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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended: March 31, 2019

OR

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

For the transition period from ______ to _____

PEOPLES BANCORP OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

000-27205 56-2132396

(Commission File No.) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

518 West C Street, Newton, North Carolina 28658 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(828) 464-5620

(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 every Interactive Data File required to be submitted 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 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.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer 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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.5,955,635 shares of common stock, outstanding at April 30, 2019.

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Statements made in this Form 10-Q, other than those concerning historical information, should be considered forward-looking statements pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties and are based on the beliefs and assumptions of management and on the information available to management at the time that this Form 10-Q was prepared. These statements can be identified by the use of words like "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," and "believe," variations of these words and other similar expressions. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ include, but are not limited to, (1) competition in the markets served by the registrant and its subsidiaries, (2) changes in the interest rate environment,

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(3) general national, regional or local economic conditions may be less favorable than expected, resulting in, among other things, a deterioration in credit quality and the possible impairment of collectibility of loans, (4) legislative or regulatory changes, including changes in accounting standards, (5) significant changes in the federal and state legal and regulatory environments and tax laws, (6) the impact of changes in monetary and fiscal policies, laws, rules and regulations and (7) other risks and factors identified in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including but not limited to, those described in the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018.

PART I.
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1.

Financial Statements

PEOPLES BANCORP OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018

(Dollars in thousands)

	March 31,	December 31,
	2019	2018
Assets		
Cash and due from banks, including reserve requirements of \$11,214 at 03/31/19 and \$8,918 at 12/31/18	\$35,318	40,553
Interest-bearing deposits	15,896	2,817
Cash and cash equivalents	51,214	43,370
Investment securities available for sale	184,428	194,578
Other investments	4,329	4,361
Total securities	188,757	198,939
Mortgage loans held for sale	361	680
Loans Less allowance for loan losses Net loans	823,557 (6,561) 816,996	804,023 (6,445) 797,578

Premises and equipment, net Cash surrender value of life insurance Other real estate Right of use lease asset Accrued interest receivable and other assets Total assets	18,247 16,031 27 4,193 15,322 \$1,111,148	18,450 15,936 27 - 18,271 1,093,251
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing demand	\$310,053	298,817
NOW, MMDA & savings	493,773	475,223
Time, \$250,000 or more	20,362	16,239
Other time	83,926	86,934
Total deposits	908,114	877,213
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	41,231	58,095
Junior subordinated debentures	20,619	20,619
Lease liability	4,193	-
Accrued interest payable and other liabilities	10,407	13,707
Total liabilities	984,564	969,634
Commitments		
Shareholders' equity:		
Series A preferred stock, \$1,000 stated value; authorized		
5,000,000 shares; no shares issued and outstanding	-	-
Common stock, no par value; authorized		
20,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 5,997,136 shares		
at March 31, 2019 and 5,995,256 shares December 31, 2018	62,151	62,096
Retained earnings	62,757	60,535
Accumulated other comprehensive income	1,676	986
Total shareholders' equity	126,584	123,617
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$1,111,148	1,093,251

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

PEOPLES BANCORP OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.		
Consolidated Statements of Earnings		
Three Months Ended March 31, 2019 and 2018		
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)		
	2019	2018
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interest income:		
Interest and fees on loans Interest on due from banks Interest on investment securities:	\$10,619 14	9,069 45
U.S. Government sponsored enterprises State and political subdivisions	673 834	606 996
Other	43	43
Total interest income	12.183	10.759

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151

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226

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105

171

Interest expense:

FHLB borrowings

Time deposits

NOW, MMDA & savings deposits

Junior subordinated debentures

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Other Total interest expense Net interest income	52 757 11,426	15 467 10,292
Provision for loan losses	178	31
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	11,248	10,261
Non-interest income:		
Service charges	1,093	1,024
Other service charges and fees	169	180
Gain on sale of securities	231	_
Mortgage banking income	147	216
Insurance and brokerage commissions	231	182
Appraisal management fee income	862	789
Gain on sale of other real estate	-	6
Miscellaneous	1,387	1,339
Total non-interest income	4,120	3,736
Non-interest expense:		
Salaries and employee benefits	5,647	4,962
Occupancy	1,737	1,856
Professional fees	289	380
Advertising	266	241
Debit card expense	227	209
FDIC Insurance	72	83
Appraisal management fee expense	662	592
Other	2,016	1,719
Total non-interest expense	10,916	10,042
Earnings before income taxes	4,452	3,955
Income tax expense	785	652
Net earnings	\$3,667	3,303
Basic net earnings per share	\$0.61	0.55
Diluted net earnings per share	\$0.61	0.55
Cash dividends declared per share	\$0.14	0.13

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

PEOPLES BANCORP OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.		
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income		
Three Months Ended March 31, 2019 and 2018		
(Dollars in thousands)		
	2019	2018
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Net earnings	\$3,667	3,303
Other comprehensive income: Unrealized holding gains (losses) on securities available for sale	1,126	(2,614)

Total other comprehensive income (loss), before income taxes

Reclassification adjustment for gains on

securities available for sale included in net earnings

895 (2,614)

(231)

Income tax benefit related to other comprehensive income:

Unrealized holding gains (losses) on securities

available for sale	258	(601)
Reclassification adjustment for gains on sales		
of securities available for sale		
included in net earnings	(53)	-
Total income tax benefit related to		
other comprehensive income	205	(601)
Total other comprehensive income (loss),	600	(2.010)
net of tax	690	(2,013)
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Total comprehensive income	\$4,357	1,290

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

PEOPLES	BANCORP	OF NORTH	CAROLINA.	INC.

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity

Three Months Ended March 31, 2019 and 2018

(Dollars in thousands)

				Other	
	Common Stoo	ck	Retained	Comprehensive	
	Shares	Amount	Earnings	Income	Total
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Balance, December 31, 2018	5,995,256	\$62,096	60,535	986	123,617
Common stock repurchase Cash dividends declared on	(5,518)	(152)	-	-	(152)
common stock Restricted stock units exercised	- 7,398	- 207	(1,445)	-	(1,445) 207

Accumulated

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Net earnings	-	-	3,667	-	3,667
Change in accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax Balance, March 31, 2019	- 5,997,136	- \$62,151	- 62,757	690 1,676	690 126,584
Balance, December 31, 2017	5,995,256	\$62,096	50,286	3,593	115,975
Cash dividends declared on					
common stock	-	-	(783)	-	(783)
common stock Net earnings	-	-	(783) 3,303	-	(783) 3,303
	-	-	` /	-	, ,
Net earnings	- -	-	` /	- - (2,013)	, ,

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

PEOPLES BANCORP OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.		
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows		
Three Months Ended March 31, 2019 and 2018		
(Dollars in thousands)		
	2019	2018
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net earnings Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:	\$3,667	3,303
Depreciation, amortization and accretion Provision for loan losses	942 178	1,230 31
Deferred income taxes	(2)	(3)

(231)

110

6,098

(5,779)

(6)

2

57

8,530

(8,176)

Gain on sale of investment securities

Loss on sale of premises and equipment

Origination of mortgage loans held for sale

Proceeds from sales of mortgage loans held for sale

Gain on sale of other real estate

Restricted stock expense

Change in:

Cash surrender value of life insurance Other assets Other liabilities	(95) 2,746 (3,203)	(95) (742) (319)
Net cash provided by operating activities	4,431	3,812
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of investment securities available for sale	(7,395)	-
Proceeds from sales, calls and maturities of investment securities		
available for sale	15,403	7,630
Proceeds from paydowns of investment securities available for sale	2,871	5,159
Proceeds from paydowns of other investment securities	33	-
Purchases of FHLB stock	(1)	(4)
Net change in loans	(19,596)	(6,146)
Purchases of premises and equipment	(342)	(434)
Proceeds from sale of other real estate and repossessions	-	124
Net cash (used) provided by investing activities	(9,027)	6,329
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net change in deposits	30,901	672
Net change in securities sold under agreement to repurchase	(16,864)	500
Proceeds from FHLB borrowings	82,300	-
Repayments of FHLB borrowings	(82,300)	-
Proceeds from Fed Funds purchased	25,065	850
Repayments of Fed Funds purchased	(25,065)	(850)
Common stock repurchased	(152)	-
Cash dividends paid on common stock	(1,445)	(783)
Net cash provided by financing activities	12,440	389
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	7,844	10,530
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	43,370	57,304
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$51,214	67,834

PEOPLES BANCORP OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.		
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, continued		
Three Months Ended March 31, 2019 and 2018		
(Dollars in thousands)		
	2019	2018
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest Income taxes	\$737 \$-	460
Noncash investing and financing activities: Change in unrealized gain on investment securities available for sale, net Issuance of accrued restricted stock units	\$690 \$207	(2,013)

Transfers of loans to other real estate and repossessions \$- 62
Initial recognition of lease right-of-use asset and lease liability \$4,193 -

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

PEOPLES BANCORP OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Peoples Bancorp of North Carolina, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary, Peoples Bank (the "Bank"), along with the Bank's wholly owned subsidiaries, Peoples Investment Services, Inc. ("PIS"), Real Estate Advisory Services, Inc. ("REAS"), Community Bank Real Estate Solutions, LLC ("CBRES") and PB Real Estate Holdings, LLC (collectively called the "Company"). All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Bank operates three banking offices focused on the Latino population that were formerly operated as a division of the Bank under the name Banco de la Gente ("Banco"). These offices are now branded as Bank branches and considered a separate market territory of the Bank as they offer normal and customary banking services as are offered in the Bank's other branches such as the taking of deposits and the making of loans.

