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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-K**

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

**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015**

**or**

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

**For the transition period from                      to**

**Commission file number 001-32590**

**COMMUNITY BANKERS TRUST CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Virginia**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**20-2652949**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)



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

State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity, as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter. \$104,931,804

On February 29, 2016, there were 21,869,444 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01, outstanding, which is the only class of the registrant's common stock.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement to be used in conjunction with the registrant's 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated into Part III of this Form 10-K.



## **PART I**

### **ITEM 1. BUSINESS**

#### **GENERAL**

The Company is headquartered in Richmond, Virginia and is the holding company for Essex Bank (the “Bank”), a Virginia state bank with 21 full-service offices in Virginia and Maryland. The Bank also operates two loan production offices in Virginia.

The Bank was established in 1926. The Bank engages in a general commercial banking business and provides a wide range of financial services primarily to individuals and small businesses, including individual and commercial demand and time deposit accounts, commercial and industrial loans, consumer and small business loans, real estate and mortgage loans, investment services, on-line and mobile banking products, and safe deposit box facilities. Fourteen full-service offices are located in Virginia, from the Chesapeake Bay to just west of Richmond, and seven are located in Maryland along the Baltimore-Washington corridor.

Essex Services, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank. Essex Services and its financial consultants offer a broad range of investment products and alternatives through an affiliation with Infinex Investments, Inc., an independent broker-dealer. It also offers insurance products through an ownership interest in Bankers Insurance, LLC, an independent insurance agency. Essex Services was formed to sell title insurance to the Bank’s mortgage loan customers.

The Company’s corporate headquarters are located at 9954 Mayland Drive, Suite 2100, Richmond, Virginia 23233. The telephone number of the corporate headquarters is (804) 934-9999.

The Company’s common stock trades on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol “ESXB”.

#### **STRATEGY**



## **OPERATIONS**

The Company's operating strategy is delineated by business lines and by the functional support areas that help accomplish the stated goals and financial budget of the organization. A major component of future income is growth in three core business lines – retail and small business banking, commercial and industrial banking and real estate lending. These core businesses, combined with the Company's geographic locations, dictate the market position that the Company needs to take to be successful. The majority of new loan growth will occur in all three lines, although the retail segment primarily provides the funding through core deposit relationship growth.

### ***Retail and Small Business Banking***

The Company markets to consumers in geographic areas around its branch network not only through existing bricks and mortar, but also with alternative delivery mechanisms and new product development such as online banking, remote deposit capture, mobile banking and telephonic banking. In addition, the Company attracts new customers by making its service through these distribution points convenient. All of the Company's existing markets are prime targets for expanding the consumer side of its business with full loan and deposit relationships, and the Company has restructured its retail group to accommodate growth. In addition, the Company is focused on potential growth in new market areas in which it currently operates loan production offices.

### ***Commercial and Industrial Banking***

In the commercial and industrial banking group, the Company focuses on small to mid-sized business customers (sales of \$5 million to \$15 million each year) who are not targeted by larger banks and for whom smaller community banks have limited expertise. The Company has an experienced team with a strong loan pipeline. The typical relationship consists of working capital lines and equipment loans with the primary deposit accounts of the customer. Most of these relationships will be new to the Company and create strong and positive growth potential.

### ***Commercial Real Estate Lending***

The Company has historically held a significant concentration in real estate loans. The current strategy is to manage the existing real estate acquisition, development and construction loans and add income producing property loans to the real estate portfolio. The Company originates both owner occupied and non-owner occupied borrowings where the cash flows provide significant debt coverage for the relationship.















On July 2, 2013, the Federal Reserve adopted a final rule (the “Basel III Rule”) revising the risk-based and leverage capital requirements and the method for calculating risk-weighted assets to be consistent with the agreements reached by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision in “Basel III: A Global Regulatory Framework for More Resilient Banks and Banking Systems” (Basel III) and certain provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act. The Basel III Rule applies to all depository institutions, top-tier bank holding companies with total consolidated assets of \$500 million or more, and top-tier savings and loan holding companies (referred to as “banking organizations”). For community banking organizations, like the Company, these revised capital requirements began being phased in beginning on January 1, 2015.

Under the requirements prior to effectiveness of the Basel III Rule, banking organizations must have maintained a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to adjusted average quarterly assets equal to 3% to 5%, subject to federal bank regulatory evaluation of an organization’s overall safety and soundness. In summary, the capital measures used by the federal banking regulators are:

- Total risk-based capital ratio (Total Capital Ratio), which is the total of Tier 1 Capital and Tier 2 Capital as a percentage of total risk-weighted assets;
- Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio (Tier 1 Ratio), which is Tier 1 Capital as a percentage of total risk-weighted assets; and
- Leverage Ratio, which is Tier 1 Capital as a percentage of adjusted average total assets.

Under pre-Basel III Rule regulations, a bank was considered:

- “Well capitalized” if it had a Total Capital Ratio of 10% or greater, Tier 1 Ratio of 6% or greater, a Leverage Ratio of 5% or greater, and was not subject to any written agreement, order, capital directive, or prompt corrective action directive by a federal bank regulatory agency to meet and maintain a specific capital level for any capital measure;
- “Adequately capitalized” if it had a Total Capital Ratio of 8% or greater, a Tier 1 Ratio of 4% or greater, and a Leverage Ratio of 4% or greater — or 3% in certain circumstances — and was not well capitalized;
- “Undercapitalized” if it had a Total Capital Ratio of less than 8% or greater, a Tier 1 Ratio of less than 4%, and a Leverage Ratio of less than 4% — or 3% in certain circumstances;
- “Significantly undercapitalized” if it had a Total Capital Ratio of less than 6%, a Tier 1 Ratio of less than 3%, or a Leverage Ratio of less than 3%; or
- “Critically undercapitalized” if its tangible equity was equal to or less than 2% of average quarterly tangible assets.

Among other things, the Basel III Rule establishes a new common equity tier 1 (CET1) minimum capital requirement, introduces a “capital conservation buffer” and raises minimum risk-based capital requirements. Under the new rule, CET1 is defined as comprising Tier 1 Capital, less non-cumulative perpetual preferred stock and grandfathered trust-preferred and other securities, plus certain regulatory deductions. The Basel III Rule establishes a new minimum required ratio of CET1 to risk-weighted assets (CET1 Ratio) of 4.5%, and raises the minimum Tier 1 Ratio to 6.0% (from the prior 4.0% minimum). Furthermore, the minimum required Leverage Ratio is increased in the final Basel III Rule to 4.0% for all banking organizations irrespective of differences in composite supervisory ratings.





The Basel III Rule also introduces new methodologies for determining risk-weighted assets, including higher risk weightings, up to a maximum of 150%, for exposures that are more than 90 days past due or are on nonaccrual status and for certain commercial real estate facilities that finance the acquisition, development or construction of real property. The Basel III Rule also requires unrealized gains and losses on certain securities holdings to be included, or excluded, as applicable, for purposes of calculating certain regulatory capital requirements. Additionally, the Basel III Rule establishes that, for banking organizations with less than \$15 billion in assets as of December 31, 2009, the ability to treat trust preferred securities as tier 1 capital would be permanently grandfathered in.

The risk-based capital standards of the Federal Reserve explicitly identify concentrations of credit risk and the risk arising from non-traditional activities, as well as an institution's ability to manage these risks, as important factors to be taken into account by the agency in assessing an institution's overall capital adequacy. The capital guidelines also provide that an institution's exposure to a decline in the economic value of its capital due to changes in interest rates be considered by the agency as a factor in evaluating a banking organization's capital adequacy.

The FDIC may take various corrective actions against any undercapitalized bank and any bank that fails to submit an acceptable capital restoration plan or fails to implement a plan accepted by the FDIC. These powers include, but are not limited to, requiring the institution to be recapitalized, prohibiting asset growth, restricting interest rates paid, requiring prior approval of capital distributions by any bank holding company that controls the institution, requiring divestiture by the institution of its subsidiaries or by the holding company of the institution itself, requiring new election of directors, and requiring the dismissal of directors and officers. The Bank presently maintains sufficient capital to remain in compliance with these capital requirements.

### *Dividends*

The Company is a legal entity, separate and distinct from the Bank. A significant portion of the revenues of the Company result from dividends paid to it by the Bank. There are various legal limitations applicable to the payment of dividends by the Bank to the Company and to the payment of dividends by the Company to its shareholders. The Bank is subject to various statutory restrictions on its ability to pay dividends to the Company. Under current regulations, prior approval from the Federal Reserve is required if cash dividends declared in any given year exceed net income for that year, plus retained net profits of the two preceding years. The payment of dividends by the Bank or the Company may be limited by other factors, such as requirements to maintain capital above regulatory guidelines. Bank regulatory agencies have the authority to prohibit the Bank or the Company from engaging in an unsafe or unsound practice in conducting its respective business. The payment of dividends, depending on the financial condition of the Bank, or the Company, could be deemed to constitute such an unsafe or unsound practice.

Under the FDIA, insured depository institutions such as the Bank, are prohibited from making capital distributions, including the payment of dividends, if, after making such distributions, the institution would become “undercapitalized” (as such term is used in the statute). Based on the Bank’s current financial condition, the Company does not expect that this provision will have any impact on its ability to receive dividends from the Bank.

### *Deposit Insurance*

The Bank’s deposits are insured by the DIF of the FDIC up to the standard maximum insurance amount for each deposit insurance ownership category. As of January 1, 2015, the basic limit on FDIC deposit insurance coverage is \$250,000 per depositor. Under the FDIA, the FDIC may terminate deposit insurance upon a finding that the institution has engaged in unsafe and unsound practices, is in an unsafe or unsound condition to continue operations, or has violated any applicable law, regulation, rule, order or condition imposed by the FDIC, subject to administrative and potential judicial hearing and review processes.

The DIF is funded by assessments on banks and other depository institutions. As required by the Dodd-Frank Act, in February 2011, the FDIC approved a final rule that changed the assessment base for DIF assessments from domestic deposits to Tier 1 Capital. In addition, as also required by the Dodd-Frank Act, the FDIC has adopted a new large-bank pricing assessment scheme, set a target “designated reserve ratio” (described in more detail below) of 2 percent for the DIF and established a lower assessment rate schedule when the reserve ratio reaches 1.15 percent and, in lieu of dividends, provides for a lower assessment rate schedule, when the reserve ratio reaches 2 percent and 2.5 percent. An institution’s assessment rate depends upon the institution’s assigned risk category, which is based on supervisory evaluations, regulatory capital levels and certain other factors. Initial base assessment rates range from 2.5 to 45 basis points. The FDIC may make the following further adjustments to an institution’s initial base assessment rates: decreases for long-term unsecured debt including most senior unsecured debt and subordinated debt; increases

for holding long-term unsecured debt or subordinated debt issued by other insured depository institutions; and increases for broker deposits in excess of 10 percent of domestic deposits for institutions not well rated and well capitalized.

The Dodd-Frank Act transferred to the FDIC increased discretion with regard to managing the required amount of reserves for the DIF, or the “designated reserve ratio.” Among other changes, the Dodd-Frank Act (i) raised the minimum designated reserve ratio to 1.35 percent and removed the upper limit on the designated reserve ratio, (ii) requires that the designated reserve ratio reach 1.35 percent by September 2020, and (iii) requires the FDIC to offset the effect on institutions with total consolidated assets of less than \$10 billion by raising the designated reserve ratio from 1.15 percent to 1.35 percent. The FDIA requires that the FDIC consider the appropriate level for the designated reserve ratio on at least an annual basis. On October 2010, the FDIC adopted a new DIF restoration plan to ensure that the fund reserve ratio reaches 1.35 percent by September 30, 2020, as required by the Dodd-Frank Act.

### *Incentive Compensation*

In June 2010, the federal banking regulators issued comprehensive final guidance on incentive compensation policies intended to ensure that the incentive compensation policies of banking organizations do not undermine the safety and soundness of such organizations by encouraging excessive risk-taking. The guidance, which covers all employees that have the ability to materially affect the risk profile of an organization, either individually or as part of a group, is based upon the key principles that a banking organization’s incentive compensation arrangements should (i) provide incentives that do not encourage risk-taking beyond the organization’s ability to effectively identify and manage risks, (ii) be compatible with effective internal controls and risk management, and (iii) be supported by strong corporate governance, including active and effective oversight by the organization’s Board of Directors.

The Federal Reserve will review, as part of the regular, risk-focused examination process, the incentive compensation arrangements of banking organizations, such as the Company, that are not “large, complex banking organizations.” These reviews will be tailored to each organization based on the scope and complexity of the organization’s activities and the prevalence of incentive compensation arrangements. The findings of the supervisory initiatives will be included in reports of examination. Deficiencies will be incorporated into the organization’s supervisory ratings, which can affect the organization’s ability to make acquisitions and take other actions. Enforcement actions may be taken against a banking organization if its incentive compensation arrangements, or related risk-management control or governance processes, pose a risk to the organization’s safety and soundness and the organization is not taking prompt and effective measures to correct the deficiencies. At December 31, 2015, the Company had not been made aware of any instances of non-compliance with the new guidance.

### ***The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999***

The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 (Gramm-Leach-Bliley) drew lines between the types of activities that are permitted for banking organizations that are financial in nature and those that are not permitted because they are commercial in nature.

Gramm-Leach-Bliley created a new form of financial organization called a financial holding company that may own and control banks, insurance companies and securities firms, thereby repealing the prohibition in the Glass-Steagall Act on bank affiliations with companies that are engaged primarily in securities underwriting activities. A financial holding company is authorized to engage in any activity that is financial in nature or incidental to an activity that is financial in nature or is a complementary activity, including, for example, insurance, securities transactions (including underwriting, broker/dealer activities and investment advisory services) and traditional banking-related activities. The Company is currently not a financial holding company under Gramm-Leach-Bliley.

Gramm-Leach-Bliley directed federal banking regulators to adopt rules limiting the ability of banks and other financial institutions to disclose non-public information about consumers to nonaffiliated third parties. These limitations require disclosure of privacy policies to consumers and, in some circumstances, allow consumers to prevent disclosure of certain personal information to a nonaffiliated third party. Pursuant to these rules, financial institutions must provide: initial notices to customers about their privacy policies, including a description of the conditions under which they may disclose nonpublic personal information to nonaffiliated third parties and affiliates; annual notices of their privacy policies to current customers; and a reasonable method for customers to "opt out" of disclosures to nonaffiliated third parties. These privacy provisions affect how consumer information is transmitted through diversified financial companies and conveyed to outside vendors. The Company, as a bank holding company, is subject to these rules.

### ***Community Reinvestment Act***

Under the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) and related regulations, depository institutions have an affirmative obligation to assist in meeting the credit needs of their market areas, including low and moderate-income areas, consistent with safe and sound banking practice. CRA requires the adoption of a statement for each of its market areas describing the depository institution's efforts to assist in its community's credit needs. Depository institutions are periodically examined for compliance with CRA and are periodically assigned ratings in this regard. Banking regulators consider a depository institution's CRA rating when reviewing applications to establish new branches, undertake new lines of business, and/or acquire part or all of another depository institution. An unsatisfactory rating can significantly delay or even prohibit regulatory approval of a proposed transaction by a bank holding company or its depository institution subsidiaries.

Gramm-Leach-Bliley and federal bank regulators have made various changes to CRA. Among other changes, CRA agreements with private parties must be disclosed and annual reports must be made to a bank's primary federal regulator. A financial holding company or any of its subsidiaries will not be permitted to engage in new activities authorized under Gramm-Leach-Bliley if any bank subsidiary received less than a "satisfactory" rating in its latest CRA examination. The Company believes that it is currently in compliance with CRA.

***Fair Lending; Consumer Laws***

In addition to CRA, other federal and state laws regulate various lending and consumer aspects of the banking business. Governmental agencies, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice, have become concerned that prospective borrowers experience discrimination in their efforts to obtain loans from depository and other lending institutions. These agencies have brought litigation against depository institutions alleging discrimination against borrowers. Many of these suits have been settled, in some cases for material sums, short of a full trial.

These governmental agencies have clarified what they consider to be lending discrimination and have specified various factors that they will use to determine the existence of lending discrimination under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and the Fair Housing Act, including evidence that a lender discriminated on a prohibited basis, evidence that a lender treated applicants differently based on prohibited factors in the absence of evidence that the treatment was the result of prejudice or a conscious intention to discriminate, and evidence that a lender applied an otherwise neutral non-discriminatory policy uniformly to all applicants, but the practice had a discriminatory effect, unless the practice could be justified as a business necessity.

Banks and other depository institutions also are subject to numerous consumer-oriented laws and regulations. These laws, which include the Truth in Lending Act, the Truth in Savings Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Electronic Funds Transfer Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and the Fair Housing Act, require compliance by depository institutions with various disclosure requirements and requirements regulating the availability of funds after deposit or the making of some loans to customers.

### *Governmental Policies*

The Federal Reserve regulates money, credit and interest rates in order to influence general economic conditions. These policies influence overall growth and distribution of bank loans, investments and deposits. These policies also affect interest rates charged on loans or paid for time and savings deposits. Federal Reserve monetary policies have had a significant effect on the operating results of commercial banks in the past and are expected to continue to do so in the future.

### *Future Regulatory Uncertainty*

Because federal and state regulation of financial institutions changes regularly and is the subject of constant legislative debate, the Company cannot forecast how federal and state regulation of financial institutions may change in the future and impact its operations. The Company fully expects that the financial institution industry will remain heavily regulated in the near future and that additional laws or regulations may be adopted further regulating specific banking practices.

## **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Our operations are subject to many risks that could adversely affect our future financial condition and performance and, therefore, the market value of our common stock. The risk factors applicable to us are the following:

**Our future success is dependent on our ability to compete effectively in the highly competitive banking and financial services industry.**

We face vigorous competition from other commercial banks, savings banks, credit unions, mortgage banking firms, consumer finance companies, securities brokerage firms, insurance companies, money market funds and other types of

financial institutions for deposits, loans and other financial services in our market area. A number of these banks and other financial institutions are significantly larger than we are and have substantially greater access to capital and other resources, as well as larger lending limits and branch systems, and offer a wider array of banking services. Many of our nonbank competitors are not subject to the same extensive regulations that govern us. As a result, these non-bank competitors have advantages over us in providing certain services.

While we believe we compete effectively with these other financial institutions in our primary markets, we may face a competitive disadvantage as a result of our smaller size, smaller asset base, lack of geographic diversification and inability to spread our marketing costs across a broader market. If we have to raise interest rates paid on deposits or lower interest rates charged on loans to compete effectively, our net interest margin and income could be negatively affected. Failure to compete effectively to attract new, or to retain existing, clients may reduce or limit our margins and our market share and may adversely affect our results of operations, financial condition, and growth.

**We may be adversely affected by economic conditions in our market area.**

We operate in a mixed market environment with influences from both rural and urban areas. Because our lending operation is concentrated in localized areas in Virginia and Maryland, we will be affected by the general economic conditions in these markets. Changes in the local economy may influence the growth rate of our loans and deposits, the quality of the loan portfolio, and loan and deposit pricing. A significant decline in general economic conditions caused by inflation, recession, unemployment or other factors beyond our control would impact these local economic conditions and the demand for banking products and services generally, which could negatively affect our financial condition and performance. Although we might not have significant credit exposure to all the businesses in our areas, the downturn in any of these businesses could have a negative impact on local economic conditions and real estate collateral values generally, which could negatively affect our profitability.

**We may not be able to successfully manage our long-term growth, which may adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.**

A key aspect of our long-term business strategy is our continued growth and expansion. Our ability to continue to grow depends, in part, upon our ability to:

- open new branch offices or acquire existing branches or other financial institutions;
- attract deposits to those locations; and
- identify attractive loan and investment opportunities.

We may not be able to successfully implement our growth strategy if we are unable to identify attractive markets, locations or opportunities to expand in the future, or if we are subject to regulatory restrictions on growth or expansion of our operations. Our ability to manage our growth successfully also will depend on whether we can maintain capital levels adequate to support our growth, maintain cost controls and asset quality and successfully integrate any businesses we acquire into our organization. As we identify opportunities to implement our growth strategy by opening new branches or acquiring branches or other banks, we may incur increased personnel, occupancy and other operating expenses. In the case of new branches, we must absorb those higher expenses while we begin to generate new deposits, and there is a further time lag involved in redeploying new deposits into attractively priced loans and other higher yielding earning assets. Thus, any plans for branch expansion could decrease our earnings in the short run, even if we efficiently execute our branching strategy.

**Our liquidity needs could adversely affect results of operations and financial condition.**

Our primary sources of funds are deposits and loan repayments. While scheduled loan repayments are a relatively stable source of funds, they are subject to the ability of borrowers to repay the loans. The ability of borrowers to repay loans can be adversely affected by a number of factors, including, but not limited to, changes in economic conditions, adverse trends or events affecting business industry groups, reductions in real estate values or markets, availability of, and/or access to, sources of refinancing, business closings or lay-offs, inclement weather, natural disasters and international instability. Additionally, deposit levels may be affected by a number of factors, including, but not limited to, rates paid by competitors, general interest rate levels, regulatory capital requirements, returns available to customers on alternative investments and general economic conditions. Accordingly, we may be required from time to time to rely on secondary sources of liquidity to meet withdrawal demands or otherwise fund operations. Such sources include FHLB advances, sales of securities and loans, federal funds lines of credit from correspondent banks and borrowings from the Federal Reserve Discount Window, as well as additional out-of-market time deposits and brokered deposits. While we believe that these sources are currently adequate, there can be no assurance they will be sufficient to meet future liquidity demands, particularly if we continue to grow and experience increasing loan demand. We may be required to slow or discontinue loan growth, capital expenditures or other investments or liquidate assets should such sources not be adequate.

**If our allowance for loan losses becomes inadequate, our results of operations may be adversely affected.**

An essential element of our business is to make loans. We maintain an allowance for loan losses that we believe is a reasonable estimate of known and inherent losses in our loan portfolio. Through a periodic review and analysis of the loan portfolio, management determines the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses by considering such factors as general and industry-specific market conditions, credit quality of the loan portfolio, the collateral supporting the loans and financial performance of our loan customers relative to their financial obligations to us. The amount of future losses is impacted by changes in economic, operating and other conditions, including changes in interest rates, which may be beyond our control. Actual losses may exceed our current estimates. Rapidly growing loan portfolios are, by their nature, unseasoned. Estimating loan loss allowances for an unseasoned portfolio is more difficult than with seasoned portfolios, and may be more susceptible to changes in estimates and to losses exceeding estimates. Although we believe the allowance for loan losses is a reasonable estimate of known and inherent losses in our loan portfolio, we cannot fully predict such losses or assert that our loan loss allowance will be adequate in the future. Future loan losses that are greater than current estimates could have a material impact on our future financial performance.

Banking regulators periodically review our allowance for loan losses and may require us to increase our allowance for loan losses or recognize additional loan charge-offs, based on credit judgments different than those of our management. Any increase in the amount of our allowance or loans charged-off as required by these regulatory agencies could have a negative effect on our operating results.

**Our concentration in loans secured by real estate may increase our future credit losses, which would negatively affect our financial results.**

We offer a variety of secured loans, including commercial lines of credit, commercial term loans, real estate, construction, home equity, consumer and other loans. Credit risk and credit losses can increase if our loans are concentrated to borrowers who, as a group, may be uniquely or disproportionately affected by economic or market conditions. Approximately 86.5% of our loans are secured by real estate, both residential and commercial, substantially all of which are located in our market area. A major change in the region's real estate market, resulting in a deterioration in real estate values, or in the local or national economy, including changes caused by raising interest rates, could adversely affect our customers' ability to pay these loans, which in turn could adversely impact us. Risk of loan defaults and foreclosures are inherent in the banking industry, and we try to limit our exposure to this risk by carefully underwriting and monitoring our extensions of credit. We cannot fully eliminate credit risk, and as a result credit losses may occur in the future.

**We may incur losses if we are unable to successfully manage interest rate risk.**

Our profitability depends in substantial part upon the spread between the interest rates earned on investments and loans and interest rates paid on deposits and other interest-bearing liabilities. These rates are normally in line with general market rates and rise and fall based on our view of our financing and liquidity needs. We may selectively pay above-market rates to attract deposits as we have done in some of our marketing promotions in the past. Changes in interest rates will affect our operating performance and financial condition in diverse ways including the pricing of securities, loans and deposits, which, in turn, may affect the growth in loan and retail deposit volume. We attempt to minimize our exposure to interest rate risk, but cannot eliminate it. Our net interest income will be adversely affected if market interest rates change so that the interest we pay on deposits and borrowings increases faster than the interest earned on loans and investments. Our net interest spread will depend on many factors that are partly or entirely outside our control, including competition, federal economic, monetary and fiscal policies and economic conditions generally. Fluctuations in market rates are neither predictable nor controllable and may have a material and negative effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Changes in interest rates also affect the value of our loans. An increase in interest rates could adversely affect our borrowers' ability to pay the principal or interest on existing loans or reduce their desire to borrow more money. This situation may lead to an increase in non-performing assets or a decrease in loan originations, either of which could

have a material and negative effect on our results of operations.

**We rely heavily on our management team and the unexpected loss of any of those personnel could adversely affect our operations; we depend on our ability to attract and retain key personnel.**

We are a customer-focused and relationship-driven organization. We expect our future growth to be driven in a large part by the relationships maintained with our customers by our president and chief executive officer and other senior officers. The unexpected loss of any of our key employees could have an adverse effect on our business and possibly result in reduced revenues and earnings. We do maintain bank-owned life insurance on key officers that would help cover some of the economic impact of a loss caused by death.

The implementation of our business strategy will also require us to continue to attract, hire, motivate and retain skilled personnel to develop new customer relationships as well as new financial products and services. Many experienced banking professionals employed by our competitors are covered by agreements not to compete or to solicit their existing customers if they were to leave their current employment. These agreements make the recruitment of these professionals more difficult. The market for these people is competitive, and we cannot assure you that we will be successful in attracting, hiring, motivating or retaining them.

**The Federal Reserve adopted final rules subjecting banks and bank holding companies to more stringent capital and liquidity requirements, the short-term and long-term impact of which is uncertain.**

We are subject to capital adequacy guidelines and other regulatory requirements specifying minimum amounts and types of capital which we must maintain. In July 2013, the Federal Reserve and the federal banking agencies issued final rules revising risk-based and leverage capital requirements and the method for calculating risk-weighted assets. The rules implement the Basel III regulatory capital reforms from the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and certain provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act. The rules establish a new common equity Tier 1 minimum capital requirement (4.5% of risk-weighted assets) and a higher minimum Tier 1 risk-based capital requirement (6% of risk-weighted assets) and assign higher risk weightings to loans that are past due and certain loans financing the acquisition, development or construction of commercial real estate. We were required to comply with the new rules beginning on January 1, 2015. These requirements and any other new regulations, could adversely affect our ability to pay dividends, or could require us to reduce business levels or to raise capital, including in ways that may adversely affect our financial condition or results of operations.

**New regulations issued by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau could adversely affect our earnings.**

The CFPB has broad rulemaking authority to administer and carry out the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act with respect to financial institutions that offer covered financial products and services to consumers. The CFPB has also been directed to write rules identifying practices or acts that are unfair, deceptive or abusive in connection with any transaction with a consumer for a consumer financial product or service, or the offering of a consumer financial product or service. For example, the CFPB issued a final rule effective January 10, 2014, requiring mortgage lenders to make a reasonable and good faith determination based on verified and documented information that a consumer applying for a mortgage loan has a reasonable ability to repay the loan according to its terms, or to originate “qualified mortgages” that meet specific requirements with respect to terms, pricing and fees. The new rule also contains new disclosure requirements at mortgage loan origination and in monthly statements.

The requirements under the CFPB’s regulations and policies could limit our ability to make certain types of loans or loans to certain borrowers, or could make it more expensive and/or time consuming to make these loans, which could adversely impact our profitability.

