

MIDDLEFIELD BANC CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 16, 2009

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): December 14, 2009

**Middlefield Banc Corp.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Ohio**

(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**000-32561**

(Commission File Number)

**34-1585111**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**15985 East High Street**

**Middlefield, Ohio**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**44062**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(440) 632-1666**

**(not applicable)**

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

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ITEM 5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

At The Middlefield Banking Company's December 14, 2009 meeting, the Board of Directors took a number of actions affecting officer compensation, including determining the compensation of President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas G. Caldwell, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer James R. Heslop, II, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Donald L. Stacy and Senior Vice President Jay P. Giles. Base salary in 2010 for Mr. Caldwell will be \$226,935 (no change), for Mr. Heslop \$179,375 (no change), for Mr. Stacy \$136,000 (an increase of \$3,175), and for Mr. Giles \$123,000 (an increase of \$3,000). None of these officers is a party to an employment agreement.

Additionally, Middlefield's Board moved to continue for 2010 the Annual Incentive Plan, a short-term cash incentive plan initially adopted in 2003 that is designed to reward employees with additional cash compensation if specified objectives are achieved. The objectives are tied to the strategic and financial plans of Middlefield Banc Corp.'s subsidiaries. Each employee has pre-determined goals and is provided with a report of his or her achievement of the goals. For 2010, the only bank-wide performance measure that will apply is targeted net income.

If targeted performance is achieved in 2010, Mr. Caldwell could receive a cash bonus in an amount equal to 20% of his base salary if performance is 105% of the target, up to 30% of his base salary if performance is 110% of the target, or only 10% if performance achieves the target. Messrs. Heslop and Stacy could receive a cash bonus in an amount equal to 15% of their salaries if performance is 105% of the target, up to 20% if performance is 110% of the target, or only 10% if performance achieves the target. Mr. Giles could receive a cash bonus ranging from an amount equal to 7.5% of his salary if the target is achieved, 10% of his salary if performance is 105% of the target, or 12.5% if performance is 110% of the target. Distributions made under the plan are made in the first quarter of the year if the established goals for the preceding year are achieved. The Annual Incentive Plan may be terminated by the Board at any time.

Finally, the Board of Directors approved entry into an Executive Deferred Compensation Agreement between The Middlefield Banking Company and Jay P. Giles. The terms of the Executive Deferred Compensation Agreement are expected to be substantially similar to the Amended Executive Deferred Compensation Agreements that The Middlefield Banking Company previously entered into with Messrs. Caldwell, Heslop, and Stacy on March 8, 2008.

SIGNATURES

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

MIDDLEFIELD BANC CORP.

Date: December 16, 2009

/s/ James R. Heslop, II  
Executive Vice President and COO