The consolidated financial statements in this report (other than the Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2018) are unaudited. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (none of which were other than normal accruals) necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and results of operations for the periods presented have been included. Management has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities to prepare these consolidated financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"). Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Company's accounting policies are fundamental to understanding management's discussion and analysis of results of operations and financial condition. Many of the Company's accounting policies require significant judgment regarding valuation of assets and liabilities and/or significant interpretation of the specific accounting guidance. A description of the Company's significant accounting policies can be found in Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's 2018 Annual Report to Shareholders which is Appendix A to the Proxy Statement for the May 2, 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

The following tables provide a summary of Accounting Standards Updates ("ASU") issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") that the Company has recently adopted.

ASU	Description	Effective Date	Effect on Financial Statements or Other Significant Matters
ASU 2014-09: Revenue from Contracts with Customers	Provides guidance on the recognition of revenue from contracts with customers. The core principle of this guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to reflect the transfer of goods and services to customers in an amount equal to the consideration the entity receives or expects to receive.	January 1, 2018	See section titled "ASU 2014-09" below for a despription of the effect on the Company's results of operations, financial position and disclosures.
ASU 2016-01: Recognition and	Addresses certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of	January 1, 2018	The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact

Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities financial instruments.

ASU 2017-07: Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Costs Amended the requirements related to the income statement presentation of the components of net periodic benefit cost for an entity's sponsored defined benefit pension.

January 1, 2018 and other postretirement plans.

ASU 2017-09: Scope of Modification Accounting

Amended the requirements related to changes to the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award.

January 1, 2018 on the Company's results of operations, financial position or disclosures.

The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's results of operations, financial position or disclosures.

The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's results of operations, financial position or disclosures.

ASU		Description	Effe Date	ective	Effect on Financial Statements or Other Significant Matters
ASU 2017-14: Income Statement—Reporting Income (Topic 220), Re Recognition (Topic 606 from Contracts with Cu 606)	evenue 5), and Revenue	Incorporates into the ASC recent SE guidance related to revenue recognition.	C Effe upoi issua	n	The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's results of operations, financial position or disclosures.
ASU 2018-03: Technic Improvements to Finan Instruments—Overall (Recognition and Measu Financial Assets and Fi	cial Subtopic 825-10) arement of	Clarifies certain aspects of the guidance issued in ASU 2016-01.	Janu 2018	iary 1, 8	The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's results of operations, financial position or disclosures.
ASU 2018-04: Investm Securities (Topic 320) (Operations (Topic 980) SEC Paragraphs Pursua Accounting Bulletin No Release No. 33-9273 (S	and Regulated or Amendments to ant to SEC Staff or 117 and SEC	Incorporates recent SEC guidance which was issued in order to make the relevant interpretive guidance consistent with current authoritative accounting and auditing guidance are SEC rules and regulation.	upoi issua		The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's results of operations, financial position or disclosures.
ASU 2018-06: Codifica Improvements to Topic Services—Depository a	942: Financial	Eliminates a reference to the Office the Comptroller of the Currency's Banking Circular 202, Accounting f Net Deferred Tax Charges, from the ASC. The Office of the Comptroller the Currency published the guidance 1985 but has since rescinded it.	or Effe upor of issua	n	The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's results of operations, financial position or disclosures.
ASU 2016-02: Leases	organizations by liabilities on the		nuary 2019	2016-despr Compopera	ection titled "ASU -02" below for a iption of the effect on the pany's results of tions, financial position isclosures.
ASU 2017-08: Premium Amortization on Purchased Callable Debt Securities		od for certain purchased callable	nuary 2019	on the opera or dis	adoption of this guidance of have a material impact to Company's results of ations, financial position aclosures.
ASU 2018-11: Leases (Topic 842): Targeted Improvements	Intended to reduce ASU 2016-02.	ce costs and ease implementation of Ja 1	nuary 2019	did no on the opera	ot have a material impact e Company's results of tions, financial position sclosures.
ASU 2018-20: Narrow-Scope Improvements for Lessors	that provide relie and similar taxes by a lessee that n		nuary 2019		omments for ASU -02 below.

components.

ASU 2014-09

The Company has applied ASU 2014-09 using a modified retrospective approach. The Company's revenue is comprised of net interest income and noninterest income. The scope of ASU 2014-09 explicitly excludes net interest income as well as many other revenues for financial assets and liabilities including loans, leases, securities, and derivatives. Accordingly, the majority of the Company's revenues are not affected. Appraisal management fee income and expense from the Bank's subsidiary, CBRES, was reported as a net amount prior to March 31, 2018, which was included in miscellaneous non-interest income. This income and expense is now reported on separate line items under non-interest income and non-interest expense. See below for additional information related to revenue generated from contracts with customers.

Revenue and Method of Adoption

The majority of the Company's revenue is derived primarily from interest income from receivables (loans) and securities. Other revenues are derived from fees received in connection with deposit accounts, investment advisory, and appraisal services. On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted the requirements of ASU 2014-09. The core principle of the new standard is that a company should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

The Company adopted ASU 2014-09 using the modified retrospective transition approach which does not require restatement of prior periods. The method was selected as there were no material changes in the timing of revenue recognition resulting in no comparability issues with prior periods. This adoption method is considered a change in accounting principle requiring additional disclosure of the nature of, and reason for, the change, which is solely a result of the adoption of the required standard. When applying the modified retrospective approach under ASU 2014-09, the Company has elected, as a practical expedient, to apply this approach only to contracts that were not completed as of January 1, 2018. A completed contract is considered to be a contract for which all (or substantially all) of the revenue was recognized in accordance with revenue guidance that was in effect before January 1, 2018. There were no uncompleted contracts as of January 1, 2018 for which application of the new standard required an adjustment to retained earnings.

The following disclosures involve the Company's material income streams derived from contracts with customers which are within the scope of ASU 2014-09. Through the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, PIS, the Company contracts with a registered investment advisor to perform investment advisory services on behalf of the Company's customers. The Company receives commissions from this third party investment advisor based on the volume of business that the Company's customers do with such investment advisor. Total revenue recognized from these contracts was \$231,000 and \$182,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The Company utilizes third parties to contract with the Company's customers to perform debit and credit card clearing services. These third parties pay the Company commissions based on the volume of transactions that they process on behalf of the Company's customers. Total revenue recognized from these contracts with these third parties was \$940,000 and \$936,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. Through the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, REAS, the Company provides property appraisal services for negotiated fee amounts on a per appraisal basis. Total revenue recognized from these contracts with customers was \$156,000 and \$143,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. Through the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, CBRES, the Company provides appraisal management services. Total revenue recognized from these contracts with customers was \$862,000 and \$789,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. Due to the nature of the Company's relationship with the customers that the Company provides services, the Company does not incur costs to obtain contracts and there are no material incremental costs to fulfill these contracts that should be capitalized.

Disaggregation of Revenue. The Company's portfolio of services provided to the Company's customers consists of over 50,000 active contracts. The Company has disaggregated revenue according to timing of the transfer of service. Total revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2019 derived from contracts in which services are transferred at a point in time was approximately \$2.1 million. None of the Company's revenue is derived from contracts in which services are transferred over time. Revenue is recognized as the services are provided to the customers. Economic factors impacting the customers could affect the nature, amount, and timing of these cash flows, as unfavorable economic conditions could impair the customers' ability to provide payment for services. For the Company's deposit contracts, this risk is mitigated as the Company generally deducts payments from customers' accounts as services are rendered. For the Company's appraisal services, the risk is mitigated in that the appraisal is not released until payment is received.

