

GUARANTY FEDERAL BANCSHARES INC  
Form 8-K  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): August 3, 2012 (August 3, 2012)

Guaranty Federal Bancshares, Inc.  
(Exact Name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

0-23325  
(Commission  
File Number)

43-1792717  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1341 West Battlefield, Springfield,  
Missouri  
(Address of Principal Executive  
Offices)

68507  
(Zip Code)

(417) 520-4333  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

Item 8.01 Other Events

Guaranty Federal Bancshares, Inc. (the “Company”), a bank holding company for Guaranty Bank, a state-chartered trust company with banking powers in Missouri under Sections 362.105 and 362.106, Chapter 362, RSMo (the “Bank”), has decided to supplement and/or modify the risk factors contained in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 (the “2011 Annual Report”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on March 30, 2012 as noted below (new text is underlined and deleted text is stricken through):

The Company could experience an increase in loan losses, which would reduce the Company’s earnings.

As the nation slowly continues to recover from the economic downturn, real estate prices remain under pressure in the Company’s market. Furthermore, elevated levels of unemployment have made it difficult for many consumers to meet their monthly obligations. As a lender, we are exposed to the risk that our customers will be unable to repay their loans according to their terms and that any collateral securing the payment of their loans may not be sufficient to assure repayment. Credit losses are inherent in the business of making loans and our industry has seen above average loan loss levels for approximately eighteen 48 months. While the Company believes that its loan underwriting standards have been and remain sound, the Company has experienced an increase in charge offs and non-performing loans. To the extent charge offs exceed our financial models, increased amounts charged to the provision for loan losses would reduce net income.

The Company is subject to extensive regulation that can limit or restrict its activities.

The Company operates in a highly regulated industry and is subject to examination, supervision, and comprehensive regulation by various agencies, including the Federal Reserve, the MDF and FDIC. The Company’s regulatory compliance is costly.

The Company is also subject to capitalization guidelines established by its regulators, which require it and the Bank to maintain adequate capital to support its and the Bank’s growth.

The laws and regulations applicable to the banking industry could change at any time, and the Company cannot predict the effects of these changes on its business. To the extent activities of the Company and/or the Bank are restricted or limited by regulation or regulators’ supervisory authority, the Company’s future profitability may be adversely affected.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and the related rules and regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and NASDAQ Global Market that are now and will be applicable to the Company, have increased the scope, complexity, and cost of corporate governance, reporting and disclosure practices. As a result, the Company has experienced, and may continue to experience, greater compliance cost.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”) was signed into law on July 21, 2010 and, although it became generally effective in July 2010, many of its provisions have extended implementation periods and delayed effective dates and will require extensive rulemaking by regulatory authorities. The Dodd-Frank Act, including future rules implementing its provisions and the interpretation of those rules, could result in a number of adverse impacts. The levels of capital and liquidity with which the Company must operate may be subject to more stringent capital requirements. In addition, the Company may be subjected to higher deposit insurance premiums to the FDIC. The Company may also be subject to additional regulations under the newly established Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection which was given broad authority to implement new consumer protection regulations. These and other provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act may place significant additional costs on the Company, impede its growth opportunities and place it at a competitive disadvantage.

In December 2010, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, an international forum for cooperation on banking supervisory matters, announced the “Basel III” capital rules, which set new capital requirements for banking organizations. On June 7, 2012, the Federal Reserve Board requested comment on three proposed rules that, taken together, would establish an integrated regulatory capital framework implementing the Basel III regulatory capital reforms in the United States. As proposed, the U.S. implementation of Basel III would lead to significantly higher capital requirements and more restrictive leverage and liquidity ratios than those currently in place. Once adopted, these new capital requirements would be phased in over time. Additionally, the U.S. implementation of Basel III contemplates that, for banking organizations with less than \$15 billion in assets, the ability to treat trust preferred securities as tier 1 capital would be phased out over a ten-year period. The ultimate impact of the U.S. implementation of the new capital and liquidity standards on the Company and the Bank is currently being reviewed. At this point we cannot determine the ultimate effect that any final regulations, if enacted, would have upon our earnings or financial position. In addition, important questions remain as to how the numerous capital and liquidity mandates of the Dodd–Frank Act will be integrated with the requirements of Basel III.

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If we are unable to redeem our Series A Preferred Stock after five years, the cost of this capital to us will increase substantially.

If we are unable to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock prior to January 30, 2014, the cost of this capital to us will increase substantially on that date, from 5% per annum (\$850,000 annually) to 9% per annum (\$1,530,000 annually). Depending on our financial condition at the time, this increase in the annual dividend rate on the Series A Preferred Stock could have a material negative effect on our earnings.

If we do not redeem the preferred shares prior to February 15, 2014, the cost of this capital to us will increase substantially and could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and cash flows.

We have the right to redeem the preferred shares, in whole or in part, at our option at any time. If we do not redeem the preferred shares prior to February 15, 2014, the cost of this capital to us will increase substantially on and after that date, with the dividend rate increasing from 5.0% per annum to 9.0% per annum, which could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and cash flows. Any redemption by us of the preferred shares would require prior regulatory approval from the Federal Reserve. We have not applied for such regulatory approval and have no present intention to redeem any of the preferred shares in the near future; however, if in the future we determine we are able to redeem the preferred shares, it is our intent to redeem before February 15, 2014 prior to the dividend rate increase to 9.0% per annum. If we determine we are able to redeem any of the preferred shares, we may seek such approval and, if such approval is obtained (as to which no assurance can be given), redeem part or all of the preferred shares for cash.

Our compensation expense may increase substantially after Treasury's sale of the preferred shares.

As a result of our participation in the CPP, among other things, we are subject to Treasury's current standards for executive compensation and corporate governance for the period during which Treasury holds any of our preferred shares. These standards were most recently set forth in the Interim Final Rule on TARP Standards for Compensation and Corporate Governance, published June 15, 2009. If Treasury no longer owns any of the preferred shares, these executive compensation and corporate governance standards will no longer be applicable and our compensation expense for our executive officers and other senior employees may increase substantially.

The risk factors above should be considered in conjunction with the risk factors and other information included in the Company's 2011 Annual Report and other quarterly and current reports filed by the Company with the SEC. To the extent that information in this Current Report on Form 8-K differs from or updates information contained in the 2011 Annual Report or any other quarterly or current report filed by the Company as of the date hereof, this Current Report on Form 8-K is more current.

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SIGNATURES

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

GUARANTY FEDERAL BANCSHARES, INC.

Date: August 3, 2012.

By: /s/ Shaun A. Burke  
Shaun A. Burke  
President and Chief Executive  
Officer