**We are subject to security and operational risks including risks relating to the use of technology that, if not managed properly, could disrupt our business, result in the disclosure or misuse of confidential or proprietary information, damage our reputation, increase costs and cause losses. Any such failure also could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.**

To conduct our business, we rely heavily on technology-driven products and services and on communications and information systems. Our future success will depend, in part, on our ability to address customers’ needs by using technology to provide products and services that will satisfy customer demands for convenience as well as to create additional efficiencies in operations. We have taken measures to implement backup systems and other safeguards with respect to the physical infrastructure and systems that support our operations, but our ability to conduct business may be adversely affected by any significant and widespread disruption to its infrastructure or systems. Our financial, accounting, data processing, check processing, electronic funds transfer, loan processing, online banking, mobile banking, automated teller machines, backup or other operating systems and facilities may fail to operate properly or become disabled or damaged as a result of a number of factors including events that are wholly or partially beyond our control and can adversely affect our ability to process these transactions or provide these services. There could be sudden increases in customer transaction volume, electrical or telecommunications outages, natural disasters, events arising from local or larger scale political or social matters, including terrorist acts, and cyber attacks. We continuously update these systems to support our operations and growth. This updating entails significant costs and creates risks associated with implementing new systems and integrating them with existing ones.

Information security risks for financial institutions have significantly increased in recent years in part because of the proliferation of new technologies, the use of the Internet and telecommunications technologies to conduct financial transactions, and the increased sophistication and activities of organized crime, hackers and other external parties. Our operations rely on the secure processing, transmission and storage of confidential, proprietary and other information in our computer systems and networks. We rely on digital technologies, computer and email systems, software and networks to conduct our operations, as well as on the honesty and integrity of our employees and vendors with access to those elements. In addition, to access our products and services, customers may use computers, personal smartphones, tablet PCs and other mobile devices that are beyond our control systems. Our technologies, systems and networks and our customers' devices may be subject to, or the target of, cyber attacks, computer viruses, malicious code, phishing attacks or information security breaches that could result in the unauthorized release, gathering, monitoring, misuse, loss or destruction of our or our customers' confidential, proprietary and other information, or otherwise disrupt our or our customers' or other third parties' business operations.

We also face the risk of unauthorized activity, fraud or theft by employees and/or vendors that could result in disclosure or misuse of customers' confidential, proprietary or other information. In addition, we face the risk of operational failure, termination or capacity constraints of any of the third parties with which it does business or that facilitate its business activities, including financial intermediaries that we use to facilitate transactions. Any such failure, termination or constraint could adversely affect our ability to effect transactions, service our customers, manage our exposure to risk or expand our business and could have a significant adverse impact on our liquidity, financial condition and results of operations.

There can be no assurance that we will not experience material losses related to cyber attacks or other information security breaches. Cyber security and the continued development and enhancement of our controls, processes and practices designed to protect our systems, computers, software, data and networks from attack, damage or unauthorized access remain a priority for us, and we may be required to expend significant additional resources to continue to modify or enhance these protective measures or to investigate and remediate any information security vulnerabilities.

**We rely on other companies to provide key components of our business infrastructure.**

Third parties provide key components of our business operations such as data processing, recording and monitoring transactions, online banking interfaces and services, internet connections and network access. While we have selected these third party vendors carefully, we do not control their actions. Any problem caused by these third parties, including poor performance of services, failure to provide services, disruptions in services provided by a vendor and failure to handle current or higher volumes, could adversely affect our ability to deliver products and services to our customers and otherwise conduct our business, and may harm our reputation. Financial or operational difficulties of a third party vendor could also hurt our operations if those difficulties affect the vendor's ability to serve us. Replacing these third party vendors could also create significant delay and expense. Accordingly, use of such third parties creates an unavoidable inherent risk to our business operations.

**The operational functions of business counterparties over which the Company may have limited or no control may experience disruptions that could adversely impact the Company.**

Multiple major U.S. retailers have recently experienced data systems incursions reportedly resulting in the thefts of credit and debit card information, online account information, and other financial data of tens of millions of the retailers' customers. Retailer incursions affect cards issued and deposit accounts maintained by many banks, including the Bank. Although the Company's systems are not breached in retailer incursions, these events can cause the Bank to reissue a significant number of cards and take other costly steps to avoid significant theft loss to the Bank and its customers. In some cases, the Bank may be required to reimburse customers for the losses they incur. Other possible points of intrusion or disruption not within the Bank's control include internet service providers, electronic mail portal providers, social media portals, distant-server (cloud) service providers, electronic data security providers, telecommunications companies, and smart phone manufacturers.

**We may need to raise capital that may not ultimately be available to us.**

Regulatory authorities require us to maintain certain levels of capital to support our operations. While we remained "well capitalized" at December 31, 2015, we may need to raise additional capital in the future if we incur losses or due to regulatory mandates. The ability to raise capital, if needed, will depend in part on conditions in the capital markets at that time, which are outside our control, and on our financial performance. Accordingly, we may not be able to raise capital, if and when needed, on terms acceptable to us, or at all. If we cannot raise capital when needed, our ability to increase our capital ratios could be materially impaired, and we could face regulatory challenges.

**We continually encounter technological change.**

The financial services industry is continually undergoing rapid technological change with frequent introductions of new technology-driven products and services. The effective use of technology increases efficiency and enables financial institutions to better serve customers and to reduce costs. Our future success depends, in part, upon our ability to address the needs of our customers by using technology to provide products and services that will satisfy customer demands, as well as to create additional efficiencies in our operations. Many of our competitors have substantially greater resources to invest in technological improvements. We may not be able to effectively implement new technology-driven products and services or be successful in marketing these products and services to our customers. Failure to successfully keep pace with technological change affecting the financial services industry could have a material adverse impact on our business and, in turn, our financial condition and results of operations.

**A substantial decline in the value of our securities portfolio may result in an “other-than-temporary” impairment charge.**

The total amount of our available-for-sale securities portfolio was \$243.3 million at December 31, 2015. The measurement of the fair value of these securities involves significant judgment due to the complexity of the factors contributing to the measurement. Market volatility makes measurement of the fair value of our securities portfolio even more difficult and subjective. More generally, as market conditions continue to be volatile, we cannot provide assurance with respect to the amount of future unrealized losses in the portfolio. To the extent that any portion of the unrealized losses in these portfolios is determined to be other than temporary, and the loss is related to credit factors, we would recognize a charge to our earnings in the quarter during which such determination is made, and our capital ratios could be adversely affected.

**The repeal of federal prohibitions on payment of interest on demand deposits could increase our interest expense.**

All federal prohibitions on the ability of financial institutions to pay interest on demand deposit accounts were repealed as part of the Dodd-Frank Act beginning on July 21, 2011. As a result, some financial institutions have commenced offering interest on demand deposits to compete for customers. Our interest expense will increase and net interest margin will decrease if we begin offering interest on demand deposits to attract additional customers or maintain current customers, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

**Consumers may increasingly decide not to use us to complete their financial transactions, which would have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and operations.**

Technology and other changes are allowing parties to complete financial transactions through alternative methods that historically have involved banks. For example, consumers can now maintain funds that would have historically been held as bank deposits in brokerage accounts, mutual funds or general-purpose reloadable prepaid cards. Consumers can also complete transactions such as paying bills and/or transferring funds directly without the assistance of banks. The process of eliminating banks as intermediaries, known as “disintermediation,” could result in the loss of fee income, as well as the loss of customer deposits and the related income generated from those deposits. The loss of these revenue streams and the lower cost of deposits as a source of funds could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

**Nonperforming assets adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.**

Our nonperforming assets adversely affect our net income in various ways. We do not record interest income on non-accrual loans, thereby adversely affecting our income and increasing loan administration costs. When we receive collateral through foreclosures and similar proceedings, we are required to mark the related loan to the then fair market value of the collateral less estimated selling costs, which may result in a loss. An increase in the level of nonperforming assets also increases our risk profile and may impact the capital levels our regulators believe is appropriate in light of such risks. We utilize various techniques such as loan sales, workouts and restructurings to manage our problem assets. Decreases in the value of these problem assets, the underlying collateral, or in the borrowers’ performance or financial condition, could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

In addition, the resolution of nonperforming assets requires significant commitments of time from management and staff, which can be detrimental to performance of their other responsibilities. Such resolution may also require the assistance of third parties, and thus the expense associated with it. There can be no assurance that we will avoid further increases in nonperforming loans in the future.

**We rely upon independent appraisals to determine the value of the real estate which secures a significant portion of our loans, and the values indicated by such appraisals may not be realizable if we are forced to foreclose upon such loans.**

A significant portion of our loan portfolio consists of loans secured by real estate (86.5% at December 31, 2015). We rely upon independent appraisers to estimate the value of such real estate. Appraisals are only estimates of value and



**We are subject to extensive government regulation and supervision.**

We are subject to extensive federal and state regulation and supervision. Banking regulations are primarily intended to protect depositors' funds, federal deposit insurance funds and the banking system as a whole, and not security holders. These regulations affect our lending practices, capital structure, investment practices, dividend policy and growth, among other things. Congress and federal regulatory agencies continually review banking laws, regulations and policies for possible changes.

These provisions, or any other aspects of current proposed regulatory or legislative changes to laws applicable to the financial industry, if enacted or adopted, may impact the profitability of our business activities or change certain of our business practices, including our ability to offer new products, obtain financing, attract deposits, make loans, and achieve satisfactory interest spreads, and could expose us to additional costs, including increased compliance costs. These changes also may require us to invest significant management attention and resources to make any necessary changes to our operations in order to comply, and could therefore also materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations. Furthermore, failure to comply with laws, regulations or policies could result in sanctions by regulatory agencies, civil money penalties and/or reputation damage, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

**Changes in accounting standards could impact reported earnings.**

The authorities that promulgate accounting standards, including the Financial Accounting Standards Board and Securities and Exchange Commission, periodically change the financial accounting and reporting standards that govern the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements. These changes are difficult to predict and can materially impact how the Company records and reports its financial condition and results of operations. In some cases, the Company could be required to apply a new or revised standard retroactively, resulting in the restatement of financial statements for prior periods. Such changes could also require the Company to incur additional personnel or technology costs.

**Our disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls may not prevent or detect all errors or acts of fraud.**

Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to reasonably assure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, and recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. We believe that any disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived

and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or omission. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by individual acts, by collusion by two or more people and/or by override of the established controls. Accordingly, because of the inherent limitations in our control systems and in human nature, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

**We can give no assurances that our deferred tax asset will not become impaired in the future because it is based on projections of future earnings, which are subject to uncertainty and estimates that may change based on economic conditions.**

We can give no assurances that our deferred tax asset will not become impaired in the future. At December 31, 2015, we recorded net deferred income tax assets of \$10.1 million. We assess the realization of deferred income tax assets and record a valuation allowance if it is "more likely than not" that we will not realize all or a portion of the deferred tax asset. We consider all available evidence, both positive and negative, to determine whether, based on the weight of that evidence, we need a valuation allowance. Management's assessment is primarily dependent on historical taxable income and projections of future taxable income, which are directly related to our core earnings capacity and our prospects to generate core earnings in the future. Projections of core earnings and taxable income are inherently subject to uncertainty and estimates that may change given an uncertain economic outlook and current banking industry conditions. Due to the uncertainty of estimates and projections, it is possible that we will be required to record adjustments to the valuation allowance in future reporting periods.

**Deterioration in the soundness of other financial institutions could adversely affect us.**

Our ability to engage in routine funding transactions could be adversely affected by the actions and commercial soundness of other financial institutions. Financial services institutions are interrelated as a result of trading, clearing, counterparty or other relationships. We have exposure to many different industries and counterparties, and we routinely execute transactions with counterparties in the financial industry, including brokers and dealers, commercial banks and other institutional clients. As a result, defaults by, or even rumors or questions about, one or more financial services institutions, or the financial services industry generally, could create market-wide liquidity problems and could lead to losses or defaults by us or by other institutions. Our credit risk may also be exacerbated when the collateral held by us cannot be realized upon or is liquidated at prices not sufficient to recover the full amount of the financial instrument exposure due us. There is no assurance that any such losses would not materially and adversely affect our results of operations.

**We may be adversely impacted by changes in the condition of financial markets.**

We are directly and indirectly affected by changes in market conditions. Market risk generally represents the risk that values of assets and liabilities or revenues will be adversely affected by changes in market conditions. Market risk is inherent in the financial instruments associated with our operations and activities including loans, deposits, securities, short-term borrowings, long-term debt, trading account assets and liabilities, and derivatives. Just a few of the market conditions that may shift from time to time, thereby exposing us to market risk, include fluctuations in interest and currency exchange rates, equity and futures prices, and price deterioration or changes in value due to changes in market perception or actual credit quality of issuers. Accordingly, depending on the instruments or activities impacted, market risks can have adverse effects on our results of operations and our overall financial condition.

**Banking regulators have broad enforcement power, but regulations are meant to protect depositors, and not investors.**

We are subject to supervision by several governmental regulatory agencies, including the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and Virginia's Bureau of Financial Institutions. Bank regulations, and the interpretation and application of them by regulators, are beyond our control, may change rapidly and unpredictably and can be expected to influence earnings and growth. In addition, these regulations may limit our growth and the return to investors by restricting activities such as the payment of dividends, mergers with, or acquisitions by, other institutions, investments, loans and interest rates, interest rates paid on deposits and the opening of new branch offices. Although these regulations impose costs on us, they are intended to protect depositors, and should not be assumed to protect the interest of shareholders. The regulations to which we are subject may not always be in the best interest of investors.

**The FDIC deposit insurance assessments that we are required to pay may increase in the future, which would have an adverse effect on earnings.**

As an insured depository institution, we are required to pay quarterly deposit insurance premium assessments to the FDIC to maintain the level of the FDIC deposit insurance reserve ratio. The past failures of financial institutions have significantly increased the loss provisions of the DIF, resulting in a decline in the reserve ratio. As a result of recent economic conditions and the enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act, the FDIC revised its assessment rates, which raised deposit premiums for certain insured depository institutions. If these increases are insufficient for the DIF to meet its funding requirements, further special assessments or increases in deposit insurance premiums may be required. We are generally unable to control the amount of premiums that we are required to pay for FDIC insurance. If there are additional bank or financial institution failures, the FDIC may increase the deposit insurance assessment rates. Any future assessments, increases or required prepayments in FDIC insurance premiums may materially adversely affect earnings and could negatively affect our stock price.



**The trading volume in our common stock is less than that of other larger financial services companies.**

The trading volume in our common stock is less than that of other larger financial services companies. A public trading market having the desired characteristics of depth, liquidity and orderliness depends on the presence in the marketplace of willing buyers and sellers of our common stock at any given time. This presence depends on the individual decisions of investors and general economic and market conditions over which we have no control. Given the lower trading volume of our common stock, significant sales of our common stock, or the expectation of these sales, could cause our stock price to fall.

**Virginia law and the provisions of our articles of incorporation and bylaws could deter or prevent takeover attempts by a potential purchaser of our common stock that would be willing to pay a premium for your shares of our common stock.**

Our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws contain provisions that may be deemed to have the effect of discouraging or delaying uninvited attempts by third parties to gain control of us. These provisions include the ability of our board to set the price, term, and rights of, and to issue, one or more series of our preferred stock. Our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws do not provide for the ability of shareholders to call special meetings.

Similarly, the Virginia Stock Corporation Act contains provisions designed to protect Virginia corporations and employees from the adverse effects of hostile corporate takeovers. These provisions reduce the possibility that a third party could affect a change in control without the support of our incumbent directors. These provisions may also strengthen the position of current management by restricting the ability of shareholders to change the composition of the board, to affect its policies generally, and to benefit from actions that are opposed by the current board.

**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM 2. PROPERTIES**

The Company operates the following offices:

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Corporate Headquarters:

Deep Run at Mayland — 9954 Mayland Drive, Suite 2100, Richmond, VA 23233

Virginia Branch Offices:

Bon Air — 2730 Buford Road, Richmond, VA 23235

Burgess — 14598 Northumberland Highway, Burgess, VA 22432

Callao — 654 Northumberland Highway, Callao, VA 22435

Centerville — 100 Broad Street Road, Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103

Goochland Courthouse — 1949 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, VA 23063

Deep Run at Mayland — 9954 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA 23233

Flat Rock — 2320 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA 23139

King William — 4935 Richmond-Tappahannock Highway, Aylett, VA 23009

Louisa — 217 East Main Street, Louisa, VA 23093

Mechanicsville — 6315 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Prince Street — 323 Prince Street, Tappahannock, VA 22560

Tappahannock — 1325 Tappahannock Boulevard, Tappahannock, VA 22560

Virginia Center — 9951 Brook Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060

West Point — 16th and Main Street, West Point, VA 23181

Winterfield — 3740 Winterfield Road, Midlothian, VA 23113

Maryland Branch Offices:

Annapolis – 1835 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

Arnold — 1460 Ritchie Highway, Arnold, MD 21012

Bowie – 6143 High Bridge Road, Bowie, MD 20720

Catonsville — 1000 Ingleside Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228

Crofton — 2120 Baldwin Avenue, Crofton, MD 21114

Rockville — 1101 Nelson Street, Rockville, MD 20850

Rosedale — 1230 Race Road, Rosedale, MD 21237

The Company owns all of the offices listed above, except that it leases its corporate headquarters, its Winterfield office in the Virginia market and the Arnold, Crofton and Rockville offices in the Maryland market. The Company also has loan production offices in Fairfax and Lynchburg, Virginia, both of which it leases.

The Company opened its Bowie branch office on January 12, 2015. The Company opened its Bon Air branch office on August 3, 2015. The Company expects to open a branch office in Fairfax, Virginia (10509 Judicial Drive) on March 30, 2016.

The Company closed its branch office in Catonsville, Maryland (1000 Ingleside Avenue) on March 4, 2016.

All of the Company's properties are in good operating condition and are adequate for the Company's present and anticipated needs.

**ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

There are no material pending legal proceedings to which the Company, including its subsidiaries, is a party or of which its property is the subject.

**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not applicable.

**PART II**

**ITEM MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND  
5. ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

**MARKET PRICES FOR SECURITIES**

The Company's common stock trades on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "ESXB".

The following table sets summarizes the high and low sales prices for the Company's common stock for the quarterly periods during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	2015		2014	
	High	Low	High	Low
Quarter ended March 31	\$4.52	\$4.12	\$4.10	\$3.73
Quarter ended June 30	5.09	4.30	4.54	3.85
Quarter ended September 30	5.18	4.77	4.49	4.15
Quarter ended December 31	5.50	4.88	4.54	4.30

**HOLDERS OF RECORD**

As of December 31, 2015, there were 2,717 holders of record of the Company's common stock, not including beneficial holders of securities held in street name.

**DIVIDENDS**

The Company's dividend policy is subject to the discretion of the board of directors and future cash dividend payments to shareholders will depend upon a number of factors, including future earnings, alternative investment opportunities, financial condition, cash requirements and general business conditions.

The Company’s ability to distribute cash dividends will depend primarily on the ability of its banking subsidiary to pay dividends to it. The Bank is subject to legal limitations on the amount of dividends that it is permitted to pay under Section 5199(b) of the Revised Statutes (12 U.S.C. 60), and the approval of the Federal Reserve would be required if the total of all dividends declared by a state member bank in any calendar year shall exceed the total of its net profits of that year combined with its retained net profits of the preceding two years. Additionally, the Bank is further restricted by Regulation H, Section 208.5, *Dividends and Other Distributions*, which requires pre-approval of dividends that exceed undivided profits. Furthermore, neither the Company nor the Bank may declare or pay a cash dividend on any of its capital stock if it is insolvent or if the payment of the dividend would render the entity insolvent or unable to pay its obligations as they become due in the ordinary course of business. For additional information on these limitations, see “Supervision and Regulation — Capital Requirements and Dividends” in Item 1 above.

In addition, the ability of each of the Company and the Bank to distribute cash dividends is subject to restrictions in a third-party term loan that the Company obtained in April 2014 to repurchase its then outstanding Series A Preferred Stock. Specifically, neither the Company nor the Bank can declare or make a dividend if there exists a default, or such action would create a default, under the term loan, which requires the Company to be in compliance with certain covenants, such as maintenance of minimum regulatory capital ratios, minimum return on assets, minimum cash on hand and minimum dividend capacity. For additional information on the term loan, see Note 10 to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Following the payment of a cash dividend in February 2010, the Company determined to suspend the payment of its quarterly dividend to holders of common stock. While the Company believes that its capital and liquidity levels remain above the averages of its peers, the Company utilized dividends from the Bank for the payment of capital funding (Series A Preferred Stock) received from the Department of the Treasury until April 2014, when the Company completed the redemption of such funding. The Company currently utilizes dividends from the Bank for principal and interest payments with respect to an unsecured third party loan that the Company obtained at the same time in connection with such redemption. Additional dividends from the Bank would be utilized for the payment of intercompany expenses and interest payments on trust preferred securities.

The Company does not plan to recommence the payment of its quarterly dividend to holders of common stock at the current time. The Company believes that the current use of earnings to support growth, maintain current capital levels and support payments under the third party loan are appropriate for the long-term growth of shareholder value in the Company.

## **PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY THE ISSUER**

The Company does not currently have in place a repurchase program with respect to any of its securities. In addition, the Company did not repurchase any of its securities during the year ended December 31, 2015.



**STOCK PERFORMANCE GRAPH**

The stock performance graph set forth below shows the cumulative stockholder return on the Company's common stock during the period from December 31, 2010, to December 31, 2015, as compared with (i) an overall stock market index, the NASDAQ Composite Index, and (ii) a published industry index, the SNL Bank and Thrift Index. The graph assumes that \$100 was invested on December 31, 2010 in the Company's common stock and in each of the comparable indices and that dividends were reinvested.

Index	Period Ending					
	12/31/10	12/31/11	12/31/12	12/31/13	12/31/14	12/31/15
Community Bankers Trust Corporation	100.00	109.52	252.38	358.10	420.95	511.43
NASDAQ Composite	100.00	99.21	116.82	163.75	188.03	201.40
SNL Bank and Thrift	100.00	77.76	104.42	142.97	159.60	162.83



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Nonperforming assets / loans and other real estate (3)

Per Share Data

Earnings (loss) per share, basic	\$ (0.11	)	\$ 0.33		\$ 0.22		\$ 0.21		\$ 0.02
Earnings (loss) per share, diluted	(0.11	)	0.33		0.22		0.21		0.02
Non-GAAP earnings (loss) per share, diluted (1)	(0.06	)	0.40		0.33		0.33		0.14
Cash dividends paid	—		—		—		—		—
Market value per share	5.37		4.42		3.76		2.65		1.15
Book value per tangible common share (1)	4.65		4.72		4.07		3.92		3.58
Price to earnings ratio, diluted	(48.82	)	13.39		17.09		12.62		57.50
Price to book value ratio	112.4	%	89.5	%	86.0	%	59.3	%	26.5
Dividend payout ratio	n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a
Weighted average shares outstanding, basic	21,826,845		21,755,448		21,699,964		21,647,372		21,565,368
Weighted average shares outstanding, diluted	21,826,845		21,980,979		21,922,132		21,717,499		21,565,368

	Year Ended December 31				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Capital Ratios					
Leverage Ratio	9.40 %	9.36 %	9.52 %	9.41 %	8.91 %
Common equity tier 1 capital	11.62%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	12.08 %	13.52 %	15.62 %	15.79 %	15.01 %
Total risk-based capital ratio	13.16 %	14.72 %	16.82 %	16.87 %	16.16 %

( 1) Refer to “Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations”, section “Non GAAP Measures” for a reconciliation.

(2) The efficiency ratio is calculated by dividing noninterest expense over the sum of net interest income plus noninterest income.

(3) Excludes PCI loans.

## ITEM 7. **MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion and analysis of the financial condition at December 31, 2015 and results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2015 of Community Bankers Trust Corporation (the “Company”) should be read in conjunction with the Company’s consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements included in this report.

### **GENERAL**

Community Bankers Trust Corporation (the “Company”) is a bank holding company that was originally incorporated in 2005. On January 1, 2014, the Company completed a reincorporation from Delaware, its original state of incorporation, to Virginia. The form of the reincorporation was the merger of the then existing Delaware corporation into a newly created Virginia corporation. The Company retained the same name and conducts business in the same manner as before the reincorporation.

The Company is headquartered in Richmond, Virginia and is the holding company for Essex Bank (the “Bank”), a Virginia state bank with 21 full-service offices in Virginia and Maryland. The Bank also operates two loan production offices in Virginia.

The Bank engages in a general commercial banking business and provides a wide range of financial services primarily to individuals and small businesses, including individual and commercial demand and time deposit accounts,

commercial and industrial loans, consumer and small business loans, real estate and mortgage loans, investment services, on-line and mobile banking products, and safe deposit box facilities.

Prior to November 8, 2013, the Bank also had four full-service offices in Georgia. The Bank sold those offices and related deposits to Community & Southern Bank on November 8, 2013. See Note 30 for additional information.

The Company generates a significant amount of its income from the net interest income earned by the Bank. Net interest income is the difference between interest income and interest expense. Interest income depends on the amount of interest earning assets outstanding during the period and the interest rates earned thereon. The Company's cost of funds is a function of the average amount of interest bearing deposits and borrowed money outstanding during the period and the interest rates paid thereon. The quality of the assets further influences the amount of interest income lost on nonaccrual loans and the amount of additions to the allowance for loan losses. Additionally, the Bank earns noninterest income from service charges on deposit accounts and other fee or commission-based services and products. Other sources of noninterest income can include gains or losses on securities transactions, mortgage loan income, gains from loan sales, and income from Bank Owned Life Insurance (BOLI) policies. The Company's income is offset by noninterest expense, which consists of salaries and benefits, occupancy and equipment costs, professional fees, transactions involving bank-owned property, the amortization of intangible assets and other operational expenses. The provision for loan losses and income taxes may materially affect income.

#### **CAUTION ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

The Company makes certain forward-looking statements in this report that are subject to risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements include statements regarding our profitability, liquidity, allowance for loan losses, interest rate sensitivity, market risk, growth strategy, and financial and other goals. These forward-looking statements are generally identified by phrases such as "the Company expects," "the Company believes" or words of similar import.





The following is a summary of the Company's critical accounting policies that are highly dependent on estimates, assumptions and judgments.

**Allowance for Loan Losses on Loans**

The allowance for loan losses is established as losses are estimated to have occurred through a provision for loan losses charged to earnings. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when management believes the uncollectability of a loan balance is confirmed. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance.

The allowance is an amount that management believes is appropriate to absorb estimated losses relating to specifically identified loans, as well as probable credit losses inherent in the balance of the loan portfolio, based on an evaluation of the collectability of existing loans and prior loss experience. This evaluation also takes into consideration such factors as changes in the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, overall portfolio quality, review of specific problem loans, and current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to pay. This evaluation does not include the effects of expected losses on specific loans or groups of loans that are related to future events or expected changes in economic conditions. While management uses the best information available to make its evaluation, future adjustments to the allowance may be necessary if there are significant changes in economic conditions. In addition, regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review the Bank's allowance for loan losses, and may require the Bank to make additions to the allowance based on their judgment about information available to them at the time of their examinations.

The allowance consists of specific, general and unallocated components. For loans that are also classified as impaired, an allowance is established when the discounted cash flows (or collateral value or observable market price) of the impaired loan is lower than the carrying value of that loan. The general component covers non-classified loans and is based on historical loss experience adjusted for qualitative factors. The unallocated component is maintained to cover uncertainties that could affect management's estimate of probable losses. The unallocated component reflects the margin of imprecision inherent in the underlying assumptions used in the methodologies for estimating specific and general losses in the portfolio.

A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Factors considered by management in determining impairment include payment status, collateral value, and the probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments when due. Loans that experience insignificant payment delays and payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired. Management determines the significance of payment delays and payment shortfalls on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration all of the circumstances surrounding the loan and the borrower, including the length of the delay, the reasons for the delay, the borrower's prior payment record, and the amount of the shortfall in relation to the principal and interest owed.

Impairment is measured on a loan by loan basis for commercial and construction loans by either the present value of the expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, the loan's obtainable market price, or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent.

