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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016

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: 0-49677

WEST BANCORPORATION, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

IOWA 42-1230603 (State of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1601 22nd Street, West Des Moines, Iowa50266(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (515) 222-2300

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer x Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes o No x

As of October 26, 2016, there were 16,137,999 shares of common stock, no par value, outstanding.

WEST BANCORPORATION, INC.

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION Item 1. Financial Statements West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited)

(dollars in thousands) ASSETS	September 30 2016	, December 31, 2015
Cash and due from banks	\$44,526	\$ 57,329
Federal funds sold	6,324	15,322
Cash and cash equivalents	50,850	72,651
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value	278,411	320,714
Investment securities held to maturity, at amortized cost (fair value of \$49,943 and		
\$51,918 at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively)	48,405	51,259
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	12,467	12,447
Loans	1,382,895	1,246,688
Allowance for loan losses		(14,967)
Loans, net	1,366,937	1,231,721
Premises and equipment, net	21,023	11,562
Accrued interest receivable	5,230	4,688
Bank-owned life insurance	32,956	32,834
Deferred tax assets, net	4,843	6,670
Other assets	3,708	3,850
Total assets	\$1,824,830	\$1,748,396
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing demand	\$483,434	\$486,707
Interest-bearing demand	264,640	267,824
Savings	637,044	570,391
Time of \$250,000 or more	10,818	14,749
Other time	95,720	101,058
Total deposits	1,491,656	1,440,729
Federal funds purchased	920	2,760
Short-term borrowings	34,500	19,000
Subordinated notes, net of discount	20,395	20,385
Federal Home Loan Bank advances, net of discount	99,509	98,385
Long-term debt, net of discount	5,952	8,405
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	7,034	6,355
Total liabilities	1,659,966	1,596,019
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (NOTE 8)		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; authorized 50,000,000 shares; no shares issued and		_
outstanding at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015		
Common stock, no par value; authorized 50,000,000 shares; 16,137,999 and 16,064,435	a	• • • • •
shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015,	3,000	3,000
respectively		

Additional paid-in capital	21,056	20,067
Retained earnings	138,668	129,740
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	2,140	(430)
Total stockholders' equity	164,864	152,377
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,824,830	\$1,748,396
See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.		

West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited)

(unaudited)			Nine Mo Ended Se	
(dellars in the second a support way shows data)	30, 2016	2015	30, 2016	2015
(dollars in thousands, except per share data) Interest income:	2016	2015	2016	2015
	\$ 1/ 202	\$12 212	\$42,667	\$ 28 021
Loans, including fees Investment securities:	\$14,090	\$15,515	\$42,007	<i>ф</i> 30,934
Taxable	991	1 017	2 222	2 1 9 4
	780	1,017 789	3,222 2,482	3,184
Tax-exempt Federal funds sold	27	28	2,482 58	2,309 60
Total interest income	16,696	28 15,147	38 48,429	44,487
	10,090	13,147	40,429	44,407
Interest expense:	872	500	2 401	1,622
Deposits Fodoral funda purchasod	872 1	2	2,401 4	1,022 6
Federal funds purchased Short-term borrowings	8	2 5	4 39	0 32
Subordinated notes	8 169			52 526
		179	533	
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	894 21	698	2,645	2,095
Long-term debt	31	57	114	183
Total interest expense	1,975	1,441	5,736	4,464
Net interest income	14,721	13,706	42,693	40,023
Provision for loan losses	200	200	900	400
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	14,521	13,506	41,793	39,623
Noninterest income:	(22)	(())	1 0 47	1 024
Service charges on deposit accounts	632 450	663	1,847	1,934
Debit card usage fees	450	463	1,372	1,367
Trust services	355	302	946	944 550
Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance	160	183	492	550
Gain from bank-owned life insurance	—		443	
Realized investment securities gains, net			60	47
Other income	322	324	892	875
Total noninterest income	1,919	1,935	6,052	5,717
Noninterest expense:	4 1 5 4	1.050	10 (1 1	10.051
Salaries and employee benefits	4,154	4,056	12,644	12,051
Occupancy	1,038	1,031	2,972	3,090
Data processing	643	595	1,849	1,738
FDIC insurance	272	209	714	620
Professional fees	189	194	619	575
Director fees	202	226	672	642
Other expenses	1,495	1,238	4,141	3,722
Total noninterest expense	7,993	7,549	23,611	22,438
Income before income taxes	8,447	7,892	24,234	22,902
Income taxes	2,634	2,466	7,249	7,101
Net income	\$5,813	\$5,426	\$16,985	\$15,801
Basic earnings per common share	\$0.36	\$0.34	\$1.05	\$0.98

Diluted earnings per common share	\$0.36	\$0.34	\$1.05	\$0.98
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$0.17	\$0.16	\$0.50	\$0.46
See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.				

West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)

	Three N	Ionths	Nine Mor	nths	
	Ended		Ended Se	ptember	•
	Septem	ber 30,	30,		
(dollars in thousands)	2016	2015	2016	2015	
Net income	\$5,813	\$5,426	\$16,985	\$15,80	1
Other comprehensive income (loss):					
Unrealized gains on available for sale securities:					
Unrealized holding gains arising during the period	301	1,765	4,771	1,205	
Less: reclassification adjustment for net gains realized in net income			(60)) (47)
Less: reclassification adjustment for amortization of net unrealized gains to					
interest income on securities transferred from available for sale to held to	(7) (10)	(122)	(29)
maturity					
Income tax (expense)	(112) (667)	(1,744)	(429)
Other comprehensive income on available for sale securities	182	1,088	2,845	700	
Unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives:					
Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during the period	248	(735)	(889)	(1,470)
Less: reclassification adjustment for net loss on derivatives realized in net	118	_	362	74	
income	110		502	/ 4	
Less: reclassification adjustment for amortization of derivative termination	28	28	82	44	
costs					
Income tax benefit (expense)	(149) 269	170	514	
Other comprehensive income (loss) on derivatives	245			(838)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	427	650	2,570	(138)
Comprehensive income	\$6,240	\$6,076	\$19,555	\$15,66	3
See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.					