Contract Balances. The timing of revenue recognition, billings, and cash collections results in billed accounts receivable on the balance sheet. Most contracts call for payment by a charge or deduction to the respective customer account but there are some that require a receipt of payment from the customer. For fee per transaction contracts, the customers are billed as the transactions are processed. The Company has no contracts in which customers are billed in advance for services to be performed. These types of contracts would create contract liabilities or deferred revenue, as the customers pay in advance for services. There are no contract liabilities or accounts receivables balances that are material to the Company's balance sheet.

Performance Obligations. A performance obligation is a promise in a contract to transfer a distinct good or service to the customer, and is the unit of account in ASU 2014-09. A contract's transaction price is allocated to each distinct performance obligation and recognized as revenue when, or as, the performance obligation is satisfied. Performance obligations are satisfied as the service is provided to the customer at a point in time. There are no significant financing components in the Company's contracts. Excluding deposit and appraisal service revenues which are primarily billed at a point in time as a fee for services incurred, all other contracts within the scope of ASU 2014-09 contain variable consideration in that fees earned are derived from market values of accounts which determine the amount of consideration to which the Company is entitled. The variability is resolved when the services are provided. The contracts do not include obligations for returns, refunds, or warranties. The contracts are specific to the amounts owed to the Company for services performed during a period should the contracts be terminated.

Significant Judgements. All of the Company's contracts create performance obligations that are satisfied at a point in time excluding some immaterial deposit revenues. Revenue is recognized as services are billed to the customers. Variable consideration does exist for contracts related to the Company's contract with its registered investment advisor as some revenues earned pursuant to that contract are based on market values of accounts at the end of the period.

ASU 2016-02

On January 1, 2019, the Company adopted the requirements of ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). Topic 842 was subsequently amended by ASU 2018-01, Land Easement Practical Expedient for Transition to Topic 842; ASU 2018-10, Codification Improvements to Topic 842, Leases; and ASU 2018-11, Targeted Improvements. The purpose of Topic 842 is to increase transparency and comparability between organizations that enter into lease agreements. The key difference of Topic 842 from the previous guidance (Topic 840) is the recognition of a right-of-use (ROU) asset and lease liability on the statement of financial position for those leases previously classified as operating leases under the previous guidance. Topic 842 states that a contract is or contains a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of identified property, plant, or equipment (an identified asset) for a period of time in exchange for consideration. The Company reviewed its material non-real estate contracts to determine if they included a lease and did not note any that would need to be considered under Topic 842. The Company also reviewed equipment leases in the implementation of Topic 842. The Company's lease agreements in which Topic 842 has been applied are primarily for retail branch real estate properties. These leases have lease terms from less than 12 months to leases with options up to 15 years. Related to lease payment terms, some are fixed payments or based on a fixed annual increase while others are variable and the annual increases are based on market rates or other indexes.

Initially transition from Topic 840 to Topic 842 required a modified retrospective approach for leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements. ASU 2018-11, which, among other things, provided an additional transition method that would allow entities to not apply the initial guidance of ASU 2016-02 to the comparative periods presented in the financial statements and instead recognize a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the period of adoption. The Company chose the transition method of adoption provided by ASU 2018-11, therefore, the Company will apply this standard to all existing leases as of the adoption date of January 1, 2019, recording a ROU asset and a lease liability and a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings (if applicable) in the period of adoption. With this transition method, comparative prior period disclosures will be under the previous accounting guidance for leases (Topic 840). This adoption method is considered a change in accounting principle requiring additional disclosure of the nature of and reason for the change, which is solely a result of the adoption of the required standard.

Topic 842 provides a package of practical expedients in applying the lease standard to be chosen at the date of adoption. The Company has chosen to elect the package of practical expedients provided under ASU 2016-02 whereby it will not reassess (i) whether any expired or existing contracts are or contain leases, (ii) the lease classification for any expired or existing leases and (iii) initial direct costs for any existing leases. The Company has also chosen not to apply the recognition requirements of ASU 2016-02 to any short-term leases (as defined by related

accounting guidance). The Company will account for lease and non-lease components separately because such amounts are readily determinable under its lease contracts. Additionally, the Company has chosen to elect the use of hindsight, when applicable, in determining the lease term, in assessing the likelihood that a lessee purchase option will be exercised; and in assessing the impairment of ROU assets.

ROU assets represent the Company's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the Company's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. The Company determined that all of its leases are classified as operating leases under Topic 842. For operating and finance leases, lease liabilities are initially measured at commencement date based on the present value of lease payments not yet paid, discounted using the discount rate for the lease at the lease commencement date over the lease term. For operating and finance leases, ROU assets are measured at the commencement date as the amount of the initial liability, adjusted for lease payments made to the lessor at or before commencement date, minus incentives; and for any initial direct costs incurred by the lessee. Based on the transition method that the Company has chosen to follow, the initial application date of the lease term for all existing leases is January 1, 2019.

For operating leases, after lease commencement, the lease liability is recorded at the present value of the unpaid lease payments discounted at the discount rate for the lease established at the commencement date. Lease expense is determined by the sum of the lease payments to be recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The ROU asset is subsequently amortized as the difference between the straight line lease cost for the period and the periodic accretion of the lease liability. The lease term used for the calculation of the initial operating ROU asset and lease liability will include the initial lease term in addition to one renewal options the Company thinks it is reasonably certain to exercise or incur. Regarding the discount rate, Topic 842 requires that the implicit rate within the lease agreement be used if available. If not available, the Company should use its incremental borrowing rate in effect at the time of the lease commencement date. The Company utilized Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") Atlanta's Fixed Rate Credit rates for terms consistent with the Company's lease terms.

The Company recorded operating ROU assets and operating lease liabilities of \$4.4 million and \$4.4 million, respectively at the commencement date of January 1, 2019. The Company did not have a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings. The adoption of ASU 2016-02 did not have a material impact on the Company's results of operations, financial position or disclosures.

A director of the Company has a membership interest in a company that leases two branch facilities to the Bank. The Bank's lease payments for these facilities totaled \$58,000 and \$57,000 for the three months ended March 31 2019 and 2018, respectively.

The following tables provide a summary of ASU's issued by the FASB that the Company has not adopted as of March 31, 2019, which may impact the Company's financial statements.

ASU 2016-13: Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments	Provides guidance to change the accounting for credit losses and modify the impairment model for certain debt securities.	January 1, 2020 Early adoption permitted	Effect on Financial Statements or Other Significant Matters The Company will apply this guidance through a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the year of adoption. The Company is still evaluating the impact of this guidance on its consolidated financial statements. The Company has formed a Current Expected Credit Losses ("CECL") committee and implemented a model from a third-party vendor for running CECL calculations. The Company is currently developing CECL model assumptions and comparing results to current allowance for loan loss calculations. The Company plans to run parallel calculations leading up to the effective date of this guidance to ensure it is prepared for implementation by the effective date. In addition to the Company's allowance for loan losses, it will also record an allowance for credit losses on debt securities instead of applying the impairment model currently utilized. The amount of the adjustments will be impacted by each portfolio's composition and credit quality at the adoption date as well as economic conditions and forecasts at that time.
ASU 2017-04: Simplifying the Test for	Provides guidance to simplify the accounting	January 1, 2020	The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's results of
Goodwill Impairment	related to goodwill		operations, financial position or disclosures.

impairment.

ASU 2018-13:

Framework—Changes to Updates the disclosure

the Disclosure Requirements for Fair

Value Measurement

(Topic 820)

requirements on fair value January 1, measurements in ASC 820, 2020

Fair Value Measurement.

The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's results of

ASU 2018-14:

Updates disclosure Disclosure

Framework—Changes torequirements for employers
January 1, that sponsor defined benefit 2021 the Disclosure

Requirements for **Defined Benefit Plans**

postretirement plans.

pension or other

(Subtopic 715-20)

ASU 2018-15: Reduces complexity of the

Intangibles—Goodwill and counting for costs of Other—Internal-Use implementing a cloud computing service

Software (Subtopic

arrangement. 350-40) Amended the

> Consolidation topic of the ASC for determining whether a decision-making

fee is a variable interest.

ASU 2018-17: Targeted

Improvements to Related Party Guidance for Variable Interest

Entities

The amendments require organizations to consider indirect interests held through related parties under common control on a

proportional basis rather than as the equivalent of a direct interest in its

entirety.

Clarifies the interaction between the guidance for

ASU 2018-18: certain collaborative Clarifying the Interaction between arrangements and the new Topic 808 and Topic

revenue recognition financial accounting and

reporting standard.

operations, financial position or disclosures.