Large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans are collectively evaluated for impairment. Accordingly, the Bank does not separately identify individual consumer and residential loans for impairment disclosures.

**Accounting for Certain Loans Acquired in a Transfer**

FASB ASC 310, *Receivables* requires acquired loans to be recorded at fair value and prohibits carrying over valuation allowances in the initial accounting for acquired impaired loans. Loans carried at fair value, mortgage loans held for sale, and loans to borrowers under revolving credit arrangements are excluded from the scope of FASB ASC 310 which limits the yield that may be accreted to the excess of the undiscounted expected cash flows over the investor's initial investment in the loan. The excess of the contractual cash flows over expected cash flows may not be recognized as an adjustment of yield. Subsequent increases in cash flows to be collected are recognized prospectively through an adjustment of the loan's yield over its remaining life. Decreases in expected cash flows are recognized as impairments through the allowance for loan losses.

The Company's acquired loans from the Suburban Federal Savings Bank (SFSB) transaction (the "PCI loans"), subject to FASB ASC Topic 805, *Business Combinations* (formerly SFAS 141(R)), are recorded at fair value and no separate valuation allowance was recorded at the date of acquisition. FASB ASC 310-30, *Loans and Debt Securities Acquired with Deteriorated Credit Quality* (formerly SOP 03-3), applies to loans acquired in a transfer with evidence of deterioration of credit quality for which it is probable, at acquisition, that the investor will be unable to collect all contractually required payments receivable. The Company is applying the provisions of FASB ASC 310-30 to all loans acquired in the SFSB transaction. The Company has grouped loans together based on common risk characteristics including product type, delinquency status and loan documentation requirements among others.



Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are determined using the liability (or balance sheet) method. Under this method, the net deferred tax asset or liability is determined based on the tax effects of the temporary differences between the book and tax bases of the various balance sheet assets and liabilities and gives current recognition to changes in tax rates and laws.

Positions taken in the Company's tax returns may be subject to challenge by the taxing authorities upon examination. Uncertain tax positions are initially recognized in the consolidated financial statements when it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities. Such tax positions are both initially and subsequently measured as the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50 percent likely of being realized upon settlement with the tax authority, assuming full knowledge of the position and all relevant facts. The Company provides for interest and, in some cases, penalties on tax positions that may be challenged by the taxing authorities. Interest expense is recognized beginning in the first period that such interest would begin accruing. Penalties are recognized in the period that the Company claims the position in the tax return. Interest and penalties on income tax uncertainties are classified within income tax expense in the consolidated statement of income. The Company had no interest or penalties during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 or 2013. Under FASB ASC 740, *Income Taxes*, a valuation allowance is provided when it is more likely than not that some portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. In management's opinion, based on a three year taxable income projection, tax strategies that would result in potential securities gains and the effects of off-setting deferred tax liabilities, it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets are realizable.

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to U. S. federal income tax as well as Virginia and Maryland state income taxes. All years from 2012 through 2015 are open to examination by the respective tax authorities.

### *Other Real Estate Owned*

Real estate acquired through, or in lieu of, loan foreclosure is held for sale and is initially recorded at the fair value of the real estate acquired at the date of foreclosure net of estimated selling costs, establishing a new cost basis. Subsequent to foreclosure, valuations are periodically performed by management and the assets are carried at the lower of the carrying amount or the fair value less costs to sell. Revenues and expenses from operations and changes in the valuation allowance are included in other operating expenses. Costs to bring a property to salable condition are capitalized up to the fair value of the property while costs to maintain a property in salable condition are expensed as incurred. The Company had \$5.5 million and \$7.7 million in other real estate, at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

## **OVERVIEW**

At December 31, 2015, the Company had total assets of \$1.181 billion, an increase of \$24.8 million, or 2.1%, from total assets of \$1.156 billion at December 31, 2014. Total loans were \$807.7 million at December 31, 2015, increasing \$80.2 million from \$727.5 million at December 31, 2014. Total loans, excluding PCI loans, were \$748.7 million at December 31, 2015 versus \$660.0 million at December 31, 2014. Total loans, excluding PCI loans, increased \$88.7 million, or 13.4%, during 2015.

The Company's securities portfolio decreased \$31.4 million, or 9.8%, from \$319.6 million at December 31, 2014 to \$288.2 million at December 31, 2015. Realized gains of \$472,000 occurred during 2015 through sales and call activity.

The Company is required to account for the effect of market changes in the value of securities available-for-sale (AFS) under FASB ASC 320, *Investments - Debt and Equity Securities*. The market value of the AFS portfolio was \$243.3 million and \$274.6 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The Company had a net unrealized gain of \$671,000 and \$2.2 million in the AFS portfolio at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Noninterest bearing deposits increased \$11.7 million, or 13.8%, from \$84.6 million at December 31, 2014 to \$96.2 million at December 31, 2015. Interest bearing deposits at December 31, 2015 were \$849.3 million, an increase of











The following table presents changes in interest income and interest expense and distinguishes between the changes related to increases or decreases in average outstanding balances of interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities (volume), and the changes related to increases or decreases in average interest rates on such assets and liabilities (rate). No tax equivalent adjustments were made.

**EFFECT OF RATE-VOLUME CHANGE ON NET INTEREST INCOME**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014**

**(Dollars in thousands)**

	2015 compared to 2014			2014 compared to 2013		
	Increase (Decrease)		Total	Increase (Decrease)		Total
	Volume	Rate		Volume	Rate	
<b>Interest Income:</b>						
Loans, including fees	\$3,161	\$(806 )	\$2,355	\$1,820	\$(1,881)	\$(61 )
PCI loans	(1,095)	(2,258)	(3,353)	(1,315)	607	(708 )
Interest bearing bank balances and federal funds sold Securities	(13 )	13	—	(12 )	12	—
	(205 )	30	(175 )	(330 )	(221 )	(551 )
<b>Total Earning Assets</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>(3,021)</b>	<b>(1,173)</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>(1,483)</b>	<b>(1,320)</b>
<b>Interest Expense:</b>						
Demand deposits	72	30	102	(106 )	(41 )	(147 )
Savings deposits	21	(14 )	7	(14 )	(10 )	(24 )
Time deposits	(263 )	279	16	58	(399 )	(341 )
Total deposits	(170 )	295	125	(62 )	(450 )	(512 )
Other borrowed funds	131	308	439	470	(103 )	367
<b>Total interest-bearing liabilities</b>	<b>(39 )</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>(553 )</b>	<b>(145 )</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in net interest income</b>	<b>\$1,887</b>	<b>\$(3,624)</b>	<b>\$(1,737)</b>	<b>\$(245 )</b>	<b>\$(930 )</b>	<b>\$(1,175)</b>

**Provision for Loan Losses**

Management actively monitors the Company's asset quality and provides specific loss provisions when necessary. Provisions for loan losses are charged to income to bring the total allowance for loan losses to a level deemed appropriate by management of the Company based on such factors as historical credit loss experience, industry diversification of the commercial loan portfolio, the amount of nonperforming loans and related collateral, the volume

growth and composition of the loan portfolio, current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to pay and the value of collateral, the evaluation of the loan portfolio through the internal loan review function and other relevant factors. See *Allowance for Loan Losses on Loans* in the Critical Accounting Policies section above for further discussion.

Loans are charged-off against the allowance for loan losses when appropriate. Although management believes it uses the best information available to make determinations with respect to the provision for loan losses, future adjustments may be necessary if economic conditions differ from the assumptions used in making the initial determinations.

Management also actively monitors its PCI loan portfolio for impairment and necessary loan loss provisions. Provisions for PCI loans may be necessary due to a change in expected cash flows or an increase in expected losses within a pool of loans.

The Company did not record a provision for loan losses in 2015, 2014 or 2013. The Company records a separate provision for loan losses for its loan portfolio and its PCI loan portfolio. There was no provision for loan losses on the PCI loan portfolio during 2015, 2014 or 2013. Likewise, there was no provision for loan losses on the loan portfolio during 2015, 2014 or 2013. With respect to the loan portfolio, this was the direct result of continued improvement in loan quality as evidenced by the lower net charge-offs than in prior years coupled with lower levels of classified assets.

The allowance for loan losses, excluding PCI loans, equaled 89.6% of nonaccrual loans at December 31, 2015, compared with 55.9% at December 31, 2014. The ratio of the allowance for loan losses to total nonperforming assets was 62.2% at December 31, 2015 compared with 40.1% at December 31, 2014. The ratio of the allowance for loan losses to total loans, excluding PCI loans, was 1.28% at December 31, 2015, compared with 1.40% at December 31, 2014. Net recoveries were \$292,000 in 2015, compared with net charge-offs of \$1.2 million in 2014.

One loan relationship, aggregating \$8.7 million, already identified as “substandard” was placed on non-accrual status during the fourth quarter of 2014. This relationship was resolved in the second quarter of 2015 and resulted in a net recovery for the Company.

While the PCI loan portfolio contains significant risk, it was considered in determining the initial fair value, which was reflected in adjustments recorded at the time of the acquisition. See the *Asset Quality* discussion below for further analysis.

### **Noninterest Income**

Noninterest income was \$5.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 versus \$5.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. This is a decrease of \$188,000, or 3.6%. Gain on sales of securities decreased \$617,000 in 2015 compared with 2014 and was \$472,000 in the current year compared with \$1.1 million in 2014. Gains on sales of loans of \$69,000 represented a decline of \$132,000 in 2015 compared with 2014. Other noninterest income of \$736,000 in 2015 was a decrease of \$63,000 when compared with 2014. Partially offsetting these decreases in year-over-year noninterest income was mortgage loan income of \$784,000, an increase of \$573,000 over the year ended December 31, 2014. The mortgage division began operations in the second quarter of 2014 and has progressively increased its production. Also increasing for the year ended December 31, 2015 over the year ended December 31, 2014 were service charges on deposit accounts, which increased \$69,000 and were \$2.3 million in 2015.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, noninterest income totaled \$5.3 million, a \$545,000 or 11.5% increase from the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. Net gain on the sale of securities and net gain on the sale of loans more than offset a reduction in service charge income, year-over-year. Net securities gains equaled \$1.1 million in fiscal 2014 versus \$518,000 in fiscal 2013. The \$571,000 increase in net securities gains was partially the result of a divestiture of mortgage backed investments which were subsequently re-invested into higher yielding municipal securities. Net gain on the sale of loans increased \$560,000 from 2013 to 2014. While net loan sale gains totaled \$201,000 in fiscal 2014, the Company recorded a net loss of \$359,000 on the sale of loans in fiscal 2013. Throughout 2013 and 2014, management selectively sold USDA loans to mitigate accelerated premium amortization, due to early payoff of loans held above par value. The recorded net loss noted in fiscal 2013 was precipitated by a \$614,000 loss on the sale of a non-USDA loan. These changes, year over year, more than offset a \$539,000 reduction in service charge income. The loss of service fee income was primarily due to the sale of the Georgia branches.

### **Noninterest Expenses**

Noninterest expenses were \$50.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2015. This compares with noninterest expenses of \$36.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. This is an increase of \$13.5 million, of which the indemnification asset amortization write-off was \$11.8 million. The second largest increase was in salaries and employee benefits, which increased \$2.0 million, primarily through the addition of loan production employees, including the mortgage division that began operations in the second quarter of 2014. Other real estate expenses were \$1.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, an increase of \$735,000 over \$540,000 for the year ended December 31, 2014 due to an increase in write-downs and losses on sales of other real estate of \$704,000. Other operating expenses of \$6.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 increased \$120,000, or 1.9%, over the same period in 2014.

Noninterest expenses declined \$2.5 million, or 6.3%, when comparing fiscal 2013 and fiscal 2014. The vast share of the decline was evidenced in four categories: OREO expenses, FDIC indemnification asset amortization, data processing fees, and amortization of intangibles. OREO expenses declined \$1.5 million, or 73.5%, during fiscal 2014 when compared to fiscal 2013. The Company benefitted from a reduction of \$654,000, or 10.1%, in indemnification asset amortization during fiscal 2014 versus the same time frame in 2013. Data processing fees were \$346,000, or 16.7%, lower for the year ended December 31, 2014 compared with year ended December 31, 2013, and intangible amortization was \$294,000, or 13.4%, lower over the same time frame. These two expense reductions were due in part to the sale of the Georgia branches. Other operating expenses and salaries and wages increased \$401,000, or 6.7%, and \$155,000, or 1.0%, respectively, year over year.

### *Income Taxes*

Income tax reflects a benefit of \$2.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 versus income tax expense of \$2.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The effective tax rate for 2015 equaled 51.3% versus 26.6% in 2014. The change was the direct result of the increase in tax exempt securities.

Income tax expense was \$2.7 million and \$2.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The effective tax rate for 2014 equaled 26.6% versus 29.7% in 2013. This decline was due to the increase in tax free municipal bonds purchased during the year and non-taxable bank owned life insurance proceeds of \$406,000.

The Company has evaluated the need for a deferred tax valuation allowance for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 in accordance with FASB ASC 740, *Income Taxes*. Based on a three year taxable income projection, tax strategies that would result in potential securities gains and the effects of off-setting deferred tax liabilities, the Company believes that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets are realizable. Therefore, no allowance was required.



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Total real estate loans	553,297	83.83	67,460	100.00	620,757	85.33
Commercial loans	99,783	15.12	—	—	99,783	13.72
Consumer installment loans	5,496	0.83	—	—	5,496	0.76
All other loans	1,444	0.22	—	—	1,444	0.19
Total loans	\$660,020	100.00%	\$67,460	100.00%	\$727,480	100.00%





The following table indicates the contractual maturity of commercial and construction and land development loans as of December 31, 2015 (dollars in thousands):

	Commercial	Construction and land development
Within 1 year	\$ 41,406	\$ 35,712
Variable Rate		
One to Five Years	\$ 13,780	\$ 3,002
After Five Years	9,429	9,032
Total	\$ 23,209	\$ 12,034
Fixed Rate		
One to Five Years	\$ 32,217	\$ 19,739
After Five Years	5,675	2,233
Total	\$ 37,892	\$ 21,972
Total Maturities	\$ 102,507	\$ 69,718

**Asset Quality – Assets, Excluding PCI Loans**

The allowance for loan losses represents management’s estimate of the amount appropriate to provide for probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio.

Loan quality is continually monitored, and the Company’s management has established an allowance for loan losses that it believes is appropriate for the risks inherent in the loan portfolio. Among other factors, management considers the Company’s historical loss experience, the size and composition of the loan portfolio, the value and appropriateness of collateral and guarantors, nonperforming loans and current and anticipated economic conditions. There are additional risks of future loan losses, which cannot be precisely quantified nor attributed to particular loans or classes of loans. Because those risks include general economic trends, as well as conditions affecting individual borrowers, the allowance for loan losses is an estimate. The allowance is also subject to regulatory examinations and determination as to appropriateness, which may take into account such factors as the methodology used to calculate the allowance and size of the allowance in comparison to peer companies identified by regulatory agencies. See *Allowance for Loan Losses on Loans* in the Critical Accounting Policies section above for further discussion.

The Company maintains a list of loans that have potential weaknesses and thus may need special attention. This nonperforming loan list is used to monitor such loans and is used in the determination of the appropriateness of the allowance for loan losses. At December 31, 2015, nonperforming assets totaled \$16.2 million and net recoveries were \$292,000. Nonperforming assets totaled \$24.3 million and net charge-offs were \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Nonperforming loans were \$10.7 million at December 31, 2015 compared to \$16.6 million at December 31, 2014, a \$5.9 million decrease. Additions to nonaccrual loans during 2015 totaled \$4.8 million. The increase related to one \$1.2 million commercial property relationship and several small residential property relationships, all of which are secured by real estate. There were \$1.2 million in charge-offs taken during 2015 mainly centered in real estate loans. There were \$1.4 million in pay-downs during the year, \$7.7 million in pay-offs, and \$292,000 in loans returned to accruing status. Of the pay-offs during the year, \$7.5 million related to one commercial relationship. Foreclosures for the period totaled \$81,000.



*Allowance for Loan Losses on Non-covered Loans* in the “Critical Accounting Policies” section. In conjunction with the impairment analysis the Company performs as part of its allowance methodology, the Company frequently orders appraisals for all loans with balances in excess of \$250,000 unless there existed an appraisal that was not older than 18 months and/or deemed to be invalid. A ratio analysis is used for all loans with balances less than \$250,000. The Company maintains detailed analysis and other information for its allowance methodology, both for internal purposes and for review by its regulators.

The Company performs troubled debt restructures (TDR) and other various loan workouts whereby an existing loan may be restructured into multiple new loans. The Company had 17 loans for each of the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, that met the definition of a TDR, which are loans that for reasons related to the debtor’s financial difficulties have been restructured on terms and conditions that would otherwise not be offered or granted. There were four loans for each of the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 that were restructured using multiple new loans. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the aggregated outstanding principal of all TDRs was \$6.5 million and \$7.0 million, respectively, of which \$1.9 million and \$757,000, respectively, were classified as nonaccrual.

The primary benefit of the restructured multiple loan workout strategy is to maximize the potential return by restructuring the loan into a “good loan” (the A loan) and a “bad loan” (the B loan). The impact on interest is positive because the Bank is collecting interest on the A loan rather than potentially not collecting interest on the entire original loan structure. The A loan is underwritten pursuant to the Bank’s standard requirements and graded accordingly. The B loan is classified as either “doubtful” or “loss”. An impairment analysis is performed on the B loan, and, based on its results, all or a portion of the B loan is charged-off or a specific loan loss reserve is established.



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**Allowance for Credit Losses on Loans**

The following table indicates the dollar amount of the allowance for loan losses, excluding PCI loans, including charge-offs and recoveries by loan type and related ratios as of December 31 of the years presented (dollars in thousands):

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Balance, beginning of year	\$9,267	\$10,444	\$12,920	\$14,835	\$25,543
Loans charged-off:					
Commercial	3	1,217	325	695	3,615
Real estate	1,183	1,179	2,999	4,582	8,891
Consumer and other loans	174	134	167	220	288
Total loans charged-off	1,360	2,530	3,491	5,497	12,794
Recoveries:					
Commercial	1,211	1,065	82	242	207
Real estate	343	178	857	1,807	176
Consumer and other loans	98	110	76	83	205
Total recoveries	1,652	1,353	1,015	2,132	588
Net charge-offs (recoveries)	(292 )	1,177	2,476	3,365	12,206
Provision for loan losses	—	—	—	1,450	1,498
Balance, end of year	\$9,559	\$9,267	\$10,444	\$12,920	\$14,835
Allowance for loan losses to loans	1.28 %	1.40 %	1.75 %	2.25 %	2.72 %
Net (recoveries) charge-offs to average loans	(0.04 )%	0.19 %	0.42 %	0.61 %	2.39 %
Allowance to nonperforming loans	89.59%	55.92 %	86.28 %	59.93 %	48.56 %

During 2015, the Bank's net recoveries increased \$1.5 million from the prior year and were primarily centered in commercial loans. Net charge-offs by loan category to total net recoveries were the following for 2015: 413.7% for commercial loans, (287.7%) for real estate loans, and (26.0%) for consumer loans.

During 2014, the Bank's net charge-offs decreased \$1.3 million from the prior year and were primarily centered in real estate. Net charge-offs by loan category to total net charge-offs were the following for 2014: 12.9% for commercial loans, 85.1% for real estate loans, and 2.0% for consumer loans.

While the entire allowance is available to cover charge-offs from all loan types, the following table indicates the dollar amount allocation of the allowance for loan losses by loan type, as well as the ratio of the related outstanding loan balances to loans, excluding PCI loans, as of December 31 of the years presented (dollars in thousands):

	2015		2014		2013		2012		2011	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Commercial	\$727	13.6%	\$1,242	15.2 %	\$1,546	15.1%	\$1,961	13.5%	\$1,810	13.2%
Construction and land development	1,353	9.0	1,930	8.6	2,252	9.3	3,773	10.6	5,729	13.9
Real estate mortgage	7,371	76.4	5,983	75.2	6,519	74.4	6,973	74.4	7,044	71.0
Consumer and other	108	1.0	112	1.0	127	1.2	213	1.5	252	1.9
Total allowance	\$9,559	100 %	\$9,267	100 %	\$10,444	100 %	\$12,920	100 %	\$14,835	100 %

#### Allowance for Credit Losses on PCI Loans

The PCI loans are subject to credit review standards for loans. If and when credit deterioration occurs subsequent to the date that they were acquired, a provision for credit loss for PCI loans will be charged to earnings for the full amount. The Company makes an estimate of the total cash flows it expects to collect from a pool of PCI loans, which includes undiscounted expected principal and interest. Over the life of the loan or pool, the Company continues to estimate cash flows expected to be collected. Subsequent decreases in cash flows expected to be collected over the life of the pool are recognized as impairment in the current period through the allowance for loan losses. Subsequent increases in expected cash flows are first used to reverse any existing valuation allowance for that loan or pool. Any remaining increase in cash flows expected to be collected is recognized as an adjustment to the yield over the remaining life of the pool.

#### Securities

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The Company's securities portfolio decreased \$31.4 million, or 9.8%, from \$319.6 million at December 31, 2014 to \$288.2 million at December 31, 2015. This decrease is the result of a shift in assets to higher yielding loans. At December 31, 2015, the Company had \$243.3 million in securities available for sale and \$36.5 million of securities held to maturity. Equity securities totaled \$8.4 million. Realized gains of \$472,000 occurred during 2015 through sales and call activity.

The Company's securities portfolio increased \$16.9 million, or 5.6%, from \$302.7 million at December 31, 2013 to \$319.6 million at December 31, 2014. At December 31, 2014, the Company had \$274.6 million in securities available for sale and \$36.2 million of securities held to maturity. Equity securities totaled \$8.8 million. Realized gains of \$1.1 million occurred during 2014 through sales and call activity.



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Securities Held to Maturity					
State, county and municipal	\$35,456	\$1,136	\$(35)	)	\$36,557
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov’t agencies	1,022	32	—		1,054
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov’t sponsored agencies	—	—	—		—
Total Securities Held to Maturity	\$36,478	\$1,168	\$(35)	)	\$37,611

## December 31, 2014

		Gross Unrealized			
	Amortized Cost	Gains	Losses		Fair Value
Securities Available for Sale					
U.S. Treasury issue and other U.S. Gov’t agencies	\$99,608	\$113	\$(1,014)	)	\$98,707
State, county and municipal	134,405	3,926	(854)	)	137,477
Corporate and other bonds	11,921	17	(55)	)	11,883
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov’t agencies	2,338	18	(98)	)	2,258
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov’t sponsored agencies	24,096	174	(27)	)	24,243
Total Securities Available for Sale	\$272,368	\$4,248	\$(2,048)	)	\$274,568
Securities Held to Maturity					
State, county and municipal	\$31,677	\$1,103	\$—		\$32,780
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov’t agencies	4,293	238	—		4,531
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov’t sponsored agencies	227	1	—		228
Total Securities Held to Maturity	\$36,197	\$1,342	\$—		\$37,539

		<b>December 31, 2013</b>			
			Gross Unrealized		
	Amortized Cost	Gains	Losses		Fair Value
<b>Securities Available for Sale</b>					
U.S. Treasury issue and other U.S. Gov't agencies	\$99,789	\$ 165	\$(967 )		\$ 98,987
U.S. Gov't sponsored agencies	487	—	(1 )		486
State, county and municipal	138,884	1,297	(6,085 )		134,096
Corporate and other bonds	6,369	27	(47 )		6,349
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov't agencies	3,608	29	(198 )		3,439
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov't sponsored agencies	22,631	69	(280 )		22,420
<b>Total Securities Available for Sale</b>	<b>\$271,768</b>	<b>\$ 1,587</b>	<b>\$(7,578 )</b>		<b>\$ 265,777</b>
<b>Securities Held to Maturity</b>					
State, county and municipal	\$9,385	\$ 718	\$—		\$ 10,103
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov't agencies	6,604	398	—		7,002
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov't sponsored agencies	12,574	626	—		13,200
<b>Total Securities Held to Maturity</b>	<b>\$28,563</b>	<b>\$ 1,742</b>	<b>\$—</b>		<b>\$ 30,305</b>

**Deposits**

The Company's lending and investing activities are funded primarily through its deposits. The following table summarizes the average balance and average rate paid on deposits by product for the periods ended December 31 of the years presented (dollars in thousands):

	2015		%	2014		%	2013		%
	Average Balance	Average Rate Paid		Average Balance	Average Rate Paid		Average Balance	Average Rate Paid	
	NOW	\$121,329		0.21	%		\$109,272	0.22	
MMDA	107,891	0.41		95,115	0.37		109,580	0.43	
Savings	83,614	0.31		77,138	0.33		81,368	0.34	
Time deposits less than \$100,000	233,784	0.94		248,107	0.93		287,908	1.00	
Time deposits \$100,000 and over	289,942	0.98		304,601	0.89		258,880	0.95	
<b>Total deposits</b>	<b>\$836,560</b>	<b>0.72</b>		<b>\$834,233</b>	<b>0.70</b>		<b>\$866,701</b>	<b>0.73</b>	

The Company derives a significant amount of its deposits through time deposits, and certificates of deposit specifically. The following table summarizes the contractual maturity of time deposits \$100,000 or more, as of December 31, 2015 (dollars in thousands):

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Within 3 months	\$64,591
3-6 months	122,325
6-12 months	49,883
over 12 months	68,119
Total	\$304,918

**Short-term Borrowings**

The Company uses short-term borrowings in conjunction with deposits to fund lending and investing activities. Short-term funding includes overnight borrowings from correspondent banks. The following information is provided for borrowings balances, rates, and maturities as of December 31 of the years presented (dollars in thousands):

Short-term:	As of December 31			
	2015	2014		
Federal Funds purchased	\$18,921	\$14,500		
Maximum month-end outstanding balance	\$18,921	\$14,500		
Average outstanding balance during the year	\$1,516	\$1,855		
Average interest rate during the year	0.76 %	0.57 %		
Average interest rate at end of year	1.28 %	0.51 %		

**Liquidity**

Liquidity represents the Company’s ability to meet present and future financial obligations through either the sale or maturity of existing assets or the acquisition of additional funds through liability management. Liquid assets include cash, interest bearing deposits with banks, federal funds sold and certain investment securities. As a result of the Company’s management of liquid assets and the ability to generate liquidity through liability funding, management believes that the Company maintains overall liquidity sufficient to satisfy its depositors’ requirements and meet its customers’ credit needs.

The Company’s results of operations are significantly affected by its ability to manage effectively the interest rate sensitivity and maturity of its interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities. A summary of the Company’s liquid assets at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 7,393	\$ 8,329		
Interest bearing bank deposits	9,576	14,024		
Available for sale securities, at fair value, unpledged	189,692	199,067		
Total liquid assets	\$ 206,661	\$ 221,420		
Deposits and other liabilities	\$ 1,076,070	\$ 1,048,084		
Ratio of liquid assets to deposits and other liabilities	19.21	% 21.13		%

**Capital Resources**

The determination of capital adequacy depends upon a number of factors, such as asset quality, liquidity, earnings, growth trends and economic conditions. The Company seeks to maintain a strong capital base to support its growth and expansion plans, provide stability to current operations and promote public confidence in the Company. The adequacy of the Company’s capital is reviewed by management on an ongoing basis with reference to size, composition, and quality of the Company’s balance sheet. Moreover, capital levels are regulated and compared with industry standards. Management seeks to maintain a capital level exceeding regulatory statutes of “well capitalized” that is consistent to its overall growth plans, yet allows the Company to provide the optimal return to its shareholders.

