

GREEN BANKSHARES, INC.  
Form 8-K  
February 16, 2011  
**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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): February 14, 2011

GREEN BANKSHARES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tennessee                      0-14289              62-1222567  
(State or other jurisdiction) (Commission (IRS Employer  
of incorporation)              File Number) Identification No.)

100 North Main Street, Greeneville, Tennessee 37743-4992  
(Address of principal executive offices)              (Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (423) 639-5111

N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

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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.**

(b) On February 14, 2011, Green Bankshares, Inc. (the “Company”) was notified by James E. Adams, the Company’s Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary, that Mr. Adams intended to retire from the Company and the Company’s bank subsidiary (the “Bank”) effective May 16, 2011. The Company will immediately commence a search for Mr. Adams’ replacement. In connection with his retirement, the Company expects to enter into a consulting agreement with Mr. Adams, effective May 16, 2011, pursuant to which Mr. Adams is expected to perform customary transition and consulting services for the Company and the Bank for a period of six months following his retirement. Mr. Adams will be compensated while providing such transition and consulting services at a rate of 50% of his current base salary.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On February 16, 2011, the Company issued the press release furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 (and incorporate by reference herein) announcing the pending retirement of James E. Adams from the Company and the Bank effective May 16, 2011.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press release dated February 16, 2011.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

GREEN  
BANKSHARES, INC.

By: /s/ James  
E. Adams  
Name: James E.  
Adams  
Title: Executive  
Vice  
President  
and  
Chief  
Financial  
Officer

Date: February 16, 2011

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit**

**No.**

**Description**

99.1 Press release dated February 16, 2011.