The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's results of

January 1,

2020

The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's results of

operations, financial position or disclosures.

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ASU	Description	Effective Date	Effect on Financial Statements or Other Significant Matters			
ASU 2018-19: Codification Improvements to Topic 326, Financial Instruments—Credit Losses Aligns the implementation date of the topic for annual financial statements of nonpublic companies with the implementation date for their interim financial statements. The guidance also clarifies that receivables arising from operating leases are not within the scope of the topic, but rather, should be accounted for in accordance with the leases topic.						See comments for ASU 2016-13 above.
ASU 20 (Topic 8 Codifica Improve	ation	is not expected material impact Company's re	ct on the sults of nancial position			

Other accounting standards that have been issued or proposed by FASB or other standards-setting bodies are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's results of operations, financial position or disclosures.

(2) Investment Securities

Investment securities available for sale at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 are as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)

March 31, 2019

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
Mortgage-backed securities U.S. Government	\$53,390	635	394	53,631
sponsored enterprises	34,045	138	569	33,614
State and political subdivisions	94,566	2,379	12	96,933
Trust preferred securities Total	250 \$182,251	3,152	975	250 184,428

(Dollars in thousands)

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
Mortgage-backed securities U.S. Government	\$52,145	516	558	52,103
sponsored enterprises	35,356	71	793	34,634
State and political subdivisions	105,545	2,089	43	107,591
Trust preferred securities Total	250 \$193,296	- 2,676	- 1,394	250 194,578

The current fair value and associated unrealized losses on investments in securities with unrealized losses at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 are summarized in the tables below, with the length of time the individual securities have been in a continuous loss position.

(Dollars in thousands)

March 31, 2019

	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
Mortgage-backed securities U.S. Government	\$1,520	5	17,948	389	19,468	394
sponsored enterprises	-	-	26,240	569	26,240	569
State and political subdivisions	274	1	1,872	11	2,146	12
Total	\$1,794	6	46,060	969	47,854	975

(Dollars in thousands)

December 31, 2018

	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
Mortgage-backed securities U.S. Government	\$6,932	56	17,670	502	24,602	558
sponsored enterprises	1,784	69	25,172	724	26,956	793
State and political subdivisions	4,815	26	1,578	17	6,393	43
Total	\$13,531	151	44,420	1,243	57,951	1,394

At March 31, 2019, unrealized losses in the investment securities portfolio relating to debt securities totaled \$975,000. The unrealized losses on these debt securities arose due to changing interest rates and are considered to be temporary. From the March 31, 2019 tables above, four out of 113 securities issued by state and political subdivisions contained unrealized losses and 29 out of 47 securities issued by U.S. Government sponsored enterprises contained unrealized losses. These unrealized losses are considered temporary because of acceptable financial condition and

results of operations of entities that issued each security and the repayment sources of principal and interest on U.S. Government sponsored enterprises, including mortgage-backed securities, are government backed.

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of investment securities available for sale at March 31, 2019, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Expected maturities of mortgage-backed securities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

March 31, 2019

(Dollars in thousands)

	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value
Due within one year	\$21,274	21,360
Due from one to five years	63,480	65,011
Due from five to ten years	35,496	35,827
Due after ten years	8,361	8,349
Mortgage-backed securities	53,390	53,631
Trust preferred securities	250	250
Total	\$182,251	184,428

Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale during the three months ended March 31, 2019 were \$12.3 million and resulted in net gains of \$231,000. No securities available for sale were sold during the three months ended March 31, 2018.

Securities with a fair value of approximately \$90.2 million and \$93.0 million at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively, were pledged to secure public deposits and for other purposes as required by law.

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(3) Loans

Major classifications of loans at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 are summarized as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)

	March 31, 2019	December 31, 201
Real estate loans:		
Construction and land development	\$95,219	94,178
Single-family residential	255,338	252,983
Single-family residential - Banco de la Gente non-traditional	33,717	34,261
Commercial	278,619	270,055
Multifamily and farmland	39,106	33,163
Total real estate loans	701,999	684,640
Loans not secured by real estate:		
Commercial loans	101,572	97,465
Farm loans	984	926
Consumer loans	8,653	9,165
All other loans	10,349	11,827
Total loans	823,557	804,023
Less allowance for loan losses	6,561	6,445
Total net loans	\$816,996	797,578

The Bank grants loans and extensions of credit primarily within the Catawba Valley region of North Carolina, which encompasses Catawba, Alexander, Iredell and Lincoln counties, and also in Mecklenburg, Wake and Durham counties of North Carolina. Although the Bank has a diversified loan portfolio, a substantial portion of the loan portfolio is collateralized by improved and unimproved real estate, the value of which is dependent upon the real estate market. Risk characteristics of the major components of the Bank's loan portfolio are discussed below:

Construction and land development loans – The risk of loss is largely dependent on the initial estimate of whether the property's value at completion equals or exceeds the cost of property construction and the availability of take-out financing. During the construction phase, a number of factors can result in delays or cost overruns. If the estimate is inaccurate or if actual construction costs exceed estimates, the value of the property securing the loan may be insufficient to ensure full repayment when completed through a permanent loan, sale of the property, or by seizure of collateral. As of March 31, 2019, construction and land development loans comprised approximately 12% of the Bank's total loan portfolio.

Single-family residential loans – Declining home sales volumes, decreased real estate values and higher than normal levels of unemployment could contribute to losses on these loans. As of March 31, 2019, single-family residential loans comprised approximately 35% of the Bank's total loan portfolio, and include Banco's non-traditional single-family residential loans, which were approximately 4% of the Bank's total loan portfolio.

Commercial real estate loans – Repayment is dependent on income being generated in amounts sufficient to cover operating expenses and debt service. These loans also involve greater risk because they are generally not fully amortizing over a loan period, but rather have a balloon payment due at maturity. A borrower's ability to make a balloon payment typically will depend on being able to either refinance the loan or timely sell the underlying property. As of March 31, 2019, commercial real estate loans comprised approximately 34% of the Bank's total loan portfolio.

Commercial loans – Repayment is generally dependent upon the successful operation of the borrower's business. In addition, the collateral securing the loans may depreciate over time, be difficult to appraise, be illiquid or fluctuate in value based on the success of the business. As of March 31, 2019, commercial loans comprised approximately 12% of the Bank's total loan portfolio.

Loans are considered past due if the required principal and interest payments have not been received as of the date such payments were due. Loans are placed on non-accrual status when, in management's opinion, the borrower may be unable to meet payment obligations as they become due, as well as when required by regulatory provisions. Loans may be placed on non-accrual status regardless of whether or not such loans are considered past due. When interest accrual is discontinued, all unpaid accrued interest is reversed. Interest income is subsequently recognized only to the extent cash payments are received in excess of principal due. Loans are returned to accrual status when all of the principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current and future payments are reasonably assured.

The following tables present an age analysis of past due loans, by loan type, as of March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018:

March 31, 2019 (Dollars in thousands)

	Loans 30-89 Days Past Due	Loans 90 or More Days Past Due	Total Past Due Loans	Total Current Loans	Total Loans	Accruing Loans 90 or More Days Past Due
Real estate loans:						
Construction and land development	\$40	-	40	95,179	95,219	-
Single-family residential Single-family	4,331	374	4,705	250,633	255,338	-
residential -						
Banco de la Gente non-traditional	2,903	-	2,903	30,814	33,717	-
Commercial	-	-	-	278,619	278,619	-
Multifamily and farmland	-	-	-	39,106	39,106	-
Total real estate loans	7,274	374	7,648	694,351	701,999	-
Loans not secured by real estate:						
Commercial loans	317	12	329	101,243	101,572	-
Farm loans	50	-	50	934	984	-
Consumer loans	99	9	108	8,545	8,653	-
All other loans	-	-	-	10,349	10,349	-
Total loans	\$7,740	395	8,135	815,422	823,557	-

December 31, 2018

(Dollars in thousands)

	Loans 30-89 Days Past Due	Loans 90 or More Days Past Due	Total Past Due Loans	Total Current Loans	Total Loans	Accruing Loans 90 for More Days Past Due
Real estate loans:						
Construction and land development	1 \$3	-	3	94,175	94,178	-
Single-family residential	4,162	570	4,732	248,251	252,983	-
Single-family residential -						
Banco de la Gente non-traditional	4,627	580	5,207	29,054	34,261	-
Commercial	228	-	228	269,827	270,055	-
Multifamily and farmland	-	-	-	33,163	33,163	-
Total real estate loans	9,020	1,150	10,170	674,470	684,640	-
Loans not secured by real estate:						
Commercial loans	445	90	535	96,930	97,465	-
Farm loans	-	-	-	926	926	-
Consumer loans	99	4	103	9,062	9,165	-
All other loans	- \$0.564	-	-	11,827	11,827	-
Total loans	\$9,564	1,244	10,808	793,215	804,023	-