Under the final rule on Enhanced Regulatory Capital Standards, commonly referred to as Basel III and which became effective January 1, 2015, the federal banking regulators have defined four tests for assessing the capital strength and

adequacy of banks, based on three definitions of capital. "Common equity tier 1 capital" is defined as common equity, retained earnings, and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI), less certain intangibles. "Tier 1 capital" is defined as common equity tier 1 capital plus qualifying perpetual preferred stock, tier 1 minority interests, and grandfathered trust preferred securities. "Tier 2 capital" is defined as specific subordinated debt, some hybrid capital instruments and other qualifying preferred stock, non-tier 1 minority interests and a limited amount of the allowance for loan losses. "Total capital" is defined as tier 1 capital plus tier 2 capital. Four risk-based capital ratios are computed using the above capital definitions, total assets and risk-weighted assets, and the ratios are measured against regulatory minimums to ascertain adequacy. All assets and off-balance sheet risk items are grouped into categories according to degree of risk and assigned a risk-weighting and the resulting total is risk-weighted assets. "Common equity tier 1 capital ratio" is common equity tier 1 capital divided by risk-weighted assets. "Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio" is tier 1 capital divided by risk-weighted assets. "Total risk-based capital ratio" is total capital divided by risk-weighted assets. The leverage ratio is tier 1 capital divided by total average assets.

Under Basel III, a capital conservation buffer of 2.5% above the minimum risk-based capital thresholds was established. Dividend and executive compensation restrictions begin if the Company does not maintain the full amount of the buffer. The capital conservation buffer will be phased in between January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2019.

On its March 31, 2015 regulatory Call Report, the Bank made the one-time AOCI opt-out election, which allows banks under \$250 billion in assets that make the one-time opt-out election to remove the impact of certain unrealized capital gains and losses from the calculation of regulatory capital. There is no opportunity to change methodology in future periods.

The following table shows the Company's capital ratios at the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
Total Capital to risk weighted assets				
Company	\$ 118,157	13.16 %	\$ 115,805	14.72 %
Bank	119,683	13.34 %	117,395	14.92 %
Tier 1 Capital to risk weighted assets				
Company	108,457	12.08 %	106,397	13.52 %
Bank	109,983	12.26 %	107,987	13.73 %
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital to risk weighted assets				
Company	104,333	11.62 %	n/a	n/a
Bank	109,983	12.26 %	n/a	n/a
Tier 1 Capital to adjusted average total assets				
Company	108,457	9.38 %	106,397	9.36 %
Bank	109,983	9.55 %	107,987	9.50 %

All capital ratios exceed regulatory minimums for well capitalized institutions as referenced in Note 21 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

On December 12, 2003, BOE Statutory Trust I, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, was formed for the purpose of issuing redeemable capital securities. On December 12, 2003, \$4.124 million of trust preferred securities were issued through a direct placement. The securities have a LIBOR-indexed floating rate of interest. The average interest rate at December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 was 3.28%, 3.24% and 3.28%, respectively. The securities have a mandatory redemption date of December 12, 2033 and are subject to varying call provisions that began December 12, 2008. The principal asset of the Trust is \$4.124 million of the Company's junior subordinated debt securities with like maturities and like interest rates to the capital securities.

On December 19, 2008, the Company entered into a Purchase Agreement with the U.S. Treasury pursuant to which it issued 17,680 shares of the Company's Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, having a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share, for a total price of \$17.68 million. The issuance was made pursuant to the Treasury's Capital Purchase Plan under TARP. The Preferred Stock paid a cumulative dividend at a rate of 5% per year during the first five years and thereafter at 9% per year. As part of its purchase of the Series A Preferred Stock, the Treasury received a warrant to purchase 780,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an initial per share exercise price of \$3.40.



Unfunded commitments under lines of credit are commitments for possible future extensions of credit to existing customers. Those lines of credit may be drawn upon only to the total extent to which the Company is committed.

Standby letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the Company to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. Those guarantees are primarily issued to support public and private borrowing arrangements, including commercial paper, bond financing and similar transactions. The credit risk involved in issuing letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending loan facilities to customers. The Company holds certificates of deposit, deposit accounts and real estate as collateral supporting those commitments for which collateral is deemed necessary.

On November 7, 2014, the Company entered into an interest rate swap with a total notional amount of \$30 million. The Company designated the swap as a cash flow hedge intended to protect against the variability in the expected future cash flows on the designated variable rate borrowings. The swap hedges the interest rate risk, wherein the Company will receive an interest rate based on the three month LIBOR from the counterparty and pays an interest rate of 1.69% to the same counterparty calculated on the notional amount for a term of five years. The Company intends to sequentially issue a series of three month fixed rate debt as part of a planned roll-over of short term debt for five years. The forecasted funding will be provided through one of the following wholesale funding sources: a new FHLB advance, a new repurchase agreement, or a pool of brokered CDs, based on whichever market offers the most advantageous pricing at the time that pricing is first initially determined for the effective date of the swap and each reset period thereafter. For the avoidance of doubt, each quarter when the Company rolls over the three month debt it will decide at that time which funding source to use for that quarterly period.

At December 31, 2015, the fair value of the Company's cash flow hedge was an unrealized loss of \$199,000, which was recorded in other liabilities. The Company's cash flow hedge is deemed to be effective. Therefore, the loss was recorded as a component of other comprehensive income recorded in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income.

### *Contractual Obligations*

A summary of the Company's contractual obligations at December 31, 2015 is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Total	Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	4-5 Years	More Than 5 Years
Trust preferred debt	\$4,124	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4,124
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	95,656	80,000	5,000	10,656	—

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Long term debt	5,675	4,005	1,670	—	—
Operating leases	6,621	1,030	1,895	1,855	1,841
Total contractual obligations	\$ 112,076	\$ 85,035	\$ 8,565	\$ 12,511	\$ 5,965

**Financial Ratios**

Financial ratios give investors a way to compare companies within industries to analyze financial performance. Return on average assets is net income as a percentage of average total assets. It is a key profitability ratio that indicates how effectively a bank has used its total resources. Return on average equity is net income as a percentage of average stockholders' equity. It provides a measure of how productively a Company's equity has been employed. Dividend payout ratio is the percentage of net income paid to common shareholders as cash dividends during a given period. The Company did not pay dividends to common shareholders during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013. It is computed by dividing dividends per share by net income per common share. The Company utilizes leverage within guidelines prescribed by federal banking regulators as described in the "Capital Requirements" section. Leverage is average shareholders' equity divided by average total assets.

The following table shows the Company's financial ratios at the dates indicated:

	Year Ended December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
Return on average assets	(0.22)%	0.67%	0.53%
Return on average equity	(2.31)%	7.09%	5.22%
Dividend payout ratio	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leverage	9.40%	9.50%	10.10%

Non GAAP Measures

Beginning January 1, 2009, business combinations must be accounted for under FASB ASC 805, *Business Combinations*, using the acquisition method of accounting. The Company has accounted for its previous business combinations under the purchase method of accounting. The original merger between the Company, TFC and BOE as well as the SFSB transaction were business combinations accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. TCB transaction was accounted for as an asset purchase. At December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, core deposit intangible assets totaled \$2.8 million, \$4.7 million and \$6.6 million, respectively. Goodwill was zero at December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013.

In reporting the results of 2015, 2014 and 2013 in Item 6 above, the Company has provided supplemental performance measures on an operating or tangible basis. Such measures exclude amortization expense related to intangible assets, such as core deposit intangibles. The Company believes these measures are useful to investors as they exclude non-operating adjustments resulting from acquisition activity and allow investors to see the combined economic results of the organization. Non-GAAP operating earnings (loss) per share were \$(0.06) for the year ended December 31, 2015 compared with \$0.40 in 2014 and \$0.33 in 2013. Non-GAAP return on average tangible common equity and assets for the year ended December 31, 2015 was (1.19)% and (0.11)%, respectively, compared with 9.09% and 0.79%, respectively, in 2014 and 8.38% and 0.66%, respectively, in 2013.

These measures are a supplement to GAAP used to prepare the Company's financial statements and should not be viewed as a substitute for GAAP measures. In addition, the Company's non-GAAP measures may not be comparable to non-GAAP measures of other companies. The following table reconciles these non-GAAP measures from their respective GAAP basis measures for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (dollars in thousands):

	2015	2014	2013
Net (loss) income	\$(2,497 )	\$7,516	\$5,906
Plus: core deposit intangible amortization, net of tax	1,259	1,259	1,453
Non-GAAP operating earnings	\$(1,237 )	\$8,775	\$7,359
Shareholders' equity	\$104,487	\$107,650	\$106,659
Preferred stock (net)	—	—	11,717
Core deposit intangible (net)	2,805	4,713	6,621
Common tangible book value	\$101,682	\$102,937	\$88,321
Shares outstanding	21,867	21,792	21,709
Common tangible book value per share	\$4.65	\$4.72	\$4.07
Average assets	\$1,149,796	\$1,115,490	\$1,120,952
Less: average core deposit intangibles	3,797	5,707	9,020
Average tangible assets	\$1,145,999	\$1,109,783	\$1,111,932

Average equity	\$108,110	\$105,965	\$113,165
Less: average core deposit intangibles	3,797	5,707	9,020
Less: average preferred equity	—	3,715	16,304
Average tangible common equity	\$104,313	\$96,543	\$87,841

**ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

Market risk is the risk of loss in a financial instrument arising from adverse changes in market rates or prices such as interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices and equity prices. The Company’s primary market risk exposure is interest rate risk. The ongoing monitoring and management of interest rate risk is an important component of the Company’s asset/liability management process, which is governed by policies established by its Board of Directors that are reviewed and approved annually. The Board of Directors delegates responsibility for carrying out asset/liability management policies to the Asset/Liability Committee (ALCO) of the Bank. In this capacity, ALCO develops guidelines and strategies that govern the Company’s asset/liability management related activities, based upon estimated market risk sensitivity, policy limits and overall market interest rate levels and trends.

Interest rate risk represents the sensitivity of earnings to changes in market interest rates. As interest rates change, the interest income and expense streams associated with the Company’s financial instruments also change, affecting net interest income, the primary component of the Company’s earnings. ALCO uses the results of a detailed and dynamic simulation model to quantify the estimated exposure of net interest income to sustained interest rate changes. While ALCO routinely monitors simulated net interest income sensitivity over various periods, it also employs additional tools to monitor potential longer-term interest rate risk.

The simulation model captures the impact of changing interest rates on the interest income received and interest expense paid on all assets and liabilities reflected on the Company’s balance sheet. The simulation model is prepared and results are analyzed at least quarterly. This sensitivity analysis is compared to ALCO policy limits, which specify a maximum tolerance level for net interest income exposure over a one-year horizon, assuming no balance sheet growth, given a 400 basis point upward shift and a 400 basis point downward shift in interest rates. The downward shift of 300 or 400 basis points is included in the analysis, although less meaningful in our current rate environment, because all results are monitored regardless of likelihood. A parallel shift in rates over a 12-month period is assumed.



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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

Board of Directors and Stockholders

Community Bankers Trust Corporation

Richmond, Virginia

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Community Bankers Trust Corporation as of December 31, 2015 and the related consolidated statements of (loss) income, comprehensive (loss) income, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2015. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Community Bankers Trust Corporation at December 31, 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2015, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Community Bankers Trust Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) and our report dated March 11, 2016 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ BDO USA, LLP

Richmond, Virginia

March 11, 2016

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

Board of Directors and Stockholders

Community Bankers Trust Corporation

Richmond, Virginia

We have audited Community Bankers Trust Corporation’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). Community Bankers Trust Corporation’s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Item 9A, Management’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company’s internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company’s internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company’s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company’s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become

inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Community Bankers Trust Corporation maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of Community Bankers Trust Corporation as of December 31, 2015 and the related consolidated statements of (loss) income, comprehensive (loss) income, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2015, and our report dated March 11, 2016 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ BDO USA, LLP

Richmond, Virginia

March 11, 2016

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders

Community Bankers Trust Corporation

Richmond, Virginia

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Community Bankers Trust Corporation and subsidiary (the "Company") as of December 31, 2014, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive (loss) income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the two years in the period then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Community Bankers Trust Corporation and subsidiary as of December 31, 2014, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the two years in the period then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC

Greenville, South Carolina

March 13, 2015



**COMMUNITY BANKERS TRUST CORPORATION****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECEMBER 31, 2014****(dollars in thousands)**

	2015	2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and due from banks	\$7,393	\$8,329
Interest bearing bank deposits	9,576	14,024
Total cash and cash equivalents	16,969	22,353
Securities available for sale, at fair value	243,270	274,568
Securities held to maturity, at cost (fair value of \$37,611 and \$37,539, respectively)	36,478	36,197
Equity securities, restricted, at cost	8,423	8,816
Total securities	288,171	319,581
Loans held for sale	2,101	200
Loans	748,724	660,020
Purchased credit impaired (PCI) loans	58,955	67,460
Total loans	807,679	727,480
Allowance for loan losses (loans of \$9,559 and \$9,267, respectively; PCI loans of \$484 and \$484, respectively)	(10,043 )	(9,751 )
Net loans	797,636	717,729
FDIC indemnification asset	—	18,609
Bank premises and equipment, net	27,378	29,702
Bank premises and equipment held for sale	110	465
Other real estate owned	5,490	7,743
Bank owned life insurance	21,620	21,004
FDIC receivable under shared-loss agreements	—	669
Core deposit intangibles, net	2,805	4,713
Other assets	18,277	12,966
Total assets	\$1,180,557	\$1,155,734
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Deposits:		
Noninterest bearing	\$96,216	\$84,564
Interest bearing	849,303	834,381
Total deposits	945,519	918,945
Federal funds purchased	18,921	14,500

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Federal Home Loan Bank advances	95,656	96,401
Long-term debt	5,675	9,680
Trust preferred capital notes	4,124	4,124
Other liabilities	6,175	4,434
Total liabilities	1,076,070	1,048,084
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Common stock (200,000,000 shares authorized, \$0.01 par value; 21,866,944 and 21,791,523 shares issued and outstanding, respectively)	219	218
Additional paid in capital	145,907	145,321
Retained deficit	(41,050 )	(38,553 )
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(589 )	664
Total shareholders' equity	104,487	107,650
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$1,180,557	\$1,155,734

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

**COMMUNITY BANKERS TRUST CORPORATION****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF (LOSS) INCOME****FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014 AND 2013****(dollars and shares in thousands, except per share data)**

	2015	2014	2013
Interest and dividend income			
Interest and fees on loans	\$31,990	\$29,635	\$29,696
Interest and fees on PCI loans	7,875	11,228	11,936
Interest on federal funds sold	2	—	3
Interest on deposits in other banks	59	61	58
Interest and dividends on securities			
Taxable	5,469	6,835	7,693
Nontaxable	2,157	966	659
Total interest and dividend income	47,552	48,725	50,045
Interest expense			
Interest on deposits	5,983	5,858	6,370
Interest on other borrowed funds	1,514	1,075	708
Total interest expense	7,497	6,933	7,078
Net interest income	40,055	41,792	42,967
Provision for loan losses	—	—	—
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	40,055	41,792	42,967
Noninterest income			
Service charges on deposit accounts	2,269	2,200	2,739
Gain on securities transactions, net	472	1,089	518
Gain (loss) on sale of loans, net	69	201	(359 )
Income on bank owned life insurance	751	769	747
Mortgage loan income	784	211	313
Other	736	799	766
Total noninterest income	5,081	5,269	4,724
Noninterest expense			
Salaries and employee benefits	18,141	16,136	15,981
Occupancy expenses	2,592	2,597	2,717
Equipment expenses	1,035	957	1,038
FDIC assessment	938	805	843
Data processing fees	1,709	1,732	2,078
FDIC indemnification asset amortization	16,195	5,795	6,449
Amortization of intangibles	1,908	1,908	2,202
Other real estate expense	1,275	540	2,034
Other operating expenses	6,467	6,347	5,946
Total noninterest expense	50,260	36,817	39,288
(Loss) income before income taxes	(5,124 )	10,244	8,403

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Income tax (benefit) expense	(2,627 )	2,728	2,497
Net (loss) income	(2,497 )	7,516	5,906
Dividends paid on preferred stock	—	247	885
Accretion of discount on preferred stock	—	—	234
<b>Net (loss) income available to common shareholders</b>	<b>\$(2,497 )</b>	<b>\$7,269</b>	<b>\$4,787</b>
Net (loss) income per share — basic	\$(0.11 )	\$0.33	\$0.22
Net (loss) income per share — diluted	\$(0.11 )	\$0.33	\$0.22
Weighted average number of shares outstanding			
basic	21,827	21,755	21,700
diluted	21,827	21,981	21,922

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

**COMMUNITY BANKERS TRUST CORPORATION****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME****FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014 AND 2013****(dollars in thousands)**

	2015	2014	2013
Net (loss) income	\$(2,497)	\$7,516	\$5,906
Other comprehensive (loss) income:			
Unrealized (loss) gain on investment securities:			
Change in unrealized (loss) gain in investment securities	(1,056)	9,280	(11,386)
Tax related to unrealized loss (gain) in investment securities	359	(3,155)	3,871
Reclassification adjustment for gain in securities sold	(472)	(1,089)	(518)
Tax related to realized gain in securities sold	160	370	176
Defined benefit pension plan:			
Change in prior service cost	5	4	(68)
Change in unrealized (loss) gain in plan assets	(142)	(997)	1,462
Tax related to defined benefit pension plan	47	337	(474)
Cash flow hedge:			
Change in unrealized (loss) gain in cash flow hedge	(234)	35	—
Tax related to cash flow hedge	80	(12)	—
Total other comprehensive (loss) income	(1,253)	4,773	(6,937)
Total comprehensive (loss) income	\$(3,750)	\$12,289	\$(1,031)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

## COMMUNITY BANKERS TRUST CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

## FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014 AND 2013

(dollars and shares in thousands)

	Preferred Stock	Warrants	Discount on Preferred Stock	Common Shares	Stock Amount	Additional Paid in Capital	Retained Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Total
Balance December 31, 2012	\$ 17,680	\$ 1,037	\$ (234 )	21,670	\$ 217	\$ 144,398	\$(50,609)	\$ 2,828	\$ 115,317
Amortization of preferred stock warrants	—	—	234	—	—	—	(234 )	—	—
Issuance of common stock	—	—	—	39	—	123	—	—	123
Dividends paid on preferred stock	—	—	—	—	—	—	(885 )	—	(885 )
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	—	135	—	—	135
Redemption of preferred stock	(7,000 )	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(7,000 )
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,906	—	5,906
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(6,937 )	(6,937 )
Balance December 31, 2013	10,680	1,037	—	21,709	217	144,656	(45,822)	(4,109 )	106,659
Issuance of common stock	—	—	—	83	1	227	—	—	228
Dividends paid on preferred stock	—	—	—	—	—	—	(247 )	—	(247 )
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	—	181	—	—	181
Redemption of preferred stock	(10,680 )	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(10,680 )
	—	(1,037 )	—	—	—	257	—	—	(780 )

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Redemption of warrants on preferred stock									
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,516	—	7,516
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,773	4,773
Balance December 31, 2014	—	—	—	21,792	218	145,321	(38,553)	664	107,650
Issuance of common stock	—	—	—	75	1	276	—	—	277
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	—	310	—	—	310
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2,497 )	—	(2,497 )
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,253 )	(1,253 )
Balance December 31, 2015	\$—	\$—	\$—	21,867	\$ 219	\$ 145,907	\$(41,050)	\$ (589 )	\$ 104,487

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

## COMMUNITY BANKERS TRUST CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

## FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014 AND 2013

(Dollars in thousands)

	2015	2014	2013
Operating activities:			
Net (loss) income	\$(2,497 )	\$7,516	\$5,906
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and intangibles amortization	3,494	3,484	3,842
Non-cash contribution of property	—	68	—
Stock-based compensation expense	467	332	252
Amortization of purchased loan premium	304	1,087	1,265
Deferred tax (benefit) expense	(6,077 )	(40 )	2,497
Amortization of security premiums and accretion of discounts, net	2,546	3,461	3,488
Net gain on sale of securities	(472 )	(1,089 )	(518 )
Net loss on sale and valuation of other real estate owned	1,111	407	1,714
Net (gain) loss on sale of loans	(69 )	(201 )	359
Gain on bank owned life insurance investment	—	(405 )	—
Originations of mortgages held for sale	(55,465 )	(6,973 )	(12,330 )
Proceeds from sales of mortgages held for sale	53,564	6,873	13,925
Income on bank owned life insurance	751	769	747
Loss on termination of FDIC shared-loss agreement	13,084	—	—
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Decrease in other assets	3,056	3,156	8,690
Increase in other liabilities	1,488	1,155	388
Net cash provided by operating activities	15,285	19,600	30,225
Investing activities:			
Proceeds from available for sale securities	146,906	109,983	156,123
Proceeds from held to maturity securities	4,583	16,415	13,471
Proceeds from equity securities	1,845	587	1,629
Purchase of available for sale securities	(121,854)	(121,228)	(127,451)
Purchase of held to maturity securities	(2,221 )	(15,777 )	—
Purchase of equity securities	(1,452 )	(1,045 )	(2,582 )
Proceeds from sale of other real estate owned	2,900	4,667	7,491
Improvements of other real estate, net of insurance proceeds	(516 )	(509 )	(621 )
Net increase in loans	(85,675 )	(78,169 )	(46,847 )
Principal recoveries of loans previously charged off	1,652	1,353	1,015
Purchase of premises and equipment, net	(1,768 )	(3,875 )	(1,887 )
Purchase of bank owned life insurance investment	—	—	(5,000 )
Proceeds from bank owned life insurance investment	—	840	—

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Proceeds from termination of FDIC shared-loss agreement	3,100	—	—
Proceeds from sale of loans	3,380	13,284	28,611
Proceeds from sale of premises and equipment	2,120	—	5,177
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(47,000 )	(73,474 )	29,129
Financing activities:			
Net increase in deposits	26,574	26,604	111,193
Net increase in federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	4,421	8,500	588
Net (decrease) increase in Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	(745 )	19,276	27,297
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	86	39	6
Cash dividends paid	—	(247 )	(885 )
Proceeds from long-term debt	—	10,680	—
Redemption of preferred stock and related warrants	—	(11,460 )	(7,000 )
Payment from sale of deposits	—	—	(190,855)
Payments on long-term debt	(4,005 )	(1,000 )	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	26,331	52,392	(59,656 )
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(5,384 )	(1,482 )	(302 )
Cash and cash equivalents:			
Beginning of the period	22,353	23,835	24,137
End of the period	\$16,969	\$22,353	\$23,835

	2015	2014	2013
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:			
Interest paid	\$7,533	\$6,760	\$7,252
Income taxes paid	1,995	3,134	—
Transfers of loans to other real estate owned	821	3,436	3,351
Transfer of building premises and equipment to held for sale	2,118	465	5,174
Transfer of deposits to held for sale	—	—	193,170
Transfer of loans held for investment to loans held for sale	—	—	30,228

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

## **Note 1. Nature of Banking Activities and Significant Accounting Policies**

### **Organization**

Community Bankers Trust Corporation (the “Company”) is a bank holding company that was originally incorporated in 2005. On January 1, 2014, the Company completed a reincorporation from Delaware, its original state of incorporation, to Virginia. The form of the reincorporation was the merger of the then existing Delaware corporation into a newly created Virginia corporation. The Company retained the same name and conducts business in the same manner as before the reincorporation.

The Company is headquartered in Richmond, Virginia and is the holding company for Essex Bank (the “Bank”), a Virginia state bank with 21 full-service offices in Virginia and Maryland. The Bank also operates two loan production offices in Virginia.

The Bank engages in a general commercial banking business and provides a wide range of financial services primarily to individuals and small businesses, including individual and commercial demand and time deposit accounts, commercial and industrial loans, consumer and small business loans, real estate and mortgage loans, investment services, on-line and mobile banking products, and safe deposit box facilities.

Prior to November 8, 2013, the Bank also had four full-service offices in Georgia. The Bank sold those offices and related deposits to Community & Southern Bank on November 8, 2013. See Note 30 for additional information.

### **Principles of Consolidation**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and the Bank, its wholly-owned subsidiary. All material intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 810, *Consolidation*, requires that the Company no longer eliminate through consolidation the equity investment in BOE Statutory Trust I, which was \$124,000 at each of December 31, 2015 and 2014. The subordinated debt of the Trust is reflected as a liability of the Company.

### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For purposes of the consolidated statements of cash flows, the Company has defined cash and cash equivalents as cash and due from banks and interest-bearing bank balances.

### **Restricted Cash**

The Bank is required to maintain a reserve against its deposits in accordance with Regulation D of the Federal Reserve Act. For the final weekly reporting period, the aggregate amount of daily average required reserves was \$0 and \$10.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The reduction in restricted cash is due to a change in the reservable deposit mix whereby the Bank's levels of vault cash sufficiently cover the reserve requirement.

### **Securities**

Debt securities that management has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as "held to maturity" and recorded at amortized cost. Securities not classified as held to maturity, including equity securities with readily determinable fair values, are classified as "available for sale" and recorded at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported in other comprehensive income.

Purchase premiums and discounts are recognized in interest income using the interest method over the terms of the securities. Declines in the fair value of held-to-maturity and available-for-sale securities below their cost that are deemed to be other than temporary are reflected in earnings as realized losses. In estimating other than temporary impairment losses, management considers (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and (3) the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. Gains and losses on the sale of securities are determined using the specific identification method.

**Restricted Securities**

The Company is required to maintain an investment in the capital stock of the Federal Reserve Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank, and Community Bankers Bank. The Company's investment in these securities is recorded at cost.

**Loans Held for Sale**

Mortgage loans originated and intended for sale in the secondary market are carried at the lower of cost or estimated market in the aggregate. Net unrealized losses are recognized through a valuation allowance by charges to income. Mortgage loans held for sale are sold with the mortgage servicing rights released by the Company.

The Company enters into commitments to originate certain mortgage loans whereby the interest rate on the loans is determined prior to funding (rate lock commitments). Rate lock commitments on mortgage loans that are intended to be sold are considered to be derivatives. The period of time between issuance of a loan commitment and closing and the sale of the loan generally ranges from thirty to ninety days. The Company protects itself from changes in interest rates through the use of best efforts forward delivery commitments, whereby the Company commits to sell a loan at the time the borrower commits to an interest rate with the intent that the buyer has assumed interest rate risk on the loan. As a result, the Company is not exposed to losses nor will it realize significant gains related to its rate lock commitments due to changes in interest rates. The correlation between the rate lock commitments and the best efforts contracts is very high due to their similarity. Because of this high correlation, the gain or loss that occurs on the rate lock commitments is immaterial.

**Loans**

The Bank grants mortgage, commercial and consumer loans to customers. A significant portion of the loan portfolio is represented by 1-4 family residential and commercial mortgage loans. The ability of the Bank's debtors to honor their contracts is dependent upon the real estate and general economic conditions in the Bank's market area.

Loans that management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity or pay-off generally are reported at their outstanding unpaid principal balances adjusted for charge-offs, the allowance for loan losses, and any deferred fees or costs on originated loans. Interest income is accrued on the unpaid principal balance. Loan origination fees, net of certain direct origination costs, are deferred and recognized as an adjustment of the related loan yield using the effective interest method.

The accrual of interest on mortgage and commercial loans is discontinued at the time the loan is 90 days delinquent unless the credit is well-secured and in process of collection. Consumer loans are typically charged off no later than 180 days past due. In all cases, loans are placed on nonaccrual or charged-off at an earlier date if collection of principal or interest is considered doubtful.

All interest accrued but not collected for loans that are placed on nonaccrual or charged-off is reversed against interest income. The interest on these loans is accounted for on the cash-basis or cost-recovery method until qualifying for return to accrual status. 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.

#### **Allowance for Loan Losses on loans**

The allowance for loan losses is established as losses are estimated to have occurred through a provision for loan losses charged to earnings. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when management believes the uncollectability of a loan balance is confirmed. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance.

The allowance is an amount that management believes is appropriate to absorb estimated losses relating to specifically identified loans, as well as probable credit losses inherent in the balance of the loan portfolio, based on an evaluation of the collectability of existing loans and prior loss experience. This evaluation also takes into consideration such factors as changes in the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, overall portfolio quality, review of specific problem loans, and current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to pay. This evaluation does not include the effects of expected losses on specific loans or groups of loans that are related to future events or expected changes in economic conditions. While management uses the best information available to make its evaluation, future adjustments to the allowance may be necessary if there are significant changes in economic conditions. In addition, regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review the Bank's allowance for loan losses, and may require the Bank to make additions to the allowance based on their judgment about information available to them at the time of their examinations.

