

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 8-K  
November 19, 2014

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): November 18, 2014

Ameris Bancorp  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Georgia      001-13901      58-1456434  
(State or Other (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer  
Jurisdiction of      Identification No.)  
Incorporation)

310 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia 31768  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

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

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

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

On November 18, 2014, William I. Bowen, Jr. was appointed as a director of Ameris Bancorp (the “Company”). Mr. Bowen will receive the standard compensation paid to members of the Company’s Board of Directors. There are no understandings or arrangements between Mr. Bowen and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director. The Board has not yet determined the committees of the Board to which Mr. Bowen may be appointed.

Mr. Bowen is a partner and the President of Bowen-Donaldson Home for Funerals. He also serves as managing partner of Bowen Farming Enterprises, LLC, a timber, cattle, cotton and peanut farming operation, Bowen Land and Timber, LLC, and Fulwood Family Partnership, a farming and real estate development firm. Mr. Bowen has served as a member of the community board of Ameris Bank, the wholly owned banking subsidiary of the Company, for the Tifton, Georgia market since 2012.

**SIGNATURE**

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

AMERIS BANCORP

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

Dated: November 19, 2014