The following table presents non-accrual loans as of March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018:

(Dollars in thousands)

March 31, 2019 December 31, 2018

Real estate loans:

Construction and land development	\$-	1
Single-family residential	1,075	1,530
Single-family residential -		
Banco de la Gente non-traditional	1,549	1,440
Commercial	89	244
Multifamily and farmland	-	-
Total real estate loans	2,713	3,215
Loans not secured by real estate:		
Commercial loans	75	89
Consumer loans	14	10
Total	\$2,802	3,314

At each reporting period, the Bank determines which loans are impaired. Accordingly, the Bank's impaired loans are reported at their estimated fair value on a non-recurring basis. An allowance for each impaired loan that is collateral-dependent is calculated based on the fair value of its collateral. The fair value of the collateral is based on appraisals performed by REAS, a subsidiary of the Bank. REAS is staffed by certified appraisers that also perform appraisals for other companies. Factors, including the assumptions and techniques utilized by the appraiser, are considered by management. If the recorded investment in the impaired loan exceeds the measure of fair value of the collateral, a valuation allowance is recorded as a component of the allowance for loan losses. An allowance for each impaired loan that is not collateral dependent is calculated based on the present value of projected cash flows. If the recorded investment in the impaired loan exceeds the present value of projected cash flows, a valuation allowance is recorded as a component of the allowance for loan losses. Impaired loans under \$250,000 are not individually evaluated for impairment with the exception of the Bank's troubled debt restructured ("TDR") loans in the residential mortgage loan portfolio, which are individually evaluated for impairment. Accruing impaired loans were \$22.1 million, \$22.8 million and \$23.8 million at March 31, 2019, December 31, 2018 and March 31, 2018, respectively. Interest income recognized on accruing impaired loans was \$342,000, \$1.3 million, and \$352,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2019, the year ended December 31, 2018 and the three months ended March 31, 2018, respectively. No interest income is recognized on non-accrual impaired loans subsequent to their classification as non-accrual.

The following table presents impaired loans as of March 31, 2019:

March 31, 2019

(Dollars in thousands)

	Unpaid Contractual Principal Balance	Recorded Investment With No Allowance	Recorded Investment With Allowance	Recorded Investment in Impaired Loans	Related Allowance	Average Outstanding Impaired Loans	YTD Interest Income Recognized
Real estate loans:							
Construction and land development	\$275	-	275	275	5	277	4
Single-family residential Single-family residential - Banco de la	4,596	418	3,711	4,129	30	5,090	61
Gente non-traditional	16,399	-	15,719	15,719	1,026	15,027	252
Commercial	1,754	-	1,749	1,749	1	1,837	23
Multifamily and farmland	-	-	-	-	13	-	-
Total impaired real estate loans	23,024	418	21,454	21,872	1,075	22,231	340
Loans not secured by real estate:							
Commercial loans	270	63	47	110	-	100	1
Consumer loans	111	-	107	107	2	110	1
Total impaired loans	\$23,405	481	21,608	22,089	1,077	22,441	342

The following table presents impaired loans as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018:

December 31, 2018

(Dollars in thousands)

	Unpaid Contractual Principal Balance	Recorded Investment With No Allowance	Recorded Investment With Allowance	Recorded Investment in Impaired Loans	Related Allowance	Average Outstanding Impaired Loans	YTD Interest Income Recognized
Real estate loans:							
Construction and land development	\$281	-	279	279	5	327	19
Single-family residential Single-family residential - Banco de la	5,059	422	4,188	4,610	32	6,271	261
Gente non-traditional	16,424	-	15,776	15,776	1,042	14,619	944
Commercial Multifamily and	1,995	-	1,925	1,925	17	2,171	111
farmland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total impaired real estate loans	23,759	422	22,168	22,590	1,096	23,388	1,335
Loans not secured by real estate:							
Commercial loans	251	89	1	90	-	96	-
Consumer loans	116	-	113	113	2	137	7
Total impaired loans	\$24,126	511	22,282	22,793	1,098	23,621	1,342

Changes in the allowance for loan losses for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018 were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)

Real Estate Loans

Construction and Land Development	Single-Family Residential	Single-Family Residential - Banco de la Gente non-traditional	Commercial	•		Farm	Consumer and All Other	Unallocat
\$813	1,325	1,177	1,278	83	626	-	161	982
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2019 y \$-	2	1,008	13	-	-	-	-	-
,								
831	1,254	166	1,279	98	610	-	162	1,138
\$831	1,256	1,174	1,292	98	610	-	162	1,138
\$95,219	255,338	33,717	278,619	39,106	101,572	984	19,002	-
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individually evaluated									
for	\$95	1,758	14,127	1,658	-	63	-	-	-
impairment									
Ending									
balance:									
collectively									
evaluated									
for	\$95,124	253,580	19,590	276,961	39,106	101,509	984	19,002	-
impairment									

(Dollars in thousands)

2018:

Real Estate Loans

	Construction and Land Development	Single-Family Residential	Single-Family Residential - Banco de la Gente non-traditional	Commercial	Multifamily and Farmland	Commercial	Farm	Consumer and All Other	Unalloca
Three months ended March 31, 2018 Allowance for loan losses: Beginning balance	\$804	1,812	1,280	1,193	72	574	_	155	476
Charge-offs	-	_	_	_	(5)	-	_	(101)	_
Recoveries	1	5	-	4	1	8	-	63	-
Provision	(154)	(177)	(15)	101	5	124	-	19	128
Ending balance	\$651	1,640	1,265	1,298	73	706	-	136	604
Allowance f March 31, 2 Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	or loan losses 018	_	1,079	12	-	_	_	_	-
Ending balance: collectively evaluated									
for impairment	651	1,640	186	1,286	73	706	-	136	604
Ending balance	\$651	1,640	1,265	1,298	73	706	-	136	604
Loans March 31,									

Ending balance	\$82,046	244,061	36,540	261,636	29,108	89,304	1,095	22,034	-
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$96	1,832	15,190	1,915	-	97	_	-	-
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$81,950	242,229	21,350	259,721	29,108	89,207	1,095	22,034	-

The provision for loan losses for the three months ended March 31, 2019 was \$178,000, compared to \$31,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2018. The increase in the provision for loan losses is primarily attributable to a \$57.8 million increase in loans from March 31, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

The Company utilizes an internal risk grading matrix to assign a risk grade to each of its loans. Loans are graded on a scale of 1 to 8. These risk grades are evaluated on an ongoing basis. A description of the general characteristics of the eight risk grades is as follows:

Risk Grade 1 – Excellent Quality: Loans are well above average quality and a minimal amount of credit risk exists. Certificates of deposit or cash secured loans or properly margined actively traded stock or bond secured loans would fall in this grade.

Risk Grade 2 – High Quality: Loans are of good quality with risk levels well within the Company's range of acceptability. The organization or individual is established with a history of successful performance though somewhat susceptible to economic changes.

Risk Grade 3 – Good Quality: Loans of average quality with risk levels within the Company's range of acceptability but higher than normal. This may be a new organization or an existing organization in a transitional phase (e.g. expansion, acquisition, market change).

Risk Grade 4 – Management Attention: These loans have higher risk and servicing needs but still are acceptable. Evidence of marginal performance or deteriorating trends is observed. These are not problem credits presently, but may be in the future if the borrower is unable to change its present course.

Risk Grade 5 – Watch: These loans are currently performing satisfactorily, but there has been some recent past due history on repayment and there are potential weaknesses that may, if not corrected, weaken the asset or inadequately protect the Company's position at some future date.

Risk Grade 6 – Substandard: A Substandard loan is inadequately protected by the current sound net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or the collateral pledged (if there is any). There is a well-defined weakness or weaknesses that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. There is a distinct possibility that the Company will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected.

Risk Grade 7 – Doubtful: Loans classified as Doubtful have all the weaknesses inherent in loans classified as Substandard, plus the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions, and values highly questionable and improbable. Doubtful is a temporary grade where a loss is expected but is presently not quantified with any degree of accuracy. Once the loss position is determined, the amount is charged off.