The allowance consists of specific, general and unallocated components. For loans that are also classified as impaired, an allowance is established when the discounted cash flows (or collateral value or observable market price) of the impaired loan is lower than the carrying value of that loan. The general component covers non-classified loans and is based on historical loss experience adjusted for qualitative factors. The unallocated component is maintained to cover uncertainties that could affect management's estimate of probable losses. The unallocated component reflects the margin of imprecision inherent in the underlying assumptions used in the methodologies for estimating specific and general losses in the portfolio.

A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Factors considered by management in determining impairment include payment status, collateral value, and the probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments when due. Loans that experience insignificant payment delays and payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired. Management determines the significance of payment delays and payment shortfalls on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration all of the circumstances surrounding the loan and the borrower, including the length of the delay, the reasons for the delay, the borrower's prior payment record, and the amount of the shortfall in relation to the principal and interest owed. Impairment is measured on a loan by loan basis for commercial and construction loans by either the present value of the expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, the loan's obtainable market price, or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent.

Large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans are collectively evaluated for impairment. Accordingly, the Bank does not separately identify individual consumer and residential loans for impairment disclosures.

#### **Accounting for Certain Loans Acquired in a Transfer**

FASB ASC 310, *Receivables* requires acquired loans to be recorded at fair value and prohibits carrying over valuation allowances in the initial accounting for acquired impaired loans. Loans carried at fair value, mortgage loans held for sale, and loans to borrowers under revolving credit arrangements are excluded from the scope of FASB ASC 310 which limits the yield that may be accreted to the excess of the undiscounted expected cash flows over the investor's initial investment in the loan. The excess of the contractual cash flows over expected cash flows may not be recognized as an adjustment of yield. Subsequent increases in cash flows to be collected are recognized prospectively through an adjustment of the loan's yield over its remaining life. Decreases in expected cash flows are recognized as impairments through the allowance for loan losses.

The Company's acquired loans from the Suburban Federal Savings Bank (SFSB) transaction (the "PCI loans"), subject to FASB ASC Topic 805, *Business Combinations* (formerly SFAS 141(R)), are recorded at fair value and no separate valuation allowance was recorded at the date of acquisition. FASB ASC 310-30, *Loans and Debt Securities Acquired*

*with Deteriorated Credit Quality* (formerly SOP 03-3), applies to loans acquired in a transfer with evidence of deterioration of credit quality for which it is probable, at acquisition, that the investor will be unable to collect all contractually required payments receivable. The Company is applying the provisions of FASB ASC 310-30 to all loans acquired in the SFSB transaction. The Company has grouped loans together based on common risk characteristics including product type, delinquency status and loan documentation requirements among others.

The PCI loans are subject to credit review standards described above for loans. If and when credit deterioration occurs subsequent to the acquisition date, a provision for credit loss for PCI loans will be charged to earnings.

The Company has made an estimate of the total cash flows it expects to collect from each pool of loans, which includes undiscounted expected principal and interest. The excess of that amount over the fair value of the pool is referred to as accretable yield. Accretable yield is recognized as interest income on a constant yield basis over the life of the pool. The Company also determines each pool's contractual principal and contractual interest payments. The excess of that amount over the total cash flows that it expects to collect from the pool is referred to as nonaccretable difference, which is not accreted into income. Judgmental prepayment assumptions are applied to both contractually required payments and cash flows expected to be collected at acquisition. Over the life of the loan or pool, the Company continues to estimate cash flows expected to be collected. Subsequent decreases in cash flows expected to be collected over the life of the pool are recognized as an impairment in the current period through the allowance for loan loss. Subsequent increases in expected or actual cash flows are first used to reverse any existing valuation allowance for that loan or pool. Any remaining increase in cash flows expected to be collected is recognized as an adjustment to the accretable yield with the amount of periodic accretion adjusted over the remaining life of the pool.

**Bank Premises and Equipment**

Bank premises and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Land is carried at cost. Depreciation of bank premises and equipment is computed on the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of 10 to 50 years for premises and 3 to 20 years for equipment, furniture and fixtures.

Costs of maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred and major improvements are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement of depreciable properties, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts and the resulting gain or loss is included in the determination of income.

**Other Real Estate Owned**

Real estate acquired through, or in lieu of, loan foreclosure is held for sale and is initially recorded at the fair value of the real estate acquired at the date of foreclosure net of estimated selling costs, establishing a new cost basis. Subsequent to foreclosure, valuations are periodically performed by management and the assets are carried at the lower of the carrying amount or the fair value less costs to sell. Revenues and expenses from operations and changes in the valuation allowance are included in other operating expenses. Costs to bring a property to salable condition are capitalized up to the fair value of the property while costs to maintain a property in salable condition are expensed as incurred. The Company had \$5.5 million and \$7.7 million in other real estate at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

**Other Intangibles**

The Company is accounting for other intangible assets in accordance with FASB ASC 350, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Others*. Under FASB ASC 350, acquired intangible assets (such as core deposit intangibles) are separately recognized if the benefit of the assets can be sold, transferred, licensed, rented, or exchanged, and amortized over their useful lives. The costs of purchased deposit relationships and other intangible assets, based on independent valuation by a qualified third party, are being amortized over their estimated lives. The core deposit intangible is evaluated for impairment in accordance with FASB ASC 350.

**Advertising Costs**

The Company follows the policy of expensing advertising costs as incurred, which totaled \$651,000, \$475,000 and \$384,000 for 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### **Income Taxes**

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are determined using the liability (or balance sheet) method. Under this method, the net deferred tax asset or liability is determined based on the tax effects of the temporary differences between the book and tax bases of the various balance sheet assets and liabilities and gives current recognition to changes in tax rates and laws.

Positions taken in the Company's tax returns may be subject to challenge by the taxing authorities upon examination. Uncertain tax positions are initially recognized in the consolidated financial statements when it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities. Such tax positions are both initially and subsequently measured as the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50 percent likely of being realized upon settlement with the tax authority, assuming full knowledge of the position and all relevant facts. The Company provides for interest and, in some cases, penalties on tax positions that may be challenged by the taxing authorities. Interest expense is recognized beginning in the first period that such interest would begin accruing. Penalties are recognized in the period that the Company claims the position in the tax return. Interest and penalties on income tax uncertainties are classified within income tax expense in the consolidated statement of income. The Company had no interest or penalties during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 or 2013. Under FASB ASC 740, *Income Taxes*, a valuation allowance is provided when it is more likely than not that some portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. In management's opinion, based on a three year taxable income projection, tax strategies that would result in potential securities gains and the effects of off-setting deferred tax liabilities, it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets are realizable.

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to U. S. federal income tax as well as Virginia and Maryland state income taxes. All years from 2012 through 2015 are open to examination by the respective tax authorities.

### **Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per share (EPS) is computed based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding and excludes any dilutive effects of options, warrants and convertible securities. Diluted EPS is computed in a manner similar to basic EPS, except for certain adjustments to the numerator and the denominator. Diluted EPS gives effect to all dilutive potential common shares that were outstanding at the end of the period. Potential common shares that may be issued by the Company relate solely to outstanding stock options and are determined using the treasury stock method. There were no dividends declared or paid in 2015. The Company declared and paid \$247,000 and \$885,000 in dividends on preferred stock in 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### **Stock-Based Compensation**

In April 2009, the Company adopted the Community Bankers Trust Corporation 2009 Stock Incentive Plan which is authorized to issue up to 2,650,000 shares of common stock. See Note 14 for details regarding these plans.

### **Derivatives - Cash Flow Hedge**

The Company uses interest rate derivatives to manage certain amounts of its exposure to interest rate movements. To accomplish this objective, the Company is a party to interest rate swaps whereby the Company pays fixed amounts to a counterparty in exchange for receiving variable payments over the life of an underlying agreement without the exchange of underlying notional amounts.

Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges are used primarily to minimize the variability in cash flows of assets or liabilities caused by interest rates. Cash flow hedges are periodically tested for effectiveness, which measures the correlation of the cash flows of the hedged item with the cash flows from the derivative. The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income and is subsequently reclassified into net income in the period that the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings. The ineffective portion of the change in fair value of the derivative is recognized directly in earnings.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued its new lease accounting guidance in Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*. Under the new guidance, lessees will be required to recognize the following for all leases (with the exception of short-term leases) at the commencement date:

A lease liability, which is a lessee's obligation to make lease payments arising from a lease, measured on a discounted basis; and

A right-of-use asset, which is an asset that represents the lessee's right to use, or control the use of, a specified asset for the lease term.

Under the new guidance, lessor accounting is largely unchanged. Certain targeted improvements were made to align, where necessary, lessor accounting with the lessee accounting model and Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers.

The new lease guidance simplified the accounting for sale and leaseback transactions primarily because lessees must recognize lease assets and lease liabilities. Lessees will no longer be provided with a source of off-balance sheet financing.

Public business entities should apply the amendments in ASU 2016-02 for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years (i.e., January 1, 2019, for a calendar year entity). Early application is permitted. Lessees (for capital and operating leases) and lessors (for sales-type, direct financing, and operating leases) must apply a modified retrospective transition approach for leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements. The modified retrospective approach would not require any transition accounting for leases that expired before the earliest comparative period presented. Lessees and lessors may not apply a full retrospective transition approach. The Company is evaluating what impact adopting this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01, *Financial Instruments – Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*. The new guidance is intended to improve the recognition and measurement of financial instruments. The new guidance makes targeted improvements to existing U.S. generally accepted accounting principles by:

Requiring equity investments (except those accounted for under the equity method of accounting, or those that result in consolidation of the investee) to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income;

Requiring public business entities to use the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes;

Requiring separate presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities by measurement category and form of financial asset (i.e., securities or loans and receivables) on the balance sheet or the accompanying notes to the financial statements;

Eliminating the requirement for public business entities to disclose the method(s) and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value that is required to be disclosed for financial instruments measured at amortized cost on the balance sheet; and

Requiring a reporting organization to present separately in other comprehensive income the portion of the total change in the fair value of a liability resulting from a change in the instrument-specific credit risk (also referred to as “own credit”) when the organization has elected to measure the liability at fair value in accordance with the fair value option for financial instruments.

The new guidance is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company does not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-05, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other - Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Customer’s Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement*. Existing U.S. generally accepted accounting principles does not include explicit guidance about a customer’s accounting for fees paid in a cloud computing arrangement. Examples of cloud computing arrangements include: (a) software as a service; (b) platform as a service; (c) infrastructure as a service; and (d) other similar hosting arrangements. The ASU provides guidance to customers about whether a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license. If a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license, then the customer should account for the software license element of the arrangement consistent with the acquisition of other software licenses. If a cloud computing arrangement does not include a software license, the customer should account for the arrangement as a service contract. As a result of the ASU, all software licenses within the scope of Subtopic 350-40 will be accounted for consistent with other

licenses of intangible assets.

For public business entities, the ASU will be effective for annual periods, including interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. The Company does not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-12, *Plan Accounting: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Topic 960), Defined Contribution Pension Plans (Topic 962), and Health and Welfare Benefit Plans (Topic 965) - I. Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts; II. Plan Investment Disclosures, and III. Measurement Date Practical Expedient*. This Update reduces complexity in employee benefit plan accounting, which is consistent with the FASB's Simplification initiative. Parts I and III are not applicable to the Company. Regarding Part II, as new disclosure requirements have been issued or amended, employee benefit plan financial statements have been affected. Specifically, the interaction between Topic 820, Fair Value Measurement, and Topics 960, 962, and 965 on employee benefit plan accounting sometimes requires aggregation, or organization of similar investment information, in multiple ways. The objective of Part II of this Update is to simplify and make more effective the investment disclosure requirements under Topic 820 and under Topics 960, 962, and 965 for employee benefit plans. The amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and should be applied prospectively. Early application is permitted. The Company does not expect the adoption of the guidance to have a material impact on its consolidation financial statements.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Management estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term relate to the determination of the allowance for loan losses, the valuation of other real estate owned, projected cash flows relating to certain acquired loans, the value of the indemnification asset, and the valuation of deferred tax assets.

**Reclassifications**

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior period balances to conform to the current year presentations. See Notes 3, 4, 5 and 7 for details regarding reclassifications resulting from the termination of the Company's shared-loss agreement with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**Note 2. Securities**

Amortized costs and fair values of securities available for sale and held to maturity at December 31, 2015 and 2014 were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2015</b>			
		Gross Unrealized		
	Amortized Cost	Gains	Losses	Fair Value
Securities Available for Sale				
U.S. Treasury issue and other U.S. Gov't agencies	\$50,590	\$11	\$(660)	\$49,941
U.S. Gov't sponsored agencies	756	—	(14)	742
State, county and municipal	138,965	3,400	(867)	141,498
Corporate and other bonds	14,997	10	(711)	14,296
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov't agencies	8,654	9	(167)	8,496
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov't sponsored agencies	28,637	22	(362)	28,297
Total Securities Available for Sale	\$242,599	\$3,452	\$(2,781)	\$243,270

Securities Held to Maturity

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State, county and municipal	\$35,456	\$1,136	\$(35 )	\$36,557
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov’t agencies	1,022	32	—	1,054
Total Securities Held to Maturity	\$36,478	\$1,168	\$(35 )	\$37,611

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Gross Unrealized

	Amortized Cost	Gains	Losses	Fair Value
<b>Securities Available for Sale</b>				
U.S. Treasury issue and other U.S. Gov’t agencies	\$99,608	\$113	\$(1,014 )	\$98,707
U.S. Gov’t sponsored agencies	—	—	—	—
State, county and municipal	134,405	3,926	(854 )	137,477
Corporate and other bonds	11,921	17	(55 )	11,883
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov’t agencies	2,338	18	(98 )	2,258
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov’t sponsored agencies	24,096	174	(27 )	24,243
Total Securities Available for Sale	\$272,368	\$4,248	\$(2,048 )	\$274,568
<b>Securities Held to Maturity</b>				
State, county and municipal	\$31,677	\$1,103	\$—	\$32,780
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov’t agencies	4,293	238	—	4,531
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov’t sponsored agencies	227	1	—	228
Total Securities Held to Maturity	\$36,197	\$1,342	\$—	\$37,539

The amortized cost and fair value of securities at December 31, 2015 by contractual maturity are shown below. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations without any penalties.

(dollars in thousands)	Held to Maturity		Available for Sale	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$1,396	\$ 1,415	\$540	\$ 541
Due after one year through five years	11,061	11,538	83,949	84,930
Due after five years through ten years	14,403	14,799	118,607	118,752
Due after ten years	9,618	9,859	39,503	39,047
Total securities	\$36,478	\$ 37,611	\$242,599	\$ 243,270

Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale were \$105.8 million, \$79.6 million and \$77.8 million during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Gains and losses on the sale of securities are determined using the specific identification method. Gross realized gains and losses on sales of securities available for sale during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	2015	2014	2013
Gross realized gains	\$974	\$1,584	\$645
Gross realized losses	(502)	(495)	(127)
Net securities gains	\$472	\$1,089	\$518

In estimating other than temporary impairment (OTTI) losses, management considers the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, the financial condition and short-term prospects for the issuer, and the intent and ability of management to hold its investment for a period of time to allow a recovery in fair value. There were no investments held that had OTTI losses for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013.

The fair value and gross unrealized losses for securities, segregated by the length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous gross unrealized loss position, at December 31, 2015 and 2014 were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Securities Available for Sale	<b>December 31, 2015</b>						
	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total		
	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	
	\$20,408	\$ (84	) \$28,063	\$ (576	) \$48,471	\$ (660	)

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U.S. Treasury issue and other U.S. Gov't agencies									
U.S. Gov't sponsored agencies	742	(14	)	-	-	742	(14	)	
State, county and municipal	23,733	(252	)	10,270	(615	)	34,003	(867	)
Corporate and other bonds	8,996	(669	)	3,290	(42	)	12,286	(711	)
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov't agencies	6,386	(88	)	1,919	(79	)	8,305	(167	)
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov't sponsored agencies	24,129	(360	)	175	(2	)	24,304	(362	)
Total	\$84,394	\$ (1,467	)	\$43,717	\$ (1,314	)	\$128,111	\$ (2,781	)
Securities Held to Maturity									
State, county and municipal	\$3,889	\$ (35	)	\$-	\$ -	\$3,889	\$ (35	)	

	December 31, 2014								
	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total				
Securities Available for Sale	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss			
U.S. Treasury issue and other U.S. Gov't agencies	\$47,475	\$ (438	)	\$35,630	\$ (576	)	\$83,105	\$ (1,014	)
State, county and municipal	3,673	(8	)	32,348	(846	)	36,021	(854	)
Corporate and other bonds	5,756	(21	)	3,113	(34	)	8,869	(55	)
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov't agencies	—	—	)	1,899	(98	)	1,899	(98	)
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov't sponsored agencies	2,551	(16	)	712	(11	)	3,263	(27	)
Total	\$59,455	\$ (483	)	\$73,702	\$ (1,565	)	\$133,157	\$ (2,048	)

The unrealized losses (impairments) in the investment portfolio at December 31, 2015 and 2014 are generally a result of market fluctuations that occur daily. The unrealized losses are from 151 securities at December 31, 2015. Of those, 130 are investment grade, have U.S. government agency guarantees, or are backed by the full faith and credit of local municipalities throughout the United States. Twenty-one investment grade corporate obligations comprise the remaining securities with unrealized losses at December 31, 2015. The Company considers the reason for impairment, length of impairment and intent and ability to hold until the full value is recovered in determining if the impairment is temporary in nature. Based on this analysis, the Company has determined these impairments to be temporary in nature. The Company does not intend to sell and it is more likely than not that the Company will not be required to sell these securities until they recover in value or reach maturity.

Market prices are affected by conditions beyond the control of the Company. Investment decisions are made by the management group of the Company and reflect the overall liquidity and strategic asset/liability objectives of the Company. Management analyzes the securities portfolio frequently and manages the portfolio to provide an overall positive impact to the Company's income statement and balance sheet.

Securities with amortized costs of \$88.7 million and \$111.3 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, were pledged to secure the cash flow hedge and public deposits as required or permitted by law. At each of December 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no securities purchased from a single issuer, other than U.S. Treasury issue and other U.S. Government agencies that comprised more than 10% of the consolidated shareholders' equity.

### **Note 3. Loans and Related Allowance for Loan Losses**

During the third quarter of 2015, the Company terminated the shared-loss agreement with the FDIC relating to the single family, residential 1-4 family mortgage assets. As a result of this termination, the Company reclassified the purchased credit impaired (PCI) loans related to the shared-loss agreement that expired March 2014, which had been reported as non-covered loans, as PCI loans for all periods presented. Consequently, loans previously referred to as non-covered loans are referred to as loans. See Notes 4 and 5 for more information.

The Company's loans at December 31, 2015 and 2014 were comprised of the following (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Amount	% of Loans	Amount	% of Loans
Mortgage loans on real estate:				

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Residential 1-4 family	\$194,576	25.99	%	\$167,171	25.33	%
Commercial	317,955	42.47		282,127	42.75	
Construction and land development	67,408	9.00		57,027	8.64	
Second mortgages	8,378	1.12		5,997	0.91	
Multifamily	45,389	6.06		33,812	5.12	
Agriculture	6,238	0.83		7,163	1.08	
Total real estate loans	639,944	85.47		553,297	83.83	
Commercial loans	102,507	13.69		99,783	15.12	
Consumer installment loans	4,928	0.66		5,496	0.83	
All other loans	1,345	0.18		1,444	0.22	
Total loans	\$748,724	100.00	%	\$660,020	100.00	%
Loans previously reported				\$664,736		
Loans previously reported as PCI				(4,716 )		
Total loans				\$660,020		

The Company held \$13.4 million and \$18.3 million in balances of loans guaranteed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), which are included in various categories in the table above, at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. As these loans are 100% guaranteed by the USDA, no loan loss provision is required. These loan balances included an unamortized purchase premium of \$586,000 and \$922,000 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Unamortized purchase premium is recognized as an adjustment of the related loan yield on a straight line basis, which is substantially equivalent to the results obtained using the effective interest method.

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company's allowance for credit losses was comprised of the following: (i) specific valuation allowances calculated in accordance with FASB ASC 310, *Receivables*, (ii) general valuation allowances calculated in accordance with FASB ASC 450, *Contingencies*, based on economic conditions and other qualitative risk factors, and (iii) historical valuation allowances calculated using historical loan loss experience. Management identified loans subject to impairment in accordance with ASC 310.

The following table summarizes information related to impaired loans as of December 31, 2015 (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Recorded Investment</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>Unpaid Principal Balance</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	Related Allowance
With an allowance recorded:			
Mortgage loans on real estate:			
Residential 1-4 family	\$ 2,777	\$ 3,034	\$ 414
Commercial	205	407	35
Construction and land development	4,509	6,179	574
Second mortgages	13	14	2
Total real estate loans	7,504	9,634	1,025
Consumer installment loans	78	84	14
Subtotal impaired loans with a valuation allowance	7,582	9,718	1,039
With no related allowance recorded:			
Mortgage loans on real estate:			
Residential 1-4 family	1,785	2,260	—
Commercial	1,303	1,500	—
Total real estate loans	3,088	3,760	—
Subtotal impaired loans without a valuation allowance	3,088	3,760	—
Total:			
Mortgage loans on real estate:			
Residential 1-4 family	4,562	5,294	414
Commercial	1,508	1,907	35
Construction and land development	4,509	6,179	574
Second mortgages	13	14	2
Total real estate loans	10,592	13,394	1,025
Consumer installment loans	78	84	14
Total impaired loans	\$ 10,670	\$ 13,478	\$ 1,039

(1) The amount of the investment in a loan, which is not net of a valuation allowance, but which does reflect any direct write-down of the investment

(2) The contractual amount due, which reflects paydowns applied in accordance with loan documents, but which does not reflect any direct write-downs

The following table summarizes information related to impaired loans as of December 31, 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Recorded Investment</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>Unpaid Principal Balance</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	Related Allowance
With an allowance recorded:			
Mortgage loans on real estate:			
Residential 1-4 family	\$ 2,754	\$ 2,895	\$ 463
Commercial	308	470	53
Construction and land development	4,903	7,643	627
Second mortgages	61	63	11
Total real estate loans	8,026	11,071	1,154
Commercial loans	7,521	8,721	520
Consumer installment loans	118	120	20
Subtotal impaired loans with a valuation allowance	15,665	19,912	1,694
With no related allowance recorded:			
Mortgage loans on real estate:			
Residential 1-4 family	588	626	—
Commercial	418	550	—
Construction and land development	179	212	—
Total real estate loans	1,185	1,388	—
Consumer installment loans	2	3	—
Subtotal impaired loans without a valuation allowance	1,187	1,391	—
<b>Total:</b>			
Mortgage loans on real estate:			
Residential 1-4 family	3,342	3,521	463
Commercial	726	1,020	53
Construction and land development	5,082	7,855	627
Second mortgages	61	63	11
Total real estate loans	9,211	12,459	1,154
Commercial loans	7,521	8,721	520
Consumer installment loans	120	123	20
Total impaired loans	\$ 16,852	\$ 21,303	\$ 1,694

(1) The amount of the investment in a loan, which is not net of a valuation allowance, but which does reflect any direct write-down of the investment

(2) The contractual amount due, which reflects paydowns applied in accordance with loan documents, but which does not reflect any direct write-downs

The following table summarizes the average recorded investment of impaired loans for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (dollars in thousands):

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	2015	2014	2013
Mortgage loans on real estate:			
Residential 1-4 family	\$3,952	\$4,008	\$5,607
Commercial	1,117	1,680	4,225
Construction and land development	4,795	5,482	7,436
Second mortgages	37	143	198
Agriculture	—	102	227
Total real estate loans	9,901	11,415	17,693
Commercial loans	3,761	3,824	318
Consumer installment loans	100	89	72
Total impaired loans	\$13,762	\$15,328	\$18,083

The majority of impaired loans were also nonaccruing for which no interest income was recognized during each of the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013. No significant amounts of interest income were recognized on accruing impaired loans for each of the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013.

Interest income on nonaccrual loans, if recognized, is recorded using the cash basis method of accounting. Cash basis income of \$465,000 and \$612,000 was recognized during the year ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. There were no significant amounts recognized during the year ended December 31, 2013. For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, estimated interest income of \$734,000, \$890,000 and \$980,000, respectively, would have been recorded if all such loans had been accruing interest according to their original contractual terms.

The following table presents nonaccrual loans, excluding PCI loans, by loan category as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Mortgage loans on real estate:		
Residential 1-4 family	\$ 4,562	\$ 3,342
Commercial	1,508	607
Construction and land development	4,509	4,920
Second mortgages	13	61
Total real estate loans	10,592	8,930
Commercial loans	—	7,521
Consumer installment loans	78	120
Total loans	\$ 10,670	\$ 16,571

Troubled debt restructures and some special mention loans still accruing interest are loans that management expects to ultimately collect all principal and interest due, but not under the terms of the original contract. All impaired loans at December 31, 2015 were also nonaccrual loans. Impaired loans of \$16.9 million at December 31, 2014 consisted of \$16.6 million in nonaccrual loans, in addition to \$118,000 in troubled debt restructures and \$163,000 in special mention loans, both of which were still accruing.

The following tables present an age analysis of past due status of loans, excluding PCI loans, by category as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 (dollars in thousands):

December 31, 2015		Total Past Due	Current	Total Loans Recorded	Investment 90
30-89 Days	90 Days Past Due				

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	Past Due					Days Past Due and Accruing
Mortgage loans on real estate:						
Residential 1-4 family	\$811	\$4,562	\$5,373	\$189,203	\$194,576	\$ —
Commercial	1,471	1,508	2,979	314,976	317,955	—
Construction and land development	51	4,509	4,560	62,848	67,408	—
Second mortgages	135	13	148	8,230	8,378	—
Multifamily	—	—	—	45,389	45,389	—
Agriculture	—	—	—	6,238	6,238	—
Total real estate loans	2,468	10,592	13,060	626,884	639,944	—
Commercial loans	16	—	16	102,491	102,507	—
Consumer installment loans	10	78	88	4,840	4,928	—
All other loans	33	—	33	1,312	1,345	—
Total loans	\$2,527	\$10,670	\$13,197	\$735,527	\$748,724	\$ —

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	December 31, 2014				Total Loans Receivable	Recorded Investment 90 Days Past Due and Accruing
	30-89 Days Past Due	90 Days Past Due	Total Past Due	Current		
Mortgage loans on real estate:						
Residential 1-4 family	\$ 298	\$ 3,342	\$ 3,640	\$ 163,531	\$ 167,171	\$ —
Commercial	200	607	807	281,320	282,127	—
Construction and land development	128	4,920	5,048	51,979	57,027	—
Second mortgages	26	61	87	5,910	5,997	—
Multifamily	—	—	—	33,812	33,812	—
Agriculture	—	—	—	7,163	7,163	—
Total real estate loans	652	8,930	9,582	543,715	553,297	—
Commercial loans	66	7,521	7,587	92,196	99,783	—
Consumer installment loans	10	120	130	5,366	5,496	—
All other loans	—	—	—	1,444	1,444	—
Total loans	\$ 728	\$ 16,571	\$ 17,299	\$ 642,721	\$ 660,020	\$ —

Activity in the allowance for loan losses on loans, excluding PCI loans, by segment for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 is presented in the following tables (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2014	Provision Allocation	Charge-offs	Recoveries	December 31, 2015
Mortgage loans on real estate:					
Residential 1-4 family	\$ 3,100	\$ 348	\$ (490 )	\$ 83	\$ 3,041
Commercial	2,618	1,371	—	33	4,022
Construction and land development	1,930	(114 )	(593 )	130	1,353
Second mortgages	63	43	(100 )	97	103
Multifamily	136	42	—	—	178
Agriculture	66	(39 )	—	—	27
Total real estate loans	7,913	1,651	(1,183 )	343	8,724
Commercial loans	1,242	(1,723 )	(3 )	1,211	727
Consumer installment loans	85	88	(174 )	98	97
All other loans	27	(16 )	—	—	11
Total loans	\$ 9,267	\$ —	\$ (1,360 )	\$ 1,652	\$ 9,559

	December 31, 2013	Provision Allocation	Charge-offs	Recoveries	December 31, 2014
Mortgage loans on real estate:					
Residential 1-4 family	\$ 3,853	\$ (98 )	\$ (733 )	\$ 78	\$ 3,100
Commercial	2,333	636	(446 )	95	2,618
Construction and land development	2,252	(323 )	—	1	1,930
Second mortgages	101	(42 )	—	4	63

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Multifamily	151	(15 )	—	—	136
Agriculture	81	(15 )	—	—	66
Total real estate loans	8,771	143	(1,179 )	178	7,913
Commercial loans	1,546	(152 )	(1,217 )	1,065	1,242
Consumer installment loans	101	8	(134 )	110	85
All other loans	26	1	—	—	27
Total loans	\$ 10,444	\$ —	\$ (2,530 )	\$ 1,353	\$ 9,267

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	December 31, 2012	Provision Allocation	Charge-offs	Recoveries	December 31, 2013
Mortgage loans on real estate:					
Residential 1-4 family	\$ 3,985	\$ 244	\$ (432 )	\$ 56	\$ 3,853
Commercial	2,482	1,411	(1,580 )	20	2,333
Construction and land development	3,773	(1,338 )	(877 )	694	2,252
Second mortgages	142	16	(105 )	48	101
Multifamily	303	(152 )	—	—	151
Agriculture	61	(14 )	(5 )	39	81
Total real estate loans	10,746	167	(2,999 )	857	8,771
Commercial loans	1,961	(172 )	(325 )	82	1,546
Consumer installment loans	195	(3 )	(167 )	76	101
All other loans	18	8	—	—	26
Total loans	\$ 12,920	\$ —	\$ (3,491 )	\$ 1,015	\$ 10,444

Included in charge-offs for the year ended December 31, 2013 was a \$500,000 writedown arising from the transfer of a loan from loans to loans held for sale.

