

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 8-K  
April 23, 2010

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

FORM 8-K

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported):  
April 23, 2010 (April 20, 2010)

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

Georgia  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

No. 001-13901  
(Commission File  
Number)

No.58-1456434  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

On April 20, 2010, R. Dale Ezzell was appointed as a director of Ameris Bancorp (the "Company") to fill a vacancy on the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Ezzell will receive the standard compensation paid to members of the Company's Board of Directors, as described in the Company's 2010 Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on March 22, 2010. There are no understandings or arrangements between Mr. Ezzell and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director.

Mr. Ezzell is the Owner of Wisecards Printing. He currently serves as a member of the Ameris Bank - Dothan, Alabama Community Board of Directors.

SIGNATURE

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

AMERIS BANCORP

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

Dated: April 23, 2010

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