Risk Grade 8 – Loss: Loans classified as Loss are considered uncollectable and of such little value that their continuance as bankable assets is not warranted. This classification does not mean that the asset has absolutely no recovery or salvage value, but rather that it is not practical or desirable to defer writing off this worthless loan even though partial recovery may be realized in the future. Loss is a temporary grade until the appropriate authority is obtained to charge the loan off.

The following tables present the credit risk profile of each loan type based on internally assigned risk grades as of March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018:

March 31, 2019

(Dollars in thousands)

Real Estate Loans

	Construction and Land Development	Single-Family Residential	Single-Family Residential - Banco de la Gente non-traditional	Commercial	Multifamily and Farmland	Commercial	Farm	Consumer	All OtherT
1- Excellent Quality	\$329	5,561	-	-	-	545	-	650	-
2- High Quality	28,895	127,160	-	24,617	361	19,688	-	2,995	2,064
3- Good Quality 4-	56,203	96,684	13,373	216,741	34,361	74,164	852	4,467	7,540
Management Attention	6,441	19,531	14,946	34,198	3,819	6,764	132	505	745
5- Watch	3,199	3,496	2,236	2,974	565	327	-	11	-
6- Substandard	152	2,906	3,162	89	-	84	-	25	-
7- Doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8- Loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$95,219	255,338	33,717	278,619	39,106	101,572	984	8,653	10,349

December 31, 2018

(Dollars in thousands)

Real Estate Loans

Commercial

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Residential -

Multifamily

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Construction Single-Family Single-Family

Residential

and Land

	Development	residential	Banco de la Gente non-traditional		Farmland				
1- Excellent Quality	\$504	5,795	-	-	-	605	-	673	-
2- High Quality	24,594	128,588	-	25,321	395	20,520	-	3,229	2,145
3- Good Quality 4-	59,549	92,435	13,776	211,541	27,774	69,651	785	4,699	8,932
Management Attention	5,707	19,200	15,012	30,333	3,906	6,325	141	529	750
5- Watch	3,669	3,761	2,408	2,616	1,088	264	-	18	-
6- Substandard	155	3,204	3,065	244	-	100	-	17	-
7- Doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8- Loss	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$94,178	252,983	34,261	270,055	33,163	97,465	926	9,165	11,827

Current year TDR modifications, past due TDR loans and non-accrual TDR loans totaled \$3.5 million and \$4.7 million at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively. The terms of these loans have been renegotiated to provide a concession to original terms, including a reduction in principal or interest as a result of the deteriorating financial position of the borrower. There was zero and \$92,000 in performing loans classified as TDR loans at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively.

There were no new TDR modifications during the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018.

There were no loans modified as TDR that defaulted during the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, which were within 12 months of their modification date. Generally, a TDR loan is considered to be in default once it becomes 90 days or more past due following a modification.

(4) Net Earnings Per Share

Net earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period while the effects of potential shares outstanding during the period are included in diluted earnings per share. The average market price during the year is used to compute equivalent shares.

The reconciliation of the amounts used in the computation of both "basic earnings per share" and "diluted earnings per share" for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018 is as follows:

For the three months ended March 31, 2019

	Net Earnings (Dollars in thousands)	Weighted Average Number of Shares	Per Share Amount
Basic earnings per share Effect of dilutive securities:	\$3,667	5,996,488	\$0.61
Restricted stock units	-	24,369	
Diluted earnings per share	\$3,667	6,020,857	\$0.61
For the three months ended March 31, 2018	Net Earnings (Dollars in	Weighted Average Number of	Per Share
	thousands)	Shares	Amount
Basic earnings per share Effect of dilutive securities:	\$3,303	5,995,256	\$0.55
Restricted stock units	-	17,000	
Diluted earnings per share	\$3,303	6,012,256	\$0.55

(5) Stock-Based Compensation

The Company has an Omnibus Stock Ownership and Long Term Incentive Plan that was approved by shareholders on May 7, 2009 (the "Plan") whereby certain stock-based rights, such as stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance units, stock appreciation rights or book value shares, may be granted to eligible directors and employees. A total of 275,643 shares are currently reserved for possible issuance under the Plan. All stock-based rights under the Plan must be granted or awarded by May 7, 2019 (i.e., ten years from the Plan effective date).

The Company granted 32,465 restricted stock units under the Plan at a grant date fair value of \$7.18 per share during the first quarter of 2012, of which 5,891 restricted stock units were forfeited by the executive officers of the Company as required by the agreement with the U.S. Department of the Treasury in conjunction with the Company's participation in the Capital Purchase Program under the Troubled Asset Relief Program. In July 2012, the Company granted 5,891 restricted stock units at a grant date fair value of \$7.50 per share. The Company granted 29,475 restricted stock units under the Plan at a grant date fair value of \$10.82 per share during the second quarter of 2013. The Company granted 23,162 restricted stock units under the Plan at a grant date fair value of \$14.27 per share during the first quarter of 2014. The Company granted 16,583 restricted stock units under the Plan at a grant date fair value of \$16.34 per share during the first quarter of 2015. The Company granted 5,544 restricted stock units under the Plan at a grant date fair value of \$16.91 per share during the first quarter of 2016. The Company granted 4,114 restricted stock units under the Plan at a grant date fair value of \$25.00 per share during the first quarter of 2017. The Company granted 3,725 restricted stock units under the Plan at a grant date fair value of \$31.43 per share during the first quarter of 2018. The Company granted 5,290 restricted stock units under the Plan at a grant date fair value of \$28.43 per share during the first quarter of 2019. The number of restricted stock units granted and grant date fair values have been restated to reflect the 10% stock dividend that was paid in the fourth quarter of 2017. The Company recognizes compensation expense on the restricted stock units over the period of time the restrictions are in place (five years from

the grant date for the 2012 grants, four years from the grant date for the 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 grants and three years from the grant date for the 2014 grants). The amount of expense recorded each period reflects the changes in the Company's stock price during such period. As of March 31, 2019, the total unrecognized compensation expense related to the restricted stock unit grants under the Plan was \$284,000.

The Company recognized compensation expense for restricted stock unit awards granted under the Plan of \$110,000 and \$57,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

(6) Fair Value

The Company is required to disclose fair value information about financial instruments, whether or not recognized on the face of the balance sheet, for which it is practicable to estimate that value. The assumptions used in the estimation of the fair value of the Company's financial instruments are detailed below. Where quoted prices are not available, fair values are based on estimates using discounted cash flows and other valuation techniques. The use of discounted cash flows can be significantly affected by the assumptions used, including the discount rate and estimates of future cash flows. The following disclosures should not be considered a surrogate of the liquidation value of the Company, but rather a good faith estimate of the increase or decrease in the value of financial instruments held by the Company since purchase, origination or issuance. The methods of determining the fair value of assets and liabilities presented in this note are consistent with methodologies disclosed in Note 15 of the Company's 2018 Form 10-K, except for the valuation of loans which was impacted by the adoption of ASU No. 2016-01.

The Company groups assets and liabilities at fair value in three levels, based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value. These levels are:

Level 1 – Valuation is based upon quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets.

Level 2 – Valuation is based upon quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market.

Level 3 – Valuation is generated from model-based techniques that use at least one significant assumption not observable in the market. These unobservable assumptions reflect estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Valuation techniques include use of option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For cash, due from banks and interest-bearing deposits, the carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of fair value. Cash and cash equivalents are reported in the Level 1 fair value category.

Investment Securities Available for Sale

Fair values of investment securities available for sale are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges when available. If quoted prices are not available, fair value is determined using matrix pricing, which is a mathematical technique used widely 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. Fair values for investment securities with quoted market prices are reported in the Level 1 fair value category. Fair value measurements obtained from independent pricing services are reported in the Level 2 fair value category. All other fair value measurements are reported in the Level 3 fair value category.

Other Investments

For other investments, the carrying value is a reasonable estimate of fair value. Other investments are reported in the Level 3 fair value category.

Mortgage Loans Held for Sale

Mortgage loans held for sale are carried at the lower of aggregate cost or market value. The cost of mortgage loans held for sale approximates the market value. Mortgage loans held for sale are reported in the Level 3 fair value

category.

Loans

In accordance with ASU No. 2016-01, the fair value of loans, excluding previously presented impaired loans measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis, is estimated using discounted cash flow analyses. The discount rates used to determine fair value use interest rate spreads that reflect factors such as liquidity, credit, and nonperformance risk of the loans. Loans are reported in the Level 3 fair value category, as the pricing of loans is more subjective than the pricing of other financial instruments.

Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance

For cash surrender value of life insurance, the carrying value is a reasonable estimate of fair value. Cash surrender value of life insurance is reported in the Level 2 fair value category.