The following tables present information on the loans evaluated for impairment in the allowance for loan losses as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015			December 31, 2014		
	Individually Evaluated for Impairment	Collectively Evaluated for Impairment	Total	Individually Evaluated for Impairment	Collectively Evaluated for Impairment	Total
Mortgage loans on real estate:						
Residential 1-4 family	\$450	\$ 2,591	\$3,041	\$6,972	\$ 187,604	\$194,576
Commercial	55	3,967	4,022	6,362	311,593	317,955
Construction and land development	564	789	1,353	4,509	62,899	67,408
Second mortgages	2	101	103	13	8,365	8,378
Multifamily	—	178	178	—	45,389	45,389
Agriculture	—	27	27	—	6,238	6,238
Total real estate loans	1,071	7,653	8,724	17,856	622,088	639,944
Commercial loans	—	727	727	58	102,449	102,507
Consumer installment loans	12	85	97	78	4,850	4,928
All other loans	—	11	11	—	1,345	1,345
Total loans	\$1,083	\$ 8,476	\$9,559	\$17,992	\$ 730,732	\$748,724

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	December 31, 2014			Recorded Investment in Loans			
	Allowance for Loan Losses	Individually Evaluated for Impairment	Collectively Evaluated for Impairment	Total	Individually Evaluated for Impairment	Collectively Evaluated for Impairment	Total
Mortgage loans on real estate:							
Residential 1-4 family	\$598	\$ 2,502	\$3,100	\$7,307	\$ 159,864	\$167,171	
Commercial	54	2,564	2,618	5,122	277,005	282,127	
Construction and land development	628	1,302	1,930	5,096	51,931	57,027	
Second mortgages	11	52	63	61	5,936	5,997	
Multifamily	—	136	136	—	33,812	33,812	
Agriculture	—	66	66	—	7,163	7,163	
Total real estate loans	1,291	6,622	7,913	17,586	535,711	553,297	
Commercial loans	529	713	1,242	7,757	92,026	99,783	
Consumer installment loans	20	65	85	124	5,372	5,496	
All other loans	—	27	27	—	1,444	1,444	
Total loans	\$1,840	\$ 7,427	\$9,267	\$25,467	\$ 634,553	\$660,020	

(1) The category “Individually Evaluated for Impairment” includes loans individually evaluated for impairment and determined not to be impaired. These loans totalled \$7.3 million and \$8.6 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The allowance for loans losses allocated to these loans was \$44,000 and \$146,000 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Loans are monitored for credit quality on a recurring basis. These credit quality indicators are defined as follows:

**Pass** - A pass loan is not adversely classified, as it does not display any of the characteristics for adverse classification. This category includes purchased loans that are 100% guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies of \$13.4 million and \$18.3 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

**Special Mention** - A special mention loan has potential weaknesses that deserve management's close attention. If left uncorrected, such potential weaknesses may result in deterioration of the repayment prospects or collateral position at some future date. Special mention loans are not adversely classified and do not warrant adverse classification.

**Substandard** - A substandard loan is inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Loans classified as substandard generally have a well defined weakness, or weaknesses, that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. These loans are characterized by the possibility of loss if the deficiencies are not corrected.

**Doubtful** - A doubtful loan has all the weaknesses inherent in a loan classified as substandard with the added characteristics that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full highly questionable and improbable, on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions, and values. The possibility of loss is extremely high.

The following tables present the composition of loans, excluding PCI loans, by credit quality indicator at December 31, 2015 and 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015				Total
	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	
Mortgage loans on real estate:					
Residential 1-4 family	\$182,394	\$6,612	\$ 5,570	\$ —	\$194,576
Commercial	306,267	8,520	3,168	—	317,955
Construction and land development	62,391	434	4,583	—	67,408
Second mortgages	7,126	1,239	13	—	8,378
Multifamily	45,389	—	—	—	45,389
Agriculture	6,113	125	—	—	6,238
Total real estate loans	609,680	16,930	13,334	—	639,944
Commercial loans	98,159	4,290	58	—	102,507
Consumer installment loans	4,593	256	79	—	4,928

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All other loans	1,345	—	—	—	1,345
Total loans	\$713,777	\$21,476	\$ 13,471	\$ —	\$748,724

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	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Total
Mortgage loans on real estate:					
Residential 1-4 family	\$153,699	\$7,540	\$ 5,932	\$ —	\$167,171
Commercial	268,391	10,363	3,373	—	282,127
Construction and land development	51,473	620	4,934	—	57,027
Second mortgages	4,636	1,300	61	—	5,997
Multifamily	33,812	—	—	—	33,812
Agriculture	7,163	—	—	—	7,163
Total real estate loans	519,174	19,823	14,300	—	553,297
Commercial loans	90,035	1,991	7,757	—	99,783
Consumer installment loans	5,351	21	124	—	5,496
All other loans	1,444	—	—	—	1,444
Total loans	\$616,004	\$21,835	\$ 22,181	\$ —	\$660,020

In accordance with FASB ASU 2011-02, *Receivables (Topic 310): A Creditor's Determination of Whether a Restructuring is a Troubled Debt Restructuring*, the Company assesses all loan modifications to determine whether they are considered troubled debt restructurings (TDRs) under the guidance. The Company had 17 loans for each of the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 that met the definition of a TDR.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company modified one residential 1-4 family loan that was considered to be a TDR. The Company extended the terms and lowered the interest rate for this loan, which had a pre- and post-modification balance of \$68,000. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company modified one commercial real estate loan that was considered to be a TDR. The Company extended the terms and lowered the interest rate for this loan, which had a pre- and post-modification balance of \$69,000. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company modified one residential 1-4 family loan and one commercial real estate loan that were considered to be TDR's. The Company extended the terms and lowered the interest rate for these loans, which had a pre- and post-modification balance of \$863,000.

A loan is considered to be in default if it is 90 days or more past due. There were no TDRs that had been restructured during the previous 12 months that resulted in default during the year ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. There was one TDR that had been restructured during the previous 12 months that resulted in default during the year ended December 31, 2013. This residential 1-4 family loan had a recorded investment of \$173,000.

In the determination of the allowance for loan losses, management considers TDRs and subsequent defaults in these restructures by reviewing for impairment in accordance with FASB ASC 310-10-35, *Receivables, Subsequent Measurement*.

At December 31, 2015 the Company had 1-4 family mortgages in the amount of \$141.0 million pledged as collateral to the Federal Home Loan Bank for a total borrowing capacity of \$123.5 million.

#### **Note 4. PCI Loans and Related Allowance for Loan Losses**

On January 30, 2009, the Company entered into a Purchase and Assumption Agreement with the FDIC to assume all of the deposits and certain other liabilities and acquire substantially all assets of SFSB. The Company is applying the provisions of FASB ASC 310-30, *Loans and Debt Securities Acquired with Deteriorated Credit Quality*, to all loans acquired in the SFSB transaction. Of the total \$198.3 million in loans acquired, \$49.1 million met the criteria of FASB ASC 310-30. These loans, consisting mainly of construction loans, were deemed impaired at the acquisition date. The remaining \$149.1 million of loans acquired, comprised mainly of residential 1-4 family, were analogized to meet the criteria of FASB ASC 310-30. Analysis of this portfolio revealed that SFSB utilized weak underwriting and

documentation standards, which led the Company to believe that significant losses were probable given the economic environment at the time. The Purchase and Assumption Agreement included two shared-loss agreements with respect to certain covered loans and foreclosed real estate assets. The shared-loss agreement related to loans other than those secured by single family, residential 1-4 family mortgages expired March 31, 2014. These loans, which had an outstanding principal balance of \$10.0 million and a carrying value of \$5.5 million at March 31, 2014, are being accounted for in accordance with FASB ASC 310-30, are commonly referred to as purchased credit impaired loans, and were classified as non-covered loans, effective April 1, 2014 (the “PCI” loans).

During the third quarter of 2015, the Company terminated the shared-loss agreement relating to the single family, residential 1-4 family mortgage assets. As a result of this termination, the Company reclassified the related loans (the “loans previously reported as covered by the FDIC”), as well as the PCI loans related to the shared-loss agreement that expired March 2014, which had been reported as non-covered loans, as PCI loans for all periods presented. These loans continue to be accounted for under the provisions of FASB ASC 310-30. Additionally, the Company has reclassified all interest income related to these loans as interest income on PCI loans for all periods presented.

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the outstanding contractual balance of the PCI loans was \$91.3 million and \$94.9 million, respectively. The carrying amount, by loan type, as of these dates is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014		
	Amount	% of PCI Loans	Amount	% of PCI Loans	
Mortgage loans on real estate:					
Residential 1-4 family	\$ 52,696	89.38	% \$ 60,171	89.20	%
Commercial	850	1.44	1,148	1.70	
Construction and land development	2,310	3.92	2,456	3.64	
Second mortgages	2,822	4.79	3,409	5.05	
Multifamily	277	0.47	276	0.41	
Total real estate loans	58,955	100.00	67,460	100.00	
Total PCI loans	\$ 58,955	100.00	% \$ 67,460	100.00	%
PCI loans previously reported			\$ 4,716		
PCI loans previously reported as covered by the FDIC			62,744		
Total PCI loans			\$ 67,460		

The following table is a summary of interest income on PCI loans for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (dollars in thousands):

	2015	2014	2013
Interest income on PCI loans	\$ 7,875	\$ 556	\$ —
Interest income on PCI loans previously reported as covered by the FDIC	—	10,672	11,936
Total interest income on PCI loans	\$ 7,875	\$ 11,228	\$ 11,936

The allowance for loan losses related to the PCI loans of \$98,000 was transferred to the allowance for loan losses effective April 1, 2014, and was related to commercial real estate loans. The remaining allowance for loan losses on loans previously reported as covered by the FDIC of \$386,000 at December 31, 2014 related to residential 1-4 family loans. All balances have been reclassified to the allowance for loan losses on PCI loans for all periods presented. There was no activity in the allowance for loan losses on PCI loans for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013.

The following table presents information on the PCI loans collectively evaluated for impairment in the allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2015 and 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Allowance for loan losses	Recorded investment in loans	Allowance for loan losses	Recorded investment in loans
Mortgage loans on real estate:				
Residential 1-4 family	\$ 484	\$ 52,696	\$ 386	\$ 60,171
Commercial	—	850	98	1,148
Construction and land development	—	2,310	—	2,456
Second mortgages	—	2,822	—	3,409
Multifamily	—	277	—	276
Total real estate loans	484	58,955	484	67,460
Total PCI loans	\$ 484	\$ 58,955	\$ 484	\$ 67,460
PCI loans previously reported			\$ 98	\$ 4,716
PCI loans previously reported as covered by the FDIC			386	62,744

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Total PCI loans \$ 484    \$ 67,460

The change in the accretable yield balance for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 is as follows (dollars in thousands):

Balance, January 1, 2013	\$54,144
Accretion	(11,936)
Reclassification from nonaccretable yield	9,307
Balance, December 31, 2013	51,515
PCI loans	
Accretion	(554 )
Reclassification from nonaccretable yield	852
PCI loans previously reported as covered by the FDIC	
Accretion	(10,650)
Reclassification from nonaccretable yield	9,919
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$51,082
PCI loans	\$5,071
PCI loans previously reported as covered by the FDIC	46,011
Balance, December 31, 2014	51,082
Accretion	(7,811 )
Reclassification from nonaccretable yield	5,857
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$49,128

The PCI loans were not classified as nonperforming assets as of December 31, 2015, as the loans are accounted for on a pooled basis, and interest income, through accretion of the difference between the carrying amount of the loans and the expected cash flows, is being recognized on all PCI loans.

**Note 5. FDIC Agreements and FDIC Indemnification Asset**

On January 30, 2009, the Company entered into a Purchase and Assumption Agreement with the FDIC to assume all of the deposits and certain other liabilities and acquire substantially all assets of SFSB. Under the shared-loss agreements that are part of that agreement, the FDIC reimbursed the Bank for 80% of losses arising from the acquired loans and foreclosed real estate assets, on the first \$118 million in losses on such loans and foreclosed real estate assets, and for 95% of losses on acquired loans and foreclosed real estate assets thereafter. Under the shared-loss agreements, a “loss” on an acquired loan or foreclosed real estate was defined generally as a realized loss incurred through a permitted disposition, foreclosure, short-sale or restructuring of the acquired loan or foreclosed real estate. The reimbursements for losses on single family, residential 1-4 family mortgage assets were to be made quarterly through March 2019 for losses incurred through January 2019, and the reimbursements for losses on other assets were made quarterly through March 2014. The shared-loss agreements provided for indemnification from the first dollar of losses without any threshold requirement. The reimbursable losses from the FDIC were based on the book value of the relevant loan as determined by the FDIC at the date of the transaction, January 30, 2009. New loans made after that date were not covered by the shared-loss agreements. The fair value of the shared-loss agreements is detailed below.

The Company accounted for the shared-loss agreements with the FDIC as an indemnification asset pursuant to the guidance in FASB ASC 805, *Business Combinations*. The FDIC indemnification asset was required to be measured in the same manner as the asset or liability to which it related. The FDIC indemnification asset was measured separately from the acquired loans and other real estate owned assets (OREO) because it was not contractually embedded in the acquired loan and OREO and was not transferable had the Company chosen to dispose of them. Fair value was estimated using projected cash flows available for loss sharing based on the credit adjustments estimated for each loan pool and other real estate owned and the loss sharing percentages outlined in the shared-loss agreements. These cash flows were discounted to reflect the uncertainty of the timing and receipt of the loss sharing reimbursement from the FDIC.

During the third quarter of 2015, the Company terminated the shared-loss agreement relating to the single family, residential 1-4 family mortgage assets. As part of this termination, the FDIC paid the Company \$3.1 million as consideration for the early termination of the shared-loss agreement. All rights and obligations of the parties under the shared-loss agreements, including the provision to reimburse recoveries received related to the agreement that terminated in March 2014, have been eliminated under the termination agreement. The proceeds from the FDIC were first applied to the outstanding FDIC receivable of \$775,000. The remaining FDIC indemnification asset balance of \$13.1 million was charged-off as additional FDIC indemnification asset amortization expense.

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The following table presents the balances of the FDIC indemnification asset at December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (dollars in thousands):

	Anticipated Expected Losses	Estimated Loss Sharing Value	Amortizable Premium (Discount) at Present Value	FDIC Indemnification Asset Total
January 1, 2013	\$ 23,205	\$ 18,564	\$ 15,273	\$ 33,837
Increases:				
Writedown of OREO property to FMV	344	275		275
Decreases:				
Net amortization of premium			(6,449 )	(6,449 )
Reclassifications to FDIC receivable:				
Net loan charge-offs and recoveries	(1,268 )	(1,014 )		(1,014 )
OREO sales	(1,180 )	(944 )		(944 )
Reimbursements requested from FDIC	(370 )	(296 )		(296 )
Reforecasted Change in Anticipated Expected Losses	(7,217 )	(5,774 )	5,774	—
December 31, 2013	13,514	10,811	14,598	25,409
Increases:				
Writedown of OREO property to FMV	34	27		27
Decreases:				
Net amortization of premium			(5,795 )	(5,795 )
Reclassifications to FDIC receivable:				
Net loan charge-offs and recoveries	(87 )	(69 )		(69 )
OREO sales	(1,085 )	(868 )		(868 )
Reimbursements requested from FDIC	(118 )	(95 )		(95 )
Reforecasted Change in Anticipated Expected Losses	(6,707 )	(5,365 )	5,365	—
December 31, 2014	5,551	4,441	14,168	18,609
Increases:				
Writedown of OREO property to FMV	—	—		—
Decreases:				
Net amortization of premium			(3,104 )	(3,104 )
Charge-off due to termination of shared-loss agreement			(13,091 )	(13,091 )
Reclassifications to FDIC receivable:				
Net loan charge-offs and recoveries	34	27		27
OREO sales	(131 )	(105 )		(105 )
Reimbursements requested from FDIC	(2,920 )	(2,336 )		(2,336 )
Reforecasted Change in Anticipated Expected Losses	(2,534 )	(2,027 )	2,027	—
December 31, 2015	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

**Note 6. Premises and Equipment**

A summary of the bank premises and equipment is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Land	\$ 8,060	\$ 8,171
Land improvements and buildings	19,815	21,468
Leasehold improvements	315	257
Furniture and equipment	8,211	7,199
Construction in progress	171	1,792
Total	36,572	38,887
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(9,194)	(9,185)
Bank premises and equipment, net	\$ 27,378	\$ 29,702

Depreciation expense was \$1.6 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013.

**Note 7. Other Real Estate Owned**

During the third quarter of 2015, the Company terminated the shared-loss agreement with the FDIC relating to the single family, residential 1-4 family mortgage assets. As a result of this termination, the Company reclassified its other real estate owned previously reported as covered by the FDIC to other real estate owned, which was previously reported as other real estate owned, non-covered, for all periods presented.

The following table presents the balances of other real estate owned at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
	Other real estate owned	Other real estate owned
Residential 1-4 family	\$ 1,407	\$ 2,339
Commercial	634	1,868
Construction and land development	3,449	3,536
Total other real estate owned	\$ 5,490	\$ 7,743
Other real estate owned previously reported as non-covered		5,724
Other real estate owned previously reported as covered by the FDIC		2,019
Total other real estate owned		\$ 7,743

At December 31, 2015, the Company had \$1.4 million in residential 1-4 family loans and PCI loans that were in the process of foreclosure.

**Note 8. Other Intangibles**

Core deposit intangibles are recognized, amortized and evaluated for impairment as required by FASB ASC 350, *Intangibles*. As a result of the mergers with TransCommunity Financial Corporation (TFC), and BOE Financial Services of Virginia, Inc. (BOE) on May 31, 2008, the Company recorded \$15.0 million in core deposit intangible assets, which are being amortized over 9 years. Core deposit intangibles resulting from the Georgia and Maryland transactions, in 2008 and 2009, respectively, equaled \$3.2 million and \$2.1 million, respectively, and are being amortized over 9 years. The core deposit intangible related to the Georgia transaction was written off in conjunction with the sale of the branches in that market (See Note 30). The Company estimates that it will recognize amortization expense of \$1.9 million in the year ended December 31, 2016 and the final \$898,000 in the year ended December 31, 2017.

Other intangible assets are presented in the following table (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014
Core deposit intangibles	\$ 20,290		\$ 20,290
Accumulated amortization	(16,012	)	(14,104
Reduction due to sale of deposits	(1,473	)	(1,473
Balance	\$ 2,805		\$ 4,713

### Note 9. Deposits

The following table provides interest bearing deposit information, by type, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
NOW	\$ 128,761	\$ 123,682
MMDA	108,810	101,784
Savings	84,047	78,478
Time deposits less than or equal to \$250,000	409,085	416,628
Time deposits over \$250,000	118,600	113,809
Total interest bearing deposits	\$ 849,303	\$ 834,381

The scheduled maturities of time deposits at December 31, 2015 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

2016	\$404,536
2017	68,046
2018	21,955
2019	15,684
2020	17,464
Total	\$527,685

### Note 10. Borrowings

The Company uses borrowings in conjunction with deposits to fund lending and investing activities. Borrowings include funding of a short-term and long-term nature. Short-term funding includes overnight borrowings from correspondent banks and securities sold under agreements to repurchase. The following information is provided for short-term borrowings balances, rates, and maturities (dollars in thousands):

	As of December 31	
	2015	2014
Short-term:		
Federal Funds purchased	\$18,921	\$14,500
Maximum month-end outstanding balance	\$18,921	\$14,500
Average outstanding balance during the year	\$1,516	\$1,855
Average interest rate during the year	0.76 %	0.57 %
Average interest rate at end of year	1.28 %	0.51 %

Long-term borrowings are obtained through the FHLB of Atlanta. As of December 31, 2015, the Company had residential 1-4 family mortgages in the amount of \$141.0 million pledged as collateral to the FHLB for a total borrowing capacity of \$123.5 million. The Company had \$10.7 million and \$11.4 million in variable rate long-term borrowings at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

On April 23, 2014, the Company repurchased the then outstanding 10,680 shares of Series A Preferred Stock (see Note 28). The Company funded the repurchase through an unsecured third-party term loan. The term loan, which has a maturity date of April 21, 2017, requires that the Company make quarterly payments of 7.5% of the initial outstanding principal, plus accrued interest, during a six-quarter period beginning with the quarter ending December 31, 2014, quarterly payments of 10% of the initial outstanding principal, plus accrued interest, during the subsequent four-quarter period and the remaining principal amount and accrued interest at maturity. The interest rate resets

quarterly based on three-month LIBOR plus 3.50% per annum. The Company made an unscheduled principal payment of \$1.0 million during the third quarter leaving a balance of \$9.7 million as of December 31, 2014. The terms of the loan require the Company to be in compliance with certain covenants, such as maintenance of minimum regulatory capital ratios, minimum return on assets, minimum cash on hand and minimum dividend capacity, and subsidiary dividend restrictions.

The termination of the shared-loss arrangement in September 2015 adversely impacted the specific covenants related to return on average assets and dividend capacity. Accordingly, effective as of September 10, 2015, the lender waived non-compliance with the return on average assets covenant for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 and amended the definition of return on average assets to provide adjustments to balance the impact of the termination of the shared-loss arrangement through June 30, 2016. In addition, the lender amended and combined the covenants with respect to minimum cash and dividend capacity of the borrower, also to balance the impact of such termination, and waived non-compliance with the dividend capacity covenant during the period from September 30, 2015 through and including March 30, 2016. The Company was in compliance with all other covenants at December 31, 2015.

The following information is provided for long-term borrowings balances, rates, and maturities (dollars in thousands):

	As of December 31		Interest Rates	Maturities
	2015	2014		
Long-term:				
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	\$95,656	\$96,401	0.35-1.80 %	2016 - 2019
Long-term debt	5,675	9,680	3.82 %	2017
Total long-term borrowings	\$101,331	\$106,081		

Maturities of long-term debt at December 31, 2015 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

2016	\$84,005
2017	6,670
2018	—
2019	10,656
Total	\$101,331

The Company had unsecured lines of credit with correspondent banks available for overnight borrowing totaling \$45.0 million at December 31, 2015.

#### Note 11. Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income

The following tables present activity net of tax in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income (AOCI) for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015				Total Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income
	Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Securities	Defined Benefit Pension Plan	Gain/Loss on Cash Flow Hedge		
Beginning balance	\$1,452	\$ (811)	) \$ 23		\$ 664
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	(697 )	(93 )	) (154 )		(944 )
Amounts reclassified from AOCI	(312 )	3	) —		(309 )
Net current period other comprehensive loss	(1,009)	(90 )	) (154 )		(1,253 )
Ending balance	\$443	\$ (901)	) \$ (131)		\$ (589 )

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	December 31, 2014				Total Other
	Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Securities	Defined Benefit Pension Plan	Gain/Loss on Cash Flow Hedge		Comprehensive (Loss) Income
Beginning balance	\$(3,954)	\$ (155 )	\$ —		\$ (4,109 )
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	6,125	(659 )	23		5,489
Amounts reclassified from AOCI	(719 )	3	—		(716 )
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss)	5,406	(656 )	23		4,773
Ending balance	\$1,452	\$ (811 )	\$ 23		\$ 664

	December 31, 2013			Total Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income
	Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Securities	Defined Benefit Pension Plan	Gain/Loss on Cash Flow Hedge	
Beginning balance	\$3,903	\$ (1,075 )	\$ —	\$ 2,828
Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications	(7,515)	965	—	(6,550 )
Amounts reclassified from AOCI	(342 )	(45 )	—	(387 )
Net current period other comprehensive (loss) income	(7,857)	920	—	(6,937 )
Ending balance	\$(3,954)	\$ (155 )	\$ —	\$ (4,109 )

The following tables present the effects of reclassifications out of AOCI on line items of consolidated (loss) income for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (dollars in thousands):

Details about AOCI	Amount Reclassified from AOCI			Affected Line Item in the Consolidated Statement of Income
	Year ended December 31			
	2015	2014	2013	
Securities available for sale				
Unrealized gains on securities available for sale	\$ (472 )	\$ (1,089 )	\$ (518 )	Gain on securities transactions, net
Related tax expense	160	370	176	Income tax (benefit) expense
	(312 )	(719 )	(342 )	Net of tax
Defined benefit plan				
Amortization of prior service cost	5	4	(68 )	(1)
Related tax (benefit) expense	(2 )	(1 )	23	Income tax (benefit) expense
	3	3	(45 )	Net of tax
Total reclassifications for the period	\$ (309 )	\$ (716 )	\$ (387 )	

<sup>(1)</sup> This other comprehensive (loss) income component is included in the computation of net periodic pension cost (see Note 13 for details).

**Note 12. Income Taxes**

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities as of December 31 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
Deferred tax assets:			
Allowance for loan losses	\$3,415	\$3,315	\$3,715
Deferred compensation	493	661	633
Nonaccrual loan interest	—	—	931
Unrealized loss on available for sale securities	—	—	2,037
FAS 158 adjustment pension	464	417	81
Stock based compensation	—	—	205
Purchase accounting adjustment (1)	5,696	—	—
Depreciation premises and equipment	—	180	118
OREO	569	667	618
Other	440	392	146
	11,077	5,632	8,484
Deferred tax liabilities:			
Accrued pension	426	411	355
Purchase accounting adjustment (1)	—	942	2,257
Unrealized gain on available for sale securities	228	747	—
Depreciation premises and equipment	287	—	—
Other	18	123	56
	959	2,223	2,668
Net deferred tax asset	\$10,118	\$3,409	\$5,816

(1) Purchase accounting adjustment includes timing differences related to PCI loans, purchased fixed assets, and differences in income recognition on the purchase transactions.

The Company has analyzed the tax positions taken or expected to be taken in its tax returns and concluded that it has no liability related to uncertain tax positions in accordance with FASB ASC 740, *Income Taxes*.

