

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2009

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

FORM 8-K

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported):  
December 21, 2009 (December 15, 2009)

AMERIS  
BANCORP  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Georgia  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

No. 001-13901

(Commission File  
Number)

No.58-1456434

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

310 First Street, SE  
Moultrie, Georgia 31768  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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

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

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

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

On December 15, 2009, V. Wayne Williford was appointed as a director of Ameris Bancorp (the "Company") to fill a vacancy on the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Williford will serve on the Company's Audit Committee and Compensation Committee. Mr. Williford will receive the standard compensation paid to members of the Company's Board of Directors, as described in the Company's 2009 Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on April 16, 2009. There are no understandings or arrangements between Mr. Williford and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director.

Mr. Williford is Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of J.B. Coxwell Contracting, Inc. He currently serves as a member of the Ameris Bank - Jacksonville, Florida community board of directors.

SIGNATURE

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

AMERIS BANCORP

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

Dated: December 21, 2009

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