Other Real Estate

The fair value of other real estate is based upon independent market prices, appraised values of the collateral or management's estimation of the value of the collateral. Other real estate is reported in the Level 3 fair value category.

Deposits

The fair value of demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits and savings is the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. The fair value of certificates of deposit is estimated by discounting the future cash flows using the rates currently offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities. Deposits are reported in the Level 2 fair value category.

Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase

For securities sold under agreements to repurchase, the carrying value is a reasonable estimate of fair value. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase are reported in the Level 2 fair value category.

FHLB Borrowings

The fair value of FHLB borrowings is estimated based upon discounted future cash flows using a discount rate comparable to the current market rate for such borrowings. FHLB borrowings are reported in the Level 2 fair value category.

Junior Subordinated Debentures

Because the Company's junior subordinated debentures were issued at a floating rate, the carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of fair value. Junior subordinated debentures are reported in the Level 2 fair value category.

Commitments to Extend Credit and Standby Letters of Credit

Commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit are generally short-term and at variable interest rates. Therefore, both the carrying value and estimated fair value associated with these instruments are immaterial.

Limitations

Fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time, based on relevant market information and information about the financial instrument. These estimates do not reflect any premium or discount that could result from offering for sale at one time the Company's entire holdings of a particular financial instrument. Because no market exists for a significant portion of the Company's financial instruments, fair value estimates are based on many judgments. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment and therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the estimates.

Fair value estimates are based on existing on and off-balance sheet financial instruments without attempting to estimate the value of anticipated future business and the value of assets and liabilities that are not considered financial instruments. Significant assets and liabilities that are not considered financial instruments include deferred income taxes and premises and equipment. In addition, the tax ramifications related to the realization of unrealized gains and losses can have a significant effect on fair value estimates and have not been considered in the estimates.

The table below presents the balance of securities available for sale, which are measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level within the fair value hierarchy, as of March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018.

(Dollars in thousands)

March 31, 2019

Fair Value Measurements Level 1 Valuation Level 2 Valuation Level 3 Valuation

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Mortgage-backed securities	\$53,631	-	53,631	-
U.S. Government				
sponsored enterprises	\$33,614	-	33,614	-
State and political subdivisions	\$96,933	-	96,933	-
Trust preferred securities	\$250	-	-	250

(Dollars in thousands)

December 31, 2018

	Fair Value Measurements	Level 1 Valuation	Level 2 Valuation	Level 3 Valuation
Mortgage-backed securities U.S. Government	\$52,103	-	52,103	-
sponsored enterprises	\$34,634	-	34,634	-
State and political subdivisions	\$107,591	-	107,591	-
Trust preferred securities	\$250	-	-	250

The following is an analysis of fair value measurements of investment securities available for sale using Level 3, significant unobservable inputs, for the three months ended March 31, 2019.

(Dollars in thousands)

Investment Securities Available for Sale

Level:	3 V	'aluat	ion
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\$250
-
-
-
-
\$250

Change in unrealized gain/(loss) for assets still held in Level 3 \$-

The fair value measurements for mortgage loans held for sale, impaired loans and other real estate on a non-recurring basis at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 are presented below. The fair value measurement process uses certified appraisals and other market-based information; however, in many cases, it also requires significant input based on management's knowledge of, and judgment about, current market conditions, specific issues relating to the collateral and other matters. As a result, all fair value measurements for impaired loans and other real estate are considered Level 3.

(Dollars in thousands)

Fair Value Measurements March 31, 2019

Mortgage loans held for

\$361 361 sale

\$25,074 Impaired loans 25,074 Other real estate \$27 27

(Dollars in thousands)

Fair Value Measurements December Level 1 ValuationLevel 2 ValuationLevel 3 Valuation

31, 2018

Mortgage loans held for \$680 680 sale

Impaired loans \$21,695 21,695 Other real estate 27 \$27

(Dollars in thousands)

	Fair Value March 31, 2019	Fair Value December 31, 2018	Valuation Technique	Significant Unobservable Inputs	General Range of Significant Unobservable Input Values
Mortgage loans held for sale	r \$361	680	Rate lock commitment	N/A	N/A
Impaired loans	\$25,154	21,695	Appraised value and discounted cash flows	Discounts to reflect current in market conditions and ultimate collectability	0 - 25%
Other real estate	\$27	27	Appraised value	Discounts to reflect current market conditions and estimated costs to sell	0 - 25%

The carrying amount and estimated fair value of financial instruments at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 are as follows:

Carrying Amount Level 1 Level 2 Level 3

(Dollars in thousands)

Fair Value Measurements at March 31, 2019

Total

	carrying rimount	20,011	20,012	Do voi s	10141
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$51,214	51,214	-	-	51,214
Investment securities available for sale	\$184,428	-	184,178	250	184,428
Other investments	\$4,329	-	-	4,329	4,329
Mortgage loans held for sale	\$361	-	-	361	361
Loans, net	\$816,996	-	-	795,070	795,070
Cash surrender value of life insurance	\$16,031	-	16,031	-	16,031
Liabilities:					
Deposits	\$908,114	-	-	888,492	888,492
Securities sold under agreements					

to repurchase	\$41,231	-	41,231	-	41,231
Junior subordinated debentures	\$20,619	_	20,619	_	20,619

(Dollars in thousands)

Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2018

	Carrying Amount	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents Investment securities available for sale	\$43,370 \$194,578	43,370	- 194,328	- 250	43,370 194,578
Other investments	\$4,361	_	-	4,361	4,361
Mortgage loans held for sale	\$680	-	-	680	680
Loans, net	\$797,578	-	-	748,917	748,917
Cash surrender value of life insurance	\$15,936	-	15,936	-	15,936
Liabilities:					
Deposits	\$877,213	-	-	857,999	857,999
Securities sold under agreements					
to repurchase	\$58,095	-	58,095	-	58,095
Junior subordinated debentures	\$20,619	-	20,619	-	20,619

(7) Leases

As of March 31, 2019 the Company had operating ROU assets of \$4.2 million and operating lease liabilities of \$4.2 million. The Company maintains operating leases on land and buildings for some of the Bank's branch facilities and Loan Production Offices. Most leases include one option to renew, with renewal terms extending up to 15 years. The exercise of renewal options is based on the judgment of management as to whether or not the renewal option is reasonably certain to be exercised. Factors in determining whether an option is reasonably certain of exercise include, but are not limited to, the value of leasehold improvements, the value of renewal rate compared to market rates, and the presence of factors that would cause a significant economic penalty to the Company if the option is not exercised. As allowed by the standard, leases with a term of 12 months or less are not recorded on the balance sheet and instead are recognized in lease expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The following table presents lease cost and other lease information as of March 31, 2019:

(Dollars in thousands)

March 31, 2019

Operating lease cost:

Operating lease cost Amortization of right-of-use assets	\$4,392 (199)
Interest on lease liability	-
Variable lease cost	-
Total operating lease cost	\$4,193
Other information: Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities Operating cash flows from operating leases Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for new finance operating liabilities	214
Weighted-average remaining lease term - operating leases	4.42 years
Weighted-average discount rate - operating leases	2.90%

(Dollars in thousands)

The following table presents lease maturities as of March 31, 2019:

Maturity Analysis of Operating Lease Liabilities:	March 31, 2019
2020	\$865
2021	804
2022	728
2023	473
2024	370
Thereafter	1,539
Total	\$4,779
Less: Imputed Interest	(586)
Operating Lease Liability	\$4,193

(8)

Subsequent Events

The Company has reviewed and evaluated subsequent events and transactions for material subsequent events through the date the financial statements are issued. Management has concluded that there were no material subsequent events.

Item 2.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following is a discussion of the financial position and results of operations of the Company and should be read in conjunction with the information set forth under Item 1A Risk Factors and the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto on pages A-24 through A-68 of the Company's 2018 Annual Report to Shareholders which is Appendix A to the Proxy Statement for the May 2, 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Introduction

Management's discussion and analysis of earnings and related data are presented to assist in understanding the consolidated financial condition and results of operations of the Company. The Company is the parent company of the Bank and a registered bank holding company operating under the supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve"). The Bank is a North Carolina-chartered bank, with offices in Catawba, Lincoln, Alexander, Mecklenburg, Iredell, Wake and Durham counties, operating under the banking laws of North Carolina and the rules and regulations of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Overview

Our business consists principally of attracting deposits from the general public and investing these funds in commercial loans, real estate mortgage loans, real estate construction loans and consumer loans. Our profitability depends primarily on our net interest income, which is the difference between the income we receive on our loan and investment securities portfolios and our cost of funds, which consists of interest paid on deposits and borrowed funds. Net interest income also is affected by the relative amounts of our interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. When interest-earning assets approximate or exceed interest-bearing liabilities, a positive interest rate spread will generate net interest income. Our profitability is also affected by the level of other income and operating expenses. Other income consists primarily of miscellaneous fees related to our loans and deposits, mortgage banking income and commissions from sales of annuities and mutual funds. Operating expenses consist of compensation and benefits, occupancy related expenses, federal deposit and other insurance premiums, data processing, advertising and other expenses.