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The Company has evaluated the need for a deferred tax valuation allowance for the year ended December 31, 2015 in accordance with FASB ASC 740. Based on a three year income projection of taxable income and tax strategies that would result in potential securities gains and the effects of off-setting deferred tax liabilities, the Company believes that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets are realizable. Therefore, no allowance is required. Years 2012 through 2015 are subject to audit by taxing authorities.

Allocation of the income tax expense between current and deferred portions is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
Current tax provision	\$3,450	\$2,768	\$—
Deferred tax expense (benefit)	(6,077)	(40 )	2,497
Income tax expense (benefit)	\$(2,627)	\$2,728	\$2,497

The following is a reconciliation of the expected income tax (benefit) expense with the reported expense for each year:

	December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
Statutory federal income tax rate	(34.0)%	34.0%	34.0%
(Reduction) Increase in taxes resulting from:			
Municipal interest	(13.6)	(3.1 )	(2.6 )
Bank owned life insurance income	(4.9 )	(3.8 )	(3.0 )
Other, net	1.2	(0.5 )	1.3
Effective tax rate	(51.3)%	26.6%	29.7%

**Note 13. Employee Benefit Plans**

The Company adopted the Bank of Essex noncontributory, defined benefit pension plan for all full-time pre-merger Bank of Essex employees over 21 years of age. Benefits are generally based upon years of service and the employees' compensation. The Company funds pension costs in accordance with the funding provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

The Company has frozen the plan benefits for all the Defined Benefit Plan participants effective December 31, 2010. The following table provides a reconciliation of the changes in the plan's benefit obligations and fair value of assets for the year ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	December 31	
	2015	2014
<b>Change in Benefit Obligation</b>		
Benefit obligation, beginning of year	\$5,154	\$4,662
Interest cost	189	223
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(143 )	845
Benefits paid	(405 )	(583 )
Settlement gain	41	7
Benefit obligation, ending	\$4,836	\$5,154
<b>Change in Plan Assets</b>		
Fair value of plan assets, beginning of year	\$5,135	\$5,485
Actual return on plan assets	(5 )	233
Benefits paid	(405 )	(583 )
Fair value of plan assets, ending	4,725	5,135
Funded Status	\$(111 )	\$(19 )
<b>Amounts Recognized in the Balance Sheet</b>		
Other liabilities	\$(111 )	\$(19 )
<b>Amounts Recognized in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income</b>		
Net loss	\$1,307	\$1,165
Prior service cost	58	63
Deferred tax	(464 )	(417 )
Total amount recognized	\$901	\$811

The accumulated benefit obligation for the defined benefit pension plan at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$4.8 million and \$5.2 million, respectively.

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The following table provides the components of net periodic benefit cost for the plan for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (dollars in thousands):

	December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
Components of net periodic benefit cost:			
Interest cost	\$ 189	\$ 223	\$ 224
Expected return on plan assets	(353)	(396)	(405 )
Amortization of prior service cost	5	4	-
Recognized net loss due to settlement	70	19	147
Recognized net actuarial loss	43	-	69
Net periodic (benefit) cost	\$(46 )	\$(150)	\$35
Total recognized in net periodic benefit cost and accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	\$92	\$842	\$(1,359)

The weighted-average assumptions used in the measurement of the Company's benefit obligation and net periodic benefit cost are shown in the following table:

	December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
Discount rate used for net periodic pension cost	4.00%	5.00%	4.00%
Discount rate used for disclosure	4.25%	4.00%	5.00%
Expected return on plan assets	7.50%	7.50%	8.00%

Other changes in plan assets and benefit obligations recognized in other comprehensive income during 2015 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Net loss	\$142
Amortization of prior service cost	(5 )
Total amount recognized	\$137

The estimated amounts that will amortize from accumulated other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost in 2016 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Prior service cost	\$5
Net loss due to settlement	53
Total amount recognized	\$58

### **Long-Term Rate of Return**

The plan sponsor selects the expected long-term rate of return on assets assumption in consultation with its investment advisors and actuary. This rate is intended to reflect the average rate of earnings expected to be earned on the funds invested or to be invested to provide plan benefits. Historical performance is reviewed, especially with respect to real rates of return (net of inflation), for the major asset classes held or anticipated to be held by the trust, and for the trust itself. Undue weight is not given to recent experience that may not continue over the measurement period, with higher significance placed on current forecasts of future long-term economic conditions.

Because assets are held in a qualified trust, anticipated returns are not reduced for taxes. Further, solely for this purpose, the plan is assumed to continue in force and not terminate during the period during which assets are invested.

However, consideration is given to the potential impact of current and future investment policy, cash flow into and out of the trust, and expenses (both investment and non-investment) typically paid from plan assets (to the extent such expenses are not explicitly estimated within periodic cost).

**Asset Allocation**

The pension plan's weighted-average asset allocations as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 by asset category were as follows:

Asset Category	December 31	
	2015	2014
Mutual funds — fixed income	40.00 %	40.00 %
Mutual funds — equity	60.00	60.00
Cash and equivalents	0.00	0.00
Total	100.00%	100.00%

The fair value of plan assets is measured based on the fair value hierarchy as discussed in Note 22, "Fair Values of Assets and Liabilities", to the Consolidated Financial Statements. The valuations are based on third party data received as of the balance sheet date. All plan assets are considered Level 1 assets, as quoted prices exist in active markets for identical assets.

The following table presents the fair value of plan assets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	Assets measured at Fair Value (Level 1)	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Cash	\$ 7	\$ 6
Mutual funds:		
Fixed income funds	1,903	2,031
International funds	686	772
Large cap funds	1,117	801
Mid cap funds	550	546
Small cap funds	219	181
Stock fund	243	798
	\$ 4,725	\$ 5,135

The trust fund is sufficiently diversified to maintain a reasonable level of risk without imprudently sacrificing return, with a targeted asset allocation of 40% fixed income and 60% equities. The investment manager selects investment fund managers with demonstrated experience and expertise, and funds with demonstrated historical performance, for the implementation of the plan's investment strategy. The investment manager will consider both actively and passively managed investment strategies and will allocate funds across the asset classes to develop an efficient investment structure.

It is the responsibility of the trustee to administer the investments of the trust within reasonable costs, being careful to avoid sacrificing quality. These costs include, but are not limited to, management and custodial fees, consulting fees, transaction costs and other administrative costs chargeable to the trust.

Estimated future contributions and benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Expected Employer Contributions	
2016	\$—
Expected Benefit Payments	
2016	756
2017	99
2018	217
2019	606
2020	200

**401(k) Plan**

The Company combined the acquired BOE 401(k) and TFC 401(k) plans into the Essex Bank 401(k) plan effective October 1, 2010. The employee may contribute up to 100% of compensation, subject to statutory limitations. The Company matches 100% of employee contributions on the first 3% of compensation, then the Company matches 50% of employee contributions on the next 2% of compensation.

The amounts charged to expense under these plans for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$584,000, \$475,000 and \$472,000, respectively.

**Deferred Compensation Agreements**

The Company has deferred compensation agreements with certain key employees and the Board of Directors. The retirement benefits to be provided are fixed based upon the amount of compensation earned and deferred. Deferred compensation expense amounted to \$154,000, \$165,000 and \$124,000 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The expense associated with these agreements is offset by increased cash surrender value of life insurance policies on the individuals.

**Note 14. Stock Option Plans****2009 Stock Option Plan**

In 2009, the Company adopted the Community Bankers Trust Corporation 2009 Stock Incentive Plan (the “Plan”). The purpose of the Plan is to further the long-term stability and financial success of the Company by attracting and retaining employees and directors through the use of stock incentives and other rights that promote and recognize the financial success and growth of the Company. The Company believes that ownership of company stock will stimulate the efforts of such employees and directors by further aligning their interests with the interest of the Company’s shareholders. The Plan is to be used to grant restricted stock awards, stock options in the form of incentive stock options and nonstatutory stock options, stock appreciation rights and other stock-based awards to employees and directors of the Company for up to 2,650,000 shares of common stock. No more than 1,500,000 shares may be issued in connection with the exercise of incentive stock options. Annual grants of stock options are limited to 500,000 shares for each participant.

The exercise price of an incentive stock option cannot be less than 100% of the fair market value of such shares on the date of grant, provided that if the participant owns, directly or indirectly, stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company, the exercise price of an incentive stock option shall not be less than 110% of the fair market value of such shares on the date of grant. The exercise price of nonstatutory stock option awards cannot be less than 100% of the fair market value of such shares on the date of grant. The option exercise price may be paid in cash or with shares of common stock, or a combination of cash and common stock, if permitted under the participant’s option agreement. The Plan will expire on June 17, 2019, unless terminated sooner by the Board of Directors.

The fair value of each option granted is estimated on the date of grant using the “Black Scholes Option Pricing” method with the following assumptions for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

	2015	2014	2013
Expected volatility	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Expected dividend	1.0%	1.0%	2.0%
Expected term (years)	6.25	6.25	6.25
Risk free rate	1.67%	2.00%	1.38%

The expected volatility is an estimate of the volatility of the Company’s share price based on historical performance. The risk free interest rates for periods within the contractual life of the awards are based on the U. S. Treasury Zero Coupon implied yield at the time of the grant correlating to the expected term. The expected term is based on the

simplified method as provided by the Securities and Exchange Commission Staff Accounting Bulletin No 110 (SAB 110). In accordance with SAB 110, the Company has chosen to use the simplified method, as this is the first plan issued by the Company as Community Bankers Trust Corporation; therefore, minimal historical exercise data exists. The dividend yield assumption is based on the Company's history and expectation of dividend payouts over the life of the options at the time of the grant.

The Company plans to issue new shares of common stock when options are exercised.

In January 2013, the Company granted 25,000 restricted shares of common stock to an executive officer in accordance with the minimum rules for long-term equity grants for companies participating in the Department of the Treasury's TARP Capital Purchase Program. These rules require that for each 25% of total financial assistance repaid, 25% of the total restricted stock may become transferrable. Following the Company's repayment of such financial assistance, 25% of this award vested and became transferable in January 2014 and January 2015. The remaining 50% of this award will vest (and will become transferable) in January 2016 and January 2017 in accordance with the terms of the award. See Note 28 for further information related to the Company's participation in the TARP Capital Purchase Program.

The Company issues equity grants to non-employee directors as payment for annual retainer fees. The fair market value of these grants was the closing price of the Company's stock at the grant date. A summary of these grants for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 is shown in the following table:

Month	For the Year Ended					
	2015		2014		2013	
	Shares Issued	Fair Market Value	Shares Issued	Fair Market Value	Shares Issued	Fair Market Value
March	8,882	4.39	7,375	4.00	8,751	3.37
June	8,862	4.40	9,954	4.16	9,096	3.24
September	7,722	5.05	8,901	4.38	8,073	3.65
December	7,205	5.41	8,697	4.48	7,965	3.70

The Company granted 230,000 options in 2013, 175,000 options in 2014 and 320,000 options in 2015 to employees which vest ratably over the requisite service period of four years. A summary of options outstanding for the year ended December 31, 2015, is shown in the following table:

	Options Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at beginning of year	707,750	\$ 2.54	
Granted	320,000	4.37	
Forfeited	(38,750 )	3.77	
Expired	—	—	
Exercised	(36,500 )	2.35	
Outstanding at end of year	952,500	3.11	\$ 2,152,710
Options outstanding and exercisable at end of year	406,000	2.25	\$ 1,267,816

Weighted average remaining contractual life for outstanding and exercisable shares at year end 72 months

The weighted average fair value per option of options granted during the year was \$1.97, \$1.73 and \$1.16 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The aggregate intrinsic value of a stock option in the table above represents the aggregate pre-tax intrinsic value (the amount by which the current market value of the underlying stock exceeds the exercise price of the option) that would have been received by option holders had all option holders exercised their options on December 31, 2015. This amount changes with changes in the market value of the Company's stock. The Company received \$86,000, \$39,000 and \$6,000 in cash related to option exercises with a total intrinsic value of \$93,000, \$74,000 and \$11,000 during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013,

respectively. A tax benefit of \$34,000 and \$38,000 was recognized in additional paid-in-capital in connection with the option exercises and issuances of restricted stock during 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The Company recorded total stock-based compensation expense of \$467,000, \$330,000 and \$253,000 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Of the \$467,000 in expense that was recorded in 2015, \$310,000 related to employee grants and is classified as personnel expense; \$157,000 related to the non-employee director grants and is classified as other operating expenses. Of the \$330,000 in expense that was recorded in 2014, \$181,000 related to employee grants and is classified as personnel expense; \$149,000 related to the non-employee director grants and is classified as other operating expenses. Of the \$253,000 in expense that was recorded in 2013, \$135,000 related to employee grants and is classified as personnel expense; \$118,000 related to the non-employee director grants and is classified as other operating expenses.

The following table summarizes non-vested options and restricted stock outstanding at December 31, 2015:

	Options		Restricted Stock	
		Weighted Average Grant-Date <b>Fair Value</b>		Weighted Average Grant-Date <b>Fair Value</b>
	<b>Number of Shares</b>		<b>Number of Shares</b>	
Non-vested at beginning of the year	401,750	\$ 1.22	18,750	\$ 2.86
Granted	320,000	1.97	—	—
Vested	(136,500 )	1.08	(6,250 )	2.86
Forfeited	(38,750 )	1.66	—	—
Non-vested at end of year	546,500	1.66	12,500	2.86

The unrecognized compensation expense related to non-vested options and restricted stock was \$620,000 at December 31, 2015 to be recognized over a weighted average period of 31 months. The total fair market value of shares vested during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 was \$148,000, \$101,000 and \$42,000, respectively.

#### **TFC and BOE Stock Option Plans**

Prior to the mergers, both TFC and BOE maintained stock option plans as incentives for certain officers and directors. During 2007, TFC replaced its stock option plan with an equity compensation plan that issued restricted stock awards. Under the terms of these plans, all options and awards were fully vested and exercisable, and any unrecognized compensation expenses were accelerated. Due to the mergers on May 31, 2008, these plans were terminated and the Company issued replacement options amounting to 332,351 and 161,426 to former employees of TFC and BOE, which represented exchange rates of 1.42 and 5.7278, respectively.

The options were valued at \$1.488 million using the Black-Scholes model at the time of acquisition of TFC and BOE by the Company. The options were considered part of the acquisition price and, therefore, were not expensed by the Company. Assumptions were for a discount rate of 4.06% and 25% volatility with a remaining term of 4.83 years for TFC options and 5.25 years for BOE options.

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All remaining outstanding TFC options expired during the year ended December 31, 2013, and all remaining outstanding BOE options expired during the year ended December 31, 2014.

The aggregate intrinsic value of the options outstanding and exercisable was zero for each of the years ended December 31, 2014, and 2013.

**Note 15. Earnings (Loss) Per Common Share**

Basic earnings (loss) per common share (EPS) is computed by dividing net income or loss available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period, including the effect of all potentially dilutive common shares outstanding attributable to stock instruments (dollars and shares in thousands, except per share data):

	Net (Loss) Income Available to Common Shareholders (Numerator)	Weighted Average Common Shares (Denominator)	Per Common Share Amount
For the year ended December 31, 2015			
Basic EPS	\$ (2,497 )	21,827	\$ (0.11 )
Effect of dilutive stock awards	—	—	—
Diluted EPS	\$ (2,497 )	21,827	\$ (0.11 )
For the year ended December 31, 2014			
Basic EPS	\$ 7,269	21,755	\$ 0.33
Effect of dilutive stock awards	—	226	—
Diluted EPS	\$ 7,269	21,981	\$ 0.33
For the year ended December 31, 2013			
Shares issued		21,689	
Unissued vested restricted stock		11	
Basic EPS	\$ 4,787	21,700	\$ 0.22
Effect of dilutive stock awards	—	222	—
Diluted EPS	\$ 4,787	21,922	\$ 0.22

Antidilutive common shares issuable under awards or options of 953,000 and 40,000 were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per common share for the years ended 2015 and 2013, respectively. There were no antidilutive exclusions from the computation of diluted earnings per common share for the year ended 2014.

**Note 16. Related Party Transactions**

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank has and expects to continue to have transactions, including borrowings, with its executive officers, directors, and their affiliates. The table below presents the activity for both direct and indirect loans at December 31, 2015 and 2014 (dollars in thousands).

	December 31	
	2015	2014
Balance, beginning of year	\$2,081	\$2,301
Principal additions	5,517	1,384
Repayments and reclassifications	(871 )	(1,604)
Balance, end of year	\$6,727	\$2,081

Indirect loans at December 31, 2015 and 2014 were \$6.7 million and \$2.1 million, respectively.

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Bank held deposits of related parties in the amount of \$2.0 million and \$976,000, respectively.

#### **Note 17. Cash Flow Hedge**

On November 7, 2014, the Company entered into an interest rate swap with a total notional amount of \$30 million. The Company designated the swap as a cash flow hedge intended to protect against the variability in the expected future cash flows on the designated variable rate borrowings. The swap hedges the interest rate risk, wherein the Company will receive an interest rate based on the three month LIBOR from the counterparty and pays an interest rate of 1.69% to the same counterparty calculated on the notional amount for a term of five years. The Company intends to sequentially issue a series of three month fixed rate debt as part of a planned roll-over of short term debt for five years. The forecasted funding will be provided through one of the following wholesale funding sources: a new FHLB advance, a new repurchase agreement, or a pool of brokered CDs, based on whichever market offers the most advantageous pricing at the time that pricing is first initially determined for the effective date of the swap and each reset period thereafter. Each quarter when the Company rolls over the three month debt, it will decide at that time which funding source to use for that quarterly period.

The swap was entered into with a counterparty that met the Company's credit standards, and the agreement contains collateral provisions protecting the at-risk party. The Company believes that the credit risk inherent in the contract is not significant. The Company had \$440,000 and \$150,000 of cash pledged as collateral as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Amounts receivable or payable are recognized as accrued under the terms of the agreements. In accordance with FASB ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, the Company has designated the swap as a cash flow hedge, with the effective portions of the derivatives' unrealized gains or losses recorded as a component of other comprehensive income. The ineffective portions of the unrealized gains or losses, if any, would be recorded in other operating expense. The Company has assessed the effectiveness of each hedging relationship by comparing the changes in cash flows on the designated hedged item. The Company's cash flow hedge was deemed to be effective for the year end 2015 and 2014. The fair value of the Company's cash flow hedge was an unrealized loss of \$199,000 at December 31, 2015 and an unrealized gain of \$23,000 at December 31, 2014, and was recorded in other liabilities and other assets, respectively. Unrealized gains and losses were recorded as a component of other comprehensive income.

#### **Note 18. Dividend Limitations on Affiliate Bank**

Transfers of funds from the banking subsidiary to the parent corporation in the form of loans, advances and cash dividends are restricted by federal and state regulatory authorities. All transfers of funds from the banking subsidiary to the parent corporation require prior approval from federal and state regulatory authorities as a result of the retained deficit at the banking subsidiary. However, there are guidelines that exist that guide the bank as to amounts that may be transferred with appropriate prior approval. As of December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the aggregate amount of funds that could be transferred from the banking subsidiary to the parent corporation, with prior regulatory approval, totaled \$0, \$1.1 million and \$3.5 million, respectively.

#### **Note 19. Concentration of Credit Risk**

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Bank's loan portfolio consisted of commercial, real estate and consumer (installment) loans. Real estate secured loans represented the largest concentration at 86.53% and 85.33% of the loan portfolio for 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The Bank maintains a portion of its cash balances with several financial institutions located in its market area. Accounts at each institution are secured by the FDIC up to \$250,000. Uninsured balances were \$4.5 million and \$5.1 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

**Note 20. Financial Instruments With Off-Balance Sheet Risk**

The Bank is party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit. Those instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the balance sheet. The contract amounts of those instruments reflect the extent of involvement the Bank has in particular classes of financial instruments.

The Bank's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the other party to the financial instrument for commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit is represented by the contractual amount of those instruments. The Bank uses the same credit policies in making commitments and conditional obligations as it does for on-balance sheet instruments. A summary of the contract amounts of the Bank's exposure to off-balance sheet risk as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Commitments with off-balance sheet risk:		
Commitments to extend credit	\$ 106,099	\$ 87,017
Standby letters of credit	7,146	7,358
Total commitments with off-balance sheet risks	\$ 113,245	\$ 94,375

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The Bank evaluates each customer's credit worthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by the Bank upon extension of credit, is based on management's credit evaluation of the counterparty. Collateral held varies but may include accounts receivable, inventory, property and equipment, and income-producing commercial properties.

Unfunded commitments under commercial lines of credit, revolving credit lines and overdraft protection agreements are commitments for possible future extensions of credit to existing customers. These lines of credit are generally uncollateralized and usually do not contain a specified maturity date and may be drawn upon only to the total extent to which the Bank is committed.

Standby letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the Bank to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. Those guarantees are primarily issued to support public and private borrowing arrangements, including commercial paper, bond financing, and similar transactions. The credit risk involved in issuing letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending loan facilities to customers. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by the Bank upon extension of credit, is based on management's evaluation of the counterparty. Since most of the letters of credit are expected to expire without being drawn upon, they do not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

#### **Note 21. Minimum Regulatory Capital Requirements**

The Company (on a consolidated basis) and the Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's and Bank's financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Company and the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of their assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings, and other factors. Prompt corrective action provisions are not applicable to bank holding companies.

Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Company and the Bank to maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth in the table below) of total and tier 1 capital (as defined in the regulations) to risk weighted assets (as defined), and of tier 1 capital (as defined) to adjusted average total assets (as defined). The December 31, 2015 ratios reflect changes to capital and asset risk-weighting in accordance with BASEL

III, which became effective January 1, 2015. BASEL III introduced the common equity tier 1 ratio (as defined). Management believes, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, that the Company and Bank met all capital adequacy requirements to which they are subject.

As of December 31, 2015, based on regulatory guidelines, the Company believes that it is well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. To be categorized as well capitalized, the Company and the Bank must maintain minimum total risk-based, tier 1 risk-based, common equity tier 1, and tier 1 leverage ratios as set forth in the table below. There are no conditions or events since that date that management believes have changed the Bank's category.

The Company's and the Bank's actual capital amounts and ratios are presented in the following table (dollars in thousands).

	Actual		Required for Capital Adequacy Purposes		Required in Order to be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
As of December 31, 2015:						
Total Capital to risk weighted assets						
Company	\$ 118,157	13.16 %	\$ 71,831	8.00 %	NA	NA
Bank	119,683	13.34	71,790	8.00	\$ 89,737	10.00 %
Tier 1 Capital to risk weighted assets						
Company	108,457	12.08	53,873	6.00	NA	NA
Bank	109,983	12.26	53,842	6.00	71,790	8.00
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital to risk weighted assets						
Company	104,333	11.62	40,405	4.50	NA	NA
Bank	109,983	12.26	40,382	4.50	58,329	6.50
Tier 1 Capital to adjusted average total assets						
Company	108,457	9.38	46,241	4.00	NA	NA
Bank	109,983	9.55	46,088	4.00	57,611	5.00
As of December 31, 2014:						
Total Capital to risk weighted assets						
Company	115,805	14.72	62,950	8.00	NA	NA
Bank	117,395	14.92	62,930	8.00	78,662	10.00
Tier 1 Capital to risk weighted assets						
Company	106,397	13.52	31,475	4.00	NA	NA
Bank	107,987	13.73	31,465	4.00	47,197	6.00
Tier 1 Capital to adjusted average total assets						
Company	106,397	9.36	45,487	4.00	NA	NA
Bank	107,987	9.50	45,478	4.00	56,847	5.00

## Note 22. Fair Values of Assets and Liabilities

FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. FASB ASC 820 requires that valuation techniques maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and also

establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the valuation inputs into three broad levels. 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 or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.
- Level 3—Valuation is determined using model-based techniques with significant assumptions not observable in the market. These unobservable assumptions reflect the Company's own estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Valuation techniques include the use of third party pricing services, option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

FASB ASC 825, *Financial Instruments*, allows an entity the irrevocable option to elect fair value for the initial and subsequent measurement for certain financial assets and liabilities on a contract-by-contract basis. The Company has not made any material FASB ASC 825 elections as of December 31, 2015.

**Assets and Liabilities Recorded at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis**

The Company utilizes fair value measurements to record adjustments to certain assets to determine fair value disclosures. Securities available for sale and loans held for sale are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. The tables below present the recorded amount of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investment securities available for sale				
U.S. Treasury issue and other U.S. Gov't agencies	\$49,941	\$39,748	\$10,193	\$ —
U.S. Gov't sponsored agencies	742	—	742	—
State, county and municipal	141,498	687	140,811	—
Corporate and other bonds	14,296	—	14,296	—
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov't agencies	8,496	—	8,496	—
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov't sponsored agencies	28,297	—	28,297	—
Total investment securities available for sale	243,270	40,435	202,835	—
Total assets at fair value	\$243,270	\$40,435	\$202,835	\$ —
Cash flow hedge	\$(199 )	\$—	\$(199 )	\$ —
Total liabilities at fair value	\$(199 )	\$—	\$(199 )	\$ —
	December 31, 2014			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investment securities available for sale				
U.S. Treasury issue and other U.S. Gov't agencies	\$98,707	\$94,464	\$4,243	\$ —
State, county and municipal	137,477	5,596	131,881	—
Corporate and other bonds	11,883	—	11,883	—
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov't agencies	2,258	—	2,258	—
Mortgage backed – U.S. Gov't sponsored agencies	24,243	—	24,243	—
Total investment securities available for sale	274,568	100,060	174,508	—
Cash flow hedge	23	—	23	—
Total assets at fair value	\$274,591	\$100,060	\$174,531	\$ —
Total liabilities at fair value	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$ —

***Investment securities available for sale***

Investment securities available for sale are recorded at fair value each reporting period. Fair value measurement is based upon quoted prices, if available. If quoted prices are not available, fair values are measured using independent pricing models or other model-based valuation techniques such as the present value of future cash flows, adjusted for

the security's credit rating, prepayment assumptions and other factors such as credit loss assumptions.

The Company utilizes a third party vendor to provide fair value data for purposes of determining the fair value of its available for sale securities portfolio. The third party vendor uses a reputable pricing company for security market data. The third party vendor has controls and edits in place for month-to-month market checks and zero pricing, and a Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements No. 16 report is obtained from the third party vendor on an annual basis. The Company makes no adjustments to the pricing service data received for its securities available for sale.

Level 1 securities include those traded on an active exchange, such as the New York Stock Exchange, U.S. Treasury securities that are traded by dealers or brokers in active over-the-counter markets and money market funds. Level 2 securities include mortgage-backed securities issued by government sponsored entities, municipal bonds and corporate debt securities.

***Cash flow hedge***

The fair values of interest rate swaps are determined using the market standard methodology of netting the discounted future fixed cash receipts (or payments) and the discounted expected variable cash payments (or receipts). The variable cash payments (or receipts) are based on an expectation of future interest rates (forward curves) derived from observable market interest rate curves.

**Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis**

The Company is also required to measure and recognize certain other financial assets at fair value on a nonrecurring basis on the consolidated balance sheet. The following table presents assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2015			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Impaired loans	\$8,737	\$ —	\$ 1,982	\$6,755
Bank premises held for sale	110	—	—	110
Other real estate owned	5,490	—	31	5,459
Total assets at fair value	\$14,337	\$ —	\$ 2,013	\$12,324
Total liabilities at fair value	\$—	\$ —	\$—	\$—

	December 31, 2014			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Impaired loans	\$14,286	\$ —	\$ —	\$14,286
Other real estate owned	7,743	—	—	7,743
Total assets at fair value	\$22,029	\$ —	\$ —	\$22,029
Total liabilities at fair value	\$—	\$ —	\$ —	\$—

***Impaired loans***

Loans for which it is probable that payment of interest and principal will not be made in accordance with the contractual terms of the loan agreement are considered impaired. Once a loan is identified as individually impaired, management measures the impairment in accordance with FASB ASC 310, *Receivables*. The fair value of impaired loans is estimated using one of several methods, including collateral value and discounted cash flows. Those impaired loans not requiring an allowance represent loans for which the fair value of the expected repayments or collateral

exceeds the recorded investments in such loans. At December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, a majority of total impaired loans were evaluated based on the fair value of the collateral. The Company frequently obtains appraisals prepared by external professional appraisers for classified loans greater than \$250,000 when the most recent appraisal is greater than 18 months old and /or deemed to be invalid. When the fair value of the collateral is based on an observable market price or a current appraised value, the Company records the impaired loan within Level 2.

