monitoring the computer simulated earnings impact of various rate scenarios and general market conditions. The Company then modifies its long-term risk parameters by attempting to generate the types of loans, investments, and deposits that currently fit the Company's needs, as determined by its Asset and Liability Committee. This computer simulation analysis measures the net interest income impact of various interest rate scenario changes during the next twelve months. The Company continually evaluates the assumptions used in the model. The current balance sheet structure is considered to be within acceptable risk levels.

Interest rate scenarios for the base, falling 100 basis points, rising 25 basis points, rising 50 basis points, rising 100 basis points, rising 200 basis points and rising 300 basis points are listed below based upon the Company's rate sensitive assets and liabilities at March 31, 2018. The net interest income shown represents cumulative net interest income over a twelve-month time horizon. Balance sheet assumptions used for the base scenario are the same for the rising and falling simulations.

The base scenario is highly dependent on numerous assumptions embedded in the model. While the base sensitivity analysis incorporates management's best estimate of interest rate and balance sheet dynamics under various market rate movements, the actual behavior and resulting earnings impact will likely differ from that projected. For certain assets, the base simulation model captures the expected prepayment behavior under changing interest rate environments. Assumptions and methodologies regarding the interest rate or balance behavior of indeterminate maturity core deposit products, such as savings, money market, NOW and demand deposits reflect management's best estimate of expected future behavior.

		Falling	Rising	Rising	Rising	Rising	Rising	
(dollars in thousands)	Base	(100 Basis Points)	(25 Basis Points)	(50 Basis Points)	(100 Basis Points)	(200 Basis Points)	(300 Basis Points)	
Net interest income	\$152,951	\$138,410	\$155,853	\$158,740	\$164,501	\$175,879	\$187,233	
Variance from Base		(\$14,541)	\$2,902	\$5,789	\$11,550	\$22,928	\$34,282	
Percent of change from Base		-9.51	% 1.90	% 3.78	% 7.55	% 14.99	% 22.41	%

ITEM 4 – CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As required by Rules 13a-15(b) and 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, management has evaluated, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of the

Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) were effective as of March 31, 2018. Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. These disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2018, there were no changes to the Company's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect its internal control over financial reporting.

PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal proceedings

There are no material pending legal proceedings to which the Company or its subsidiaries is a party other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to their respective businesses.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in Item 1A. of Part I of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. Please refer to that section of the Company's Form 10-K for disclosures regarding the risks and uncertainties related to the Company's business.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table provides information as of March 31, 2018 with respect to shares of common stock repurchased by the Company during the quarter then ended:

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number (or Appropriate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
January 1-31	3,049	\$ 48.53	0	\$ 0
February 1-28	758	48.31	0	0
March 1-31	0	0	0	0
Total	3,807	\$ 48.49	0	\$ 0

(a) The shares purchased during the periods were credited to the deferred share accounts of non-employee directors under the Company's directors' deferred compensation plan. These shares were purchased in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

N/A

Item 5. Other Information

None

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Item 6. Exhibits

31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a)

31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a)

32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

101 Interactive Data File

Interactive data files pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T: (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017; (ii) Consolidated Statements of Income for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2017; (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2017; (iv) Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2017; (v) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2017; and (vi) Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

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.

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: May 7, 2018 /s/ David M. Findlay
David M. Findlay – President and
Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 7, 2018 /s/ Lisa M. O'Neill
Lisa M. O'Neill – Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(principal financial officer)

Date: May 7, 2018 /s/ Sarah J. Earls
Sarah J. Earls – Senior Vice President and Controller
(principal accounting officer)