Our operations are influenced significantly by local economic conditions and by policies of financial institution regulatory authorities. The earnings on our assets are influenced by the effects of, and changes in, trade, monetary and fiscal policies and laws, including interest rate policies of the Federal Reserve, inflation, interest rates, market and monetary fluctuations. Lending activities are affected by the demand for commercial and other types of loans, which in turn is affected by the interest rates at which such financing may be offered. Our cost of funds is influenced by interest rates on competing investments and by rates offered on similar investments by competing financial institutions in our market area, as well as general market interest rates. These factors can cause fluctuations in our net interest income and other income. In addition, local economic conditions can impact the credit risk of our loan portfolio, in that (1) local employers may be required to eliminate employment positions of individual borrowers, and (2) small businesses and commercial borrowers may experience a downturn in their operating performance and become unable to make timely payments on their loans. Management evaluates these factors in estimating the allowance for loan losses and changes in these economic factors could result in increases or decreases to the provision for loan losses.

Current economic conditions, while not as robust as those experienced in the pre-crisis period from 2004 to 2007, have stabilized such that businesses in our market area are growing and investing again. The uncertainty expressed in the local, national and international markets through the primary economic indicators of activity are currently sufficiently stable to allow for reasonable economic growth in our markets.

Although we are unable to control the external factors that influence our business, by maintaining high levels of balance sheet liquidity, managing our interest rate exposures and by actively monitoring asset quality, we seek to minimize the potentially adverse risks of unforeseen and unfavorable economic trends.

Our business emphasis has been and continues to be to operate as a well-capitalized, profitable and independent community-oriented financial institution dedicated to providing quality customer service. We are committed to meeting the financial needs of the communities in which we operate. We expect growth to be achieved in our local markets and through expansion opportunities in contiguous or nearby markets. While we would be willing to consider growth by acquisition in certain circumstances, we do not consider the acquisition of another company to be necessary for our continued ability to provide a reasonable return to our shareholders. We believe that we can be more effective in serving our customers than many of our non-local competitors because of our ability to quickly and effectively provide senior management responses to customer needs and inquiries. Our ability to provide these services is enhanced by the stability and experience of our Bank officers and managers.

The Federal Reserve maintained the Federal Funds rate at 0.25% from December 2008 to December 2015 before increasing the Fed Funds rate nine times since December 2015 to the Fed Funds rate of 2.50% at March 31, 2019. These increases have had a positive impact on earnings in recent periods and should continue to have a positive impact on the Bank's net interest income in future periods.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Company's accounting policies are fundamental to understanding management's discussion and analysis of results of operations and financial condition. Many of the Company's accounting policies require significant judgment regarding valuation of assets and liabilities and/or significant interpretation of specific accounting guidance. A more complete description of the Company's significant accounting policies can be found in Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's 2018 Annual Report to Shareholders which is Appendix A to the Proxy Statement for the May 2, 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Many of the Company's assets and liabilities are recorded using various techniques that require significant judgment as to recoverability. The collectibility of loans is reflected through the Company's estimate of the allowance for loan losses. The Company performs periodic and systematic detailed reviews of its lending portfolio to assess overall collectibility. In addition, certain assets and liabilities are reflected at their estimated fair value in the consolidated financial statements. Such amounts are based on either quoted market prices or estimated values derived from dealer quotes used by the Company, market comparisons or internally generated modeling techniques. The Company's internal models generally involve present value of cash flow techniques. The various techniques are discussed in greater detail elsewhere in this management's discussion and analysis and the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. Fair value of the Company's financial instruments is discussed in Note (6) of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) included in this Quarterly Report.

Results of Operations

Summary. Net earnings were \$3.7 million or \$0.61 basic and diluted net earnings per share for the three months ended March 31, 2019, compared to \$3.3 million or \$0.55 basic and diluted net earnings per share for the same period one year ago. The increase in first quarter net earnings is primarily the result of an increase in net interest income and an increase in non-interest income, which were partially offset by an increase in the provision for loan losses and an increase in non-interest expense during the three months ended March 31, 2019, compared to the three months ended March 31, 2018, as discussed below.

The annualized return on average assets was 1.36% for the three months ended March 31, 2019, compared to 1.24% for the same period one year ago, and annualized return on average shareholders' equity was 11.86% for the three months ended March 31, 2019, compared to 11.49% for the same period one year ago.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income, the major component of the Company's net earnings, was \$11.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2019, compared to \$10.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018. The increase in net interest income was primarily due to a \$1.4 million increase in interest income, which was partially offset by a \$290,000 increase in interest expense. The increase in interest income was primarily attributable to an increase in the average outstanding balance of loans and a 0.75% increase in the prime rate since March 31, 2018.

Interest income was \$12.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2019, compared to \$10.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018. The increase in interest income was primarily due to an increase in interest income on loans, which was partially offset by a decrease in interest income on investment securities. During the quarter ended March 31, 2019, average loans increased \$49.5 million to \$815.2 million from \$765.7 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2018. During the quarter ended March 31, 2019, average investment securities available for sale decreased \$27.6 million to \$189.8 million from \$217.4 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2018. The average yield on loans

for the quarters ended March 31, 2019 and 2018 was 5.28% and 4.80%, respectively. The average yield on investment securities available for sale was 3.66% and 3.48% for the quarters ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The average yield on earning assets was 4.97% and 4.48% for the quarters ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Interest expense was \$757,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2019, compared to \$467,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2018. The increase in interest expense was primarily due to an increase in the cost of funds. The average rate paid on interest-bearing checking and savings accounts was 0.24% and 0.15% for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The average rate paid on certificates of deposit was 0.59% for the three months ended March 31, 2019, compared to 0.35% for the same period one year ago. The average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities was 0.47% for the three months ended March 31, 2019, compared to 0.28% for the same period one year ago. During the quarter ended March 31, 2019, average certificates of deposit decreased \$17.1 million to \$103.5 million from \$120.6 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2018. Average FHLB borrowings increased \$6.9 million to \$6.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2019 from zero for the three months ended March 31, 2018.

The following table sets forth for each category of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, the average amounts outstanding, the interest incurred on such amounts and the average rate earned or incurred for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018. The table also sets forth the average rate earned on total interest-earning assets, the average rate paid on total interest-bearing liabilities, and the net yield on total average interest-earning assets for the same periods. Yield information does not give effect to changes in fair value that are reflected as a component of shareholders' equity. Yields and interest income on tax-exempt investments for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018 have been adjusted to a tax equivalent basis using an effective tax rate of 22.98% for securities that are both federal and state tax exempt and an effective tax rate of 20.48% for federal tax exempt securities. Non-accrual loans and the interest income that was recorded on non-accrual loans, if any, are included in the yield calculations for loans in all periods reported.

	Three months ended			Three months ended		
	March 31, 2019			March 31, 2018		
(Dollars in thousands)	Average Balance	Interest	Yield / Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Yield / Rate
Interest-earning assets:						
Loans receivable	\$815,203	10,619	5.28%	\$765,670	9,069	4.80%
Investments - taxable	57,592	466	3.28%	55,672	405	2.95%
Investments - nontaxable* Other	137,457 3,058	1,312 14	3.86% 2.12%	164,214 12,670	1,510 45	3.73% 1.44%
Other	3,036	14	2.1270	12,070	43	1.4470
Total interest-earning assets	1,013,310	12,411	4.97%	998,226	11,029	4.48%
Non-interest earning assets:						
Cash and due from banks	33,743			35,869		
Allowance for loan losses	(6,429)			(6,367)		
Other assets	51,198			53,044		
Total assets	\$1,091,822			\$1,080,772		
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
NOW, MMDA & savings deposits	\$479,927	282	0.24%	\$491,883	176	0.15%
Time deposits	103,510	151	0.59%	120,572	105	0.35%
FHLB borrowings	6,893	46	2.71%	-	-	-
Trust preferred securities	20,000	226	4.58%	20,619	171	3.36%
Other	40,238	52	0.51%	39,520	15	0.15%

Total interest-bearing liabilities 650,568