The Company may also identify collateral deterioration based on current market sales data, including price and absorption, as well as input from real estate sales professionals and developers, county or city tax assessments, market data and on-site inspections by Company personnel. Internally prepared estimates generally result from current market data and actual sales data related to the Company's collateral or where the collateral is located. When management determines that the fair value of the collateral is further impaired below the appraised value and there is no observable market price, the Company records the impaired loan as nonrecurring Level 3. In instances where an appraisal received subsequent to an internally prepared estimate reflects a higher collateral value, management does not revise the carrying amount. Impaired loans can also be evaluated for impairment using the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate. The measurement of impaired loans using future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate rather than the market rate of interest rate is not a fair value measurement and is therefore excluded from fair value disclosure requirements. Reviews of classified loans are performed by management on a quarterly basis.

***Bank premises and equipment held for sale***

The fair value of bank premises and equipment held for sale was determined using the adjusted appraisal methodology described in the other real estate owned (OREO) asset section below.

***Other real estate owned***

Other real estate owned (OREO) assets are recorded at the fair value of the real estate acquired at the date of foreclosure net of estimated selling costs upon transfer of the related loans to OREO property. Subsequent to the transfer, valuations are periodically performed by management and the assets are carried at the lower of carrying value or fair value less estimated selling costs. Fair value is based upon independent market prices, appraised values of the collateral or management's estimation of the value of the collateral. When the fair value of the collateral is based on an observable market price or a current appraised value, the Company records the foreclosed asset within Level 2. When an appraised value is not available or management determines that the fair value of the collateral is further impaired below the appraised value due to such things as absorption rates and market conditions, the Company records the foreclosed asset within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

FASB ASC 825, *Financial Instruments*, requires disclosure of the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities, including those financial assets and financial liabilities that are not measured and reported at fair value on a recurring or nonrecurring basis. FASB ASC 825 excludes certain financial instruments and all nonfinancial instruments from its disclosure requirements. Accordingly, the aggregate fair value amounts presented may not necessarily represent the underlying fair value of the Company.

The following reflects the fair value of financial instruments, whether or not recognized on the consolidated balance sheet, at fair value measures by level of valuation assumptions used for those assets. This table excludes financial instruments for which the carrying value approximates fair value (dollars in thousands):

December 31, 2015		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Carrying Value	<b>Estimated Fair Value</b>			

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Financial assets:

Securities held to maturity	\$36,478	\$ 37,611	\$ —	\$37,611	\$—
Loans, net of allowance	739,165	739,367	—	733,026	6,341
PCI loans, net of allowance	58,471	62,902	—	—	62,902

Financial liabilities:

Interest bearing deposits	849,303	850,770	—	850,770	—
Long-term borrowings	105,455	105,476	—	105,476	—

December 31, 2014

	Carrying Value	Estimated Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Financial assets:					
Securities held to maturity	\$36,197	\$ 37,539	\$ —	\$37,539	\$—
Loans, net of allowance	650,753	656,931	—	642,645	14,286
PCI loans, net of allowance	66,976	74,358	—	—	74,358
FDIC indemnification asset	18,609	4,242	—	—	4,242
Financial liabilities:					
Interest bearing deposits	834,381	836,658	—	836,658	—
Long-term borrowings	110,205	110,218	—	110,218	—

The following methods were used to estimate the fair value of all other financial instruments recognized in the accompanying balance sheets at amounts other than fair value as of December 31, 2015. The Company applied the provisions of FASB ASC 820 to the fair value measurements of financial instruments not recognized on the consolidated balance sheet at fair value. The provisions requiring the Company to maximize the use of observable inputs and to measure fair value using a notion of exit price were factored into the Company's selection of inputs into its established valuation techniques.

## **Financial Assets**

### ***Cash and cash equivalents***

The carrying amounts of cash and due from banks, interest bearing bank deposits, and federal funds sold approximate fair value (Level 1).

### ***Securities held for investment***

For securities held for investment, fair values are based on quoted market prices or dealer quotes (Level 1 and 2).

### ***Restricted securities***

The carrying value of restricted securities approximates their fair value based on the redemption provisions of the respective issuer (Level 2).

### ***Loans held for sale***

The carrying amounts of loans held for sale approximate fair value (Level 2).

### ***Loans***

The fair value of loans is estimated by discounting the future cash flows using the current rates at which similar loans would be made to borrowers with similar credit ratings and for the same remaining maturities. The fair value of impaired loans is consistent with the methodology used for the FASB ASC 820 disclosure for assets recorded at fair value on a nonrecurring basis presented above.

***PCI loans***

Fair values for PCI loans are based on a discounted cash flow methodology that considers various factors including the type of loan and related collateral, classification status, term of loan and whether or not the loans are amortizing. Loans were pooled together according to similar characteristics and were treated in the aggregate when applying various valuation techniques. The discount rates used for loans are based on the rates used at acquisition (which were based on market rates for new originations of comparable loans) adjusted for any material changes in interest rates since acquisition. Increases in cash flow expectations since acquisition resulted in estimated fair value being higher than carrying value. The increase in cash flows is also reflected in a transfer from unaccretable yield to accretable yield as disclosed in Note 4.

***FDIC indemnification asset***

During the third quarter of 2015, the Company terminated the shared-loss agreement relating to the single family, residential 1-4 family mortgage assets. See Note 5 for more details.

Loss sharing assets were measured separately from the related PCI assets as they were not contractually embedded in the PCI assets and were not transferable with the assets should the Company had chosen to dispose of them. Fair value was estimated using projected cash flows related to the obligations under the shared-loss agreements based on the expected reimbursements for losses and the applicable loss sharing percentages. These expected reimbursements did not include reimbursable amounts related to future expenditures. These cash flows were discounted to reflect the uncertainty of the timing and receipt of the loss sharing reimbursement from the FDIC. A reduction in loss expectations resulted in the estimated fair value of the FDIC indemnification asset being lower than its carrying value. This created a premium that was amortized over the life of the asset.

***Accrued interest receivable***

The carrying amounts of accrued interest receivable approximate fair value (Level 2).

**Financial Liabilities**

***Noninterest bearing deposits***

The carrying amount of noninterest bearing deposits approximates fair value (Level 2).

***Interest bearing deposits***

The fair value of NOW accounts, savings accounts, and certain money market deposits is the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. The fair value of fixed-maturity certificates of deposit is estimated using the rates currently offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities.

***Federal funds purchased***

The carrying amount of federal funds purchased approximates fair value.

***Long-term borrowings***

The fair values of the Company's long-term borrowings, such as FHLB advances and long-term debt, are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses based on the Company's current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

***Accrued interest payable***

The carrying amounts of accrued interest payable approximate fair value (Level 2).

*Off-balance sheet financial instruments*

The fair value of commitments to extend credit is estimated using the fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and the present creditworthiness of the counterparties. For fixed-rate loan commitments, fair value also considers the difference between current levels of interest rates and the committed rates. The fair value of stand-by letters of credit is based on fees currently charged for similar agreements or on the estimated cost to terminate them or otherwise settle the obligations with the counterparties at the reporting date. The Company's off-balance sheet commitments are funded at current market rates at the date they are drawn upon. It is management's opinion that the fair value of these commitments would approximate their carrying value, if drawn upon.

The Company assumes interest rate risk (the risk that general interest rate levels will change) as a result of its normal operations. As a result, the fair values of the Company's financial instruments will change when interest rate levels change, and that change may be either favorable or unfavorable. Management attempts to match maturities of assets and liabilities to the extent believed necessary to minimize interest rate risk. However, borrowers with fixed rate obligations are less likely to prepay in a rising rate environment and more likely to prepay in a falling rate environment. Conversely, depositors who are receiving fixed rates are more likely to withdraw funds before maturity in a rising rate environment and less likely to do so in a falling rate environment. Management monitors rates and maturities of assets and liabilities and attempts to minimize interest rate risk by adjusting terms of new loans and deposits and by investing in securities with terms that mitigate the Company's overall interest rate risk.

The fair values of interest rate swaps are determined using the market standard methodology of netting the discounted future fixed cash receipts (or payments) and the discounted expected variable cash payments (or receipts). The variable cash payments (or receipts) are based on an expectation of future interest rates (forward curves) derived from observable market interest rate curves.

**Note 23. Trust Preferred Capital Notes**

On December 12, 2003, BOE Statutory Trust I, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, was formed for the purpose of issuing redeemable capital securities. On December 12, 2003, \$4.124 million of trust preferred securities were issued through a direct placement. The securities have a LIBOR-indexed floating rate of interest. The average interest rate at December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 was 3.28%, 3.24% and 3.28%, respectively. The securities have a mandatory redemption date of December 12, 2033 and are subject to varying call provisions which began December 12, 2008. The principal asset of the Trust is \$4.124 million of the Company's junior subordinated debt securities with the like maturities and like interest rates to the capital securities.

The trust preferred notes may be included in tier 1 capital for regulatory capital adequacy determination purposes up to 25% of tier 1 capital after its inclusion. The portion of the trust preferred not considered as tier 1 capital may be included in tier 2 capital. At December 31, 2015, all trust preferred notes were included in tier 1 capital.

The obligations of the Company with respect to the issuance of the capital securities constitute a full and unconditional guarantee by the Company of the Trust's obligations with respect to the capital securities.

Subject to certain exceptions and limitations, the Company may elect from time to time to defer interest payments on the junior subordinated debt securities, which would result in a deferral of distribution payments on the related capital securities. The Company is current in its obligations under the trust preferred notes.

**Note 24. Lease Commitments**

The following table represents a summary of non-cancelable operating leases for bank premises that have initial or remaining terms in excess of one year as of December 31, 2015 (dollars in thousands):

2016	\$1,030
2017	950
2018	945
2019	934
2020	921
Thereafter	1,841
Total of future payments	\$6,621

Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 was \$790,000, \$783,000 and \$621,000, respectively.

**Note 25. Other Noninterest Expense**

Other noninterest expense totals are presented in the following tables. Components of these expenses exceeding 1.0% of the aggregate of total net interest income and total noninterest income for any of the past three years are stated separately (dollars in thousands).

	2015	2014	2013
Bank franchise tax	\$574	\$544	\$513
Telephone and internet line	714	739	699
Stationery, printing and supplies	446	449	453
Exam fees	398	567	529
Marketing expense	651	475	384
Credit expense	745	635	707
Outside vendor fees	532	388	322
Other expenses	2,407	2,550	2,339
Total other operating expenses	\$6,467	\$6,347	\$5,946

**Note 26. Parent Corporation Only Financial Statements****PARENT COMPANY****BALANCE SHEETS****AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015 and 2014****(dollars in thousands)**

	2015	2014
Assets		
Cash	\$3,680	\$7,910
Other assets	518	252
Investments in subsidiaries	110,135	113,364
Total assets	\$114,333	\$121,526
Liabilities		
Other liabilities	\$47	\$72
Balances due to non-bank subsidiary	4,124	4,124
Long term debt	5,675	9,680
Total liabilities	9,846	13,876
Shareholders' Equity		
Common stock (200,000,000 shares authorized \$0.01 par value; 21,866,944 and 21,791,523 shares issued and outstanding, respectively)	219	218
Additional paid in capital	145,907	145,321
Retained deficit	(41,050 )	(38,553 )
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(589 )	664
Total shareholders' equity	104,487	107,650
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$114,333	\$121,526

**PARENT COMPANY****STATEMENTS OF (LOSS) INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME****FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013****(dollars in thousands)**

	2015	2014	2013
Income:			
Dividends received from subsidiaries	\$—	\$8,250	\$7,820
Other operating income	4	4	4
Total income	4	8,254	7,824
Expenses:			
Interest expense	461	423	137
Management fee paid to subsidiaries	175	164	144
Stock option expense	13	7	5
State taxes	—	15	236
Professional and legal expenses	61	121	112
Other operating expenses	80	84	74
Total expenses	790	814	708
Equity in loss of subsidiaries	(1,975)	(198 )	(1,449)
Net (loss) income before income taxes	(2,761)	7,242	5,667
Income tax benefit	264	274	239
Net (loss) income	\$(2,497)	\$7,516	\$5,906
Comprehensive (loss) income	\$(3,750)	\$12,289	\$(1,031)

**PARENT COMPANY****STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013****(dollars in thousands)**

	2015	2014	2013
Operating activities:			
Net (loss) income	\$(2,497)	\$7,516	\$5,906

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Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Stock-based compensation expense	467	332	252
Undistributed equity in loss of subsidiary	1,975	198	1,449
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(231 )	1,497	(241 )
(Decrease) increase in other liabilities, net	(25 )	32	(2 )
Net cash and cash equivalents (used in) provided by operating activities	(311 )	9,575	7,364
Financing activities:			
Proceeds from long-term debt	—	10,680	—
Payment on long-term debt	(4,005)	(1,000 )	—
Redemption of preferred stock and related warrants	—	(11,460)	(7,000)
Cash dividends paid	—	(247 )	(885 )
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	86	39	6
Net cash and cash equivalents used in financing activities	(3,919)	(1,988 )	(7,879)
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(4,230)	7,587	(515 )
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	7,910	323	838
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	\$3,680	\$7,910	\$323

### **Note 27. Subsequent Events**

On January 11, 2016, the Company entered into a Purchase Agreement for the sale of the property related to its Catonsville branch office to JP Properties for a purchase price of \$160,000. The transaction is expected to close on or about March 18, 2016. The Company plans to close the office on March 4, 2016. Loans and deposits will be serviced by the Company's Rosedale branch office.

The Catonsville branch office was classified as held for sale at December 31, 2015 at an estimated fair market value of \$110,000. After estimated closing costs of \$15,000, the Company expects to recognize a gain of \$35,000.

In preparing these financial statements, the Company has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through the date the financial statements were issued noting no additional items to be disclosed.

### **Note 28. Preferred Stock**

On December 19, 2008, under the Department of the Treasury's TARP Capital Purchase Program, the Company issued to the U.S. Treasury 17,680 shares of Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A (Series A Preferred Stock), and a 10-year warrant to purchase up to 780,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$3.40 per share. Cumulative dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock were payable at 5% per annum through the February 2014 payment, and at a rate of 9% per annum thereafter. The warrant was exercisable at any time until December 19, 2018, and the number of shares of common stock underlying the warrant and the exercise price was subject to adjustment for certain dilutive events.

The Company received proceeds of \$17.68 million for the Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant. The Company allocated the proceeds based on a relative fair value basis between the Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant, recording \$16.64 million and \$1.04 million, respectively. Fair value of the preferred stock was estimated based on a discounted cash flow model using an estimated life of 50 years and a discount rate of 12%. Fair value of the stock warrant was estimated using a Black-Scholes model assuming stock price volatility of 27.5%, a dividend yield of 0.5%, a risk-free rate of 1.35% and an expected life of five years. The \$16.64 million of Series A Preferred Stock is net of a discount of \$1.04 million. The discount was accreted to the \$17.68 million redemption price over a five year period. The accretion of the discount and dividends on the preferred stock reduce retained earnings.

Each share of Series A Preferred Stock issued and outstanding had no par value, had a liquidation preference of \$1,000 and was redeemable at the Company's option, subject to approval of the Federal Reserve, at a redemption price equal to \$1,000 plus accrued and unpaid dividends. The Series A Preferred Stock had a preference over the Company's common stock upon liquidation. Dividends on the preferred stock, if declared, were payable quarterly in arrears. The Company's ability to declare or pay dividends on, or purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, its common stock is subject to certain restrictions in the event that the Company fails to pay or set aside full dividends on the preferred stock for the latest completed dividend period.

During 2013, the Company repurchased 7,000 shares of the original 17,680 shares of Series A Preferred Stock. The Company funded the repurchase through the earnings of its banking subsidiary. The form of the repurchase was a redemption under the terms of the Series A Preferred Stock. The Company paid the Treasury \$7.0 million, which represented 100% of the par value of the preferred stock repurchased plus accrued dividends with respect to such shares.

On April 23, 2014, the Company repurchased the remaining 10,680 shares of Series A Preferred Stock. The Company funded the repurchase through an unsecured third-party term loan (See Note 10). The form of the repurchase was a redemption under the terms of the TARP preferred stock. The Company paid the Treasury \$10.9 million, which represented 100% of the par value of the preferred stock repurchased plus accrued dividends with respect to such shares.

On June 4, 2014, the Company paid the Treasury \$780,000 to repurchase the warrant that had been associated with the Series A Preferred Stock. There are no other investments from the Company's participation in TARP that remain outstanding.

**Note 29. Quarterly Data (unaudited)**

	2015				2014			
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Interest and dividend income	\$ 11,650	\$ 12,333	\$ 11,723	\$ 11,846	\$ 11,879	\$ 12,455	\$ 12,665	\$ 11,726
Interest expense	1,865	1,870	1,878	1,884	1,570	1,697	1,783	1,883
Net interest income	9,785	10,463	9,845	9,962	10,309	10,758	10,882	9,843
Provision for loan losses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	9,785	10,463	9,845	9,962	10,309	10,758	10,882	9,843
Noninterest income	1,397	1,206	1,253	1,225	1,301	970	1,166	1,832
Noninterest expense	9,519	9,443	23,029	8,269	9,177	9,359	9,538	8,743
Income (loss) before income taxes	1,663	2,226	(11,931)	2,918	2,433	2,369	2,510	2,932
Income tax expense (benefit)	351	533	(4,215 )	704	709	649	697	673
Net income (loss)	1,312	1,693	(7,716 )	2,214	1,724	1,720	1,813	2,259
Dividends paid on preferred stock	—	—	—	—	65	182	—	—
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$ 1,312	\$ 1,693	\$(7,716 )	\$ 2,214	\$ 1,659	\$ 1,538	\$ 1,813	\$ 2,259
Earnings (loss) per common share, basic	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.08	\$(0.35 )	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.10
Earnings (loss) per common share, diluted	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.08	\$(0.35 )	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.10

**Note 30. Branch Sale**

On November 6, 2015, the Company sold its branch office in Crofton, Maryland in a sale/leaseback transaction. In accordance with FASB ASC 360, *Property, Plant and Equipment*, the net book value of the branch office, excluding furniture and equipment, of \$2.5 million was written down by \$383,000 to reflect the fair market value of \$2.1 million classified as held for sale at September 30, 2015. As part of the contract, the Company entered into a five year lease of the branch space, which is approximately 14% of the total office space, for approximately \$105,000 per year and a one year lease of an additional 11% of the office space for \$45,000 per year.

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On November 8, 2013, the Company sold the four branches located in Georgia and related deposits to Community & Southern Bank, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia (the “Branch Sale”). The Branch Sale resulted in the transfer of \$193.2 million of deposits and \$20,000 of consumer loans associated with such deposits to Community & Southern Bank in exchange for the payment of a deposit premium of \$2.6 million. Certain fixed assets with a fair value of \$5.2 million (cost, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1.2 million) were also sold. In addition, \$1.5 million of remaining unamortized intangible assets related to customers and deposits were associated with the Branch Sale.

The following table summarizes deposits related to the Branch Sale (dollars in thousands):

Deposits	
Noninterest bearing	\$15,869
Interest bearing	177,301
Total deposits	\$193,170

On October 25, 2013 the Company sold \$24.3 million in loans held by the Georgia branches to Pinnacle Bank, headquartered in Elberton, Georgia (the “Loan Sale”), at a premium of 1.0%.

The following summarizes the loans related to the Loan Sale (dollars in thousands):

Mortgage loans on real estate:	
Residential 1-4 family	\$2,240
Commercial	15,762
Construction and land development	2,895
Second mortgages	41
Multifamily	1,802
Agriculture	—
Total real estate loans	22,740
Commercial loans	1,147
Consumer installment loans	424
All other loans	—
Gross loans	24,311
Net deferred costs	34
Total loans	\$24,345

Based on the premiums outlined above, the Company recorded a net gain on the combined transactions of \$255,000. This gain is net of the deposit premium of \$2.6 million, a write off of \$1.5 million of existing core deposit intangibles, a \$827,000 loss on the sale of fixed assets, a \$243,000 gain on the sale of loans and \$258,000 in transaction related costs.

**ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

As of the end of the period covered by this Form 10-K, the Company's management, with the participation of the Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer ("the Certifying Officers"), conducted evaluations of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. As defined under Section 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), the term "disclosure controls and procedures" means controls and other procedures of an issuer that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the issuer in the reports

that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by an issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, including the Certifying Officers, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

Based on this evaluation, the Certifying Officers have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that material information is recorded, processed, summarized and reported by management of the Company on a timely basis in order to comply with the Company's disclosure obligations under the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

### **Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision of the Certifying Officers to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the Company's financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

As of December 31, 2015, management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting established in "Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013)," issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) of the Treadway Commission. This assessment included controls over the preparation of the schedules equivalent to the basic financial statements in accordance with the instructions for the Consolidated Financial Statements for Bank Holding Companies (Form FR Y-9C) to meet the reporting requirements of Section 112 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act.

Based on its assessment, management concluded that, as of December 31, 2015, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective based on the criteria set forth by COSO in its "Internal Control — Integrated Framework."

BDO USA, LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm that audited the consolidated financial statements of the Company, for the year ended December 31, 2015, has issued an attestation report on management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015. The report is included in Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data", above under the heading "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm."

### **Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation of internal controls that occurred during the fourth quarter of 2015 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

### **ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

Not applicable.

## **PART III**

### **ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be filed within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year that this Form 10-K covers.

**ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be filed within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year that this Form 10-K covers.

**ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be filed within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year that this Form 10-K covers.

**ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE**

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be filed within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year that this Form 10-K covers.

**ITEM 14. *PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES***

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be filed within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year that this Form 10-K covers.

## PART IV

### ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a) The following documents are filed as part of this Form 10-K:

1. Consolidated Financial Statements. Reference is made to the Consolidated Financial Statements, the report thereon and the notes thereto, with respect to the Company, commencing at page 46 of this Form 10-K.

2. Financial Statement Schedules. All supplemental schedules are omitted as inapplicable or because the required information is included in the Consolidated Financial Statements or notes thereto.

3. Exhibits

#### No. Description

2.1 Purchase and Assumption Agreement, dated as of January 30, 2009, by and among the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Receiver of Suburban Federal Savings Bank, Crofton, Maryland, Bank of Essex and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 5, 2009 (File No. 001-32590)

2.2 Purchase and Assumption Agreement, dated August 19, 2013, between Community & Southern Bank and Essex Bank, incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 23, 2013 (File No. 001-32590)

2.3 Agreement and Plan of Reincorporation and Merger, dated as of May 13, 2013, by and between Community Bankers Trust Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and Community Bankers Trust Corporation, a Virginia corporation (formerly known as CBTC Virginia Corporation), incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 7, 2014 (File No. 001-32590)

3.1 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Community Bankers Trust Corporation, a Virginia corporation (formerly known as CBTC Virginia Corporation), incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 7, 2014 (File No. 001-32590)

3.2 Certificate of Designations for Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A of Community Bankers Trust Corporation, a Virginia corporation (formerly known as CBTC Virginia Corporation), incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 7, 2014 (File No.

001-32590)

- 3.3 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Community Bankers Trust Corporation, a Virginia corporation (formerly known as CBTC Virginia Corporation), incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 7, 2014 (File No. 001-32590)
- 4.1 Specimen Common Stock Certificate, incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 or amendments thereto (File No. 333-124240)

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- 4.2 Warrant to Purchase 780,000 Shares of Common Stock, incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 7, 2014 (File No. 001-32590)
- 10.1 TARP Merger Side Letter Agreement, dated January 1, 2014, between Community Bankers Trust Corporation, a Virginia corporation, Community Bankers Trust Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and the United States Department of the Treasury), incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 7, 2014 (File No. 001-32590)
- 10.2 Letter Agreement, dated December 19, 2008, including the Securities Purchase Agreement — Standard Terms incorporated by reference therein, between Community Bankers Trust Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and the United States Department of the Treasury, incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 23, 2008 (File No. 001-32590)
- 10.3 ARRA Side Letter Agreement, dated January 1, 2014, between Community Bankers Trust Corporation, a Virginia corporation, and the United States Department of the Treasury), incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 7, 2014 (File No. 001-32590)
- 10.4 Form of Waiver, executed by Rex L. Smith, III, Bruce E. Thomas, Jeff R. Cantrell, John M. Oakey, III, and W. Thomas Townsend), incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 7, 2014 (File No. 001-32590)
- 10.5 Employment Agreement between Community Bankers Acquisition Corp. and Bruce E. Thomas, incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on July 28, 2008 (File No. 001-32590)
- 10.6 Form of Letter Agreement, executed by Bruce E. Thomas with the Company, incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 23, 2008 (File No. 001-32590)
- 10.7 Term Loan Agreement, dated as of April 22, 2014, among Community Bankers Trust Corporation as Borrower, the Lenders from Time to Time Party Hereto and SunTrust Bank as Administrative Agent, incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 28, 2014 (File No. 001-32590)
- 10.8 Community Bankers Trust Corporation 2009 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 24, 2009 (File No. 001-32590)
- 10.9 Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement for Community Bankers Trust Corporation 2009 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 30, 2012 (File No. 001-32590)
- 10.10 Termination Agreement among Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Receiver of Suburban Federal Savings Bank, Crofton, Maryland, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Essex Bank (formerly known as Bank of Essex), Richmond, Virginia, dated as of September 10, 2015, incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 16, 2015 (File No. 001-32590)
- 10.11 Letter Amendment to Term Loan Agreement, dated December 28, 2015, between Community Bankers Trust Corporation as Borrower and SunTrust Bank as Lender and Administrative Agent
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Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, dated April 25, 2013 incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 13, 2015 (File No. 001-32590)

- 21.1 Subsidiaries of Community Bankers Trust Corporation incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 13, 2015 (File No. 001-32590)
- 23.1 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (BDO USA, LLP)\*
- 23.2 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC)\*
- 31.1 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification for Chief Executive Officer\*
- 31.2 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification for Chief Financial Officer\*
- 32.1 Section 1350 Certifications\*

Interactive Data File with respect to the following materials from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2015, formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income, (iii) the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive (Loss) Income, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity, (v) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (vi) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements\*

\*Filed herewith.

(b) Exhibits. See Item 15(a)3. above

(c) Financial Statement Schedules. See Item 15(a)2. above

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

### COMMUNITY BANKERS TRUST CORPORATION

By: /s/ Rex L. Smith, III  
Rex L. Smith, III  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 11, 2016

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Rex L. Smith, III Rex L. Smith, III	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer)	March 11, 2016
/s/ Bruce E. Thomas Bruce E. Thomas	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)	March 11, 2016
/s/ Laureen D. Trice Laureen D. Trice	Senior Vice President and Controller (principal accounting officer)	March 11, 2016
/s/ John C. Watkins John C. Watkins	Chairman of the Board	March 11, 2016
/s/ Gerald F. Barber Gerald F. Barber	Director	March 11, 2016
/s/ Richard F. Bozard	Director	March 11, 2016

Richard F. Bozard

/s/ Glenn J. Dozier                      Director                      March 11, 2016  
Glenn J. Dozier

/s/ P. Emerson Hughes, Jr.      Director                      March 11, 2016  
P. Emerson Hughes, Jr.

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Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Troy A. Peery, Jr. Troy A. Peery, Jr.	Director	March 11, 2016
/s/ Eugene S. Putnam, Jr. Eugene S. Putnam, Jr.	Director	March 11, 2016
/s/ S. Waite Rawls III S. Waite Rawls III	Director	March 11, 2016
/s/ Robin Traywick Williams Robin Traywick Williams	Director	March 11, 2016