West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity (unaudited)

	Prefe	errectommon S	tock	Additiona Paid-In	l Retained	Accumulated Other Comprehensi		
(in thousands, except share and per share data)	Stock	K Shares	Amount	t Capital	Earnings	Income (Loss)	Total	
Balance, December 31, 2014 Net income Other comprehensive (loss), net of tax	\$ 	—16,018,734 —	\$3,000 	\$18,971 — —	\$117,950 15,801 —	\$ 254 (138)	\$140,175 15,801 (138))
Cash dividends declared, \$0.46 per common share		—	—		(7,382)		(7,382)	,
Stock-based compensation costs Issuance of common stock upon vesting of restricted		_		831	_	_	831	
stock units, net of shares withheld for payroll taxes		45,701		(225)	_	_	(225)	,
Excess tax benefits from vesting of restricted stock units				155	_	_	155	
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$		\$3,000	\$19,732	\$126,369	\$ 116	\$149,217	
Balance, December 31, 2015 Net income Other comprehensive income, net of tax	\$ 		\$3,000 	\$20,067 	\$129,740 16,985 —	\$ (430) 	\$152,377 16,985 2,570	
Cash dividends declared, \$0.50 per common share					(8,057)	_	(8,057))
Stock-based compensation costs Issuance of common stock upon vesting of restricted		_		1,278	—	_	1,278	
stock units, net of shares withheld for payroll taxes		73,564		(394)	—	—	(394)	,
Excess tax benefits from vesting of restricted stock units			_	105	_		105	
Balance, September 30, 2016	\$		\$3,000	\$21,056	\$138,668	\$ 2,140	\$164,864	

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

(unaudited)			
	Nine Mor	nths	
	Ended Se	ptember	
	30,		
(dollars in thousands)	2016	2015	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Net income	\$16,985	\$15,801	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	<i><i><i>q</i> 10,700</i></i>	<i>q</i> 10,001	
Provision for loan losses	900	400	
Net amortization and accretion	3,293	2,718	
Loss on disposition of premises and equipment	5,295	2,710	
	(60)		`
Investment securities gains, net	· · · ·	(47) (47))
Stock-based compensation	1,278	831	`
Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance)
Gain from bank-owned life insurance	· · · ·		
Depreciation	740	700	
Deferred income taxes	253)
Excess tax benefits from vesting of restricted stock units	(105)	(155))
Change in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) in accrued interest receivable	(542)	(616))
Decrease in other assets	248	3,728	
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses and other liabilities	152	(95))
Net cash provided by operating activities	22,207	22,424	
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale	1,544	16,946	
Proceeds from maturities and calls of investment securities	46,190	36,899	
Purchases of securities available for sale		(106,971))
Purchases of Federal Home Loan Bank stock	(16.907)	(15,827)	
Proceeds from redemption of Federal Home Loan Bank stock	16,887		<i>'</i>
Net increase in loans		(55,340))
Purchases of premises and equipment		(1,831)	
Proceeds of principal and earnings from bank-owned life insurance	812	(1,051)	'
Proceeds from settlement of other assets	012	3,593	
	(07,701)	(105,839)	<i>.</i> ,
Net cash used in investing activities	(97,791)	(105,659))
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:	50.027	116 674	
Net increase in deposits	50,927	116,674	`
Net (decrease) in federal funds purchased	,	(315))
Net increase (decrease) in short-term borrowings	15,500	(7,000))
Principal payments on long-term debt	(2,458)	(2,946))
Interest rate swap termination costs paid	—	· · · · · ·)
Common stock dividends paid)
Restricted stock units withheld for payroll taxes		(225))
Excess tax benefits from vesting of restricted stock units	105	155	
Net cash provided by financing activities	53,783	98,420	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(21,801)	15,005	
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
-			

Beginning Ending	72,651 \$50,850	39,781 \$54,786
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:		
Cash payments for: Interest	\$5,742	\$4,493
Income taxes	5,160	4,110
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West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (in thousands, except per share data)

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared by West Bancorporation, Inc. (the Company) pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. Although management believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented understandable, it is suggested that these interim consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. In the opinion of management, the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Company contain all adjustments necessary to fairly present its financial position as of September 30, 2016 and 2015, net income and comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, and cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, and cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015. The results for these interim periods may not be indicative of results for the entire year or for any other period.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). References to GAAP issued by the FASB in these footnotes are to the FASB Accounting Standards Codification[™], sometimes referred to as the Codification or ASC. In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses for the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term are the fair value and other than temporary impairment (OTTI) of financial instruments and the allowance for loan losses.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, West Bank and West Bank's wholly-owned subsidiary WB Funding Corporation (which owned an interest in a limited liability company that was sold in the fourth quarter of 2015). All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. In accordance with GAAP, West Bancorporation Capital Trust I is recorded on the books of the Company using the equity method of accounting and is not consolidated.

Reclassification: Certain amounts in prior year consolidated financial statements have been reclassified, with no effect on net income, comprehensive income or stockholders' equity, to conform with current period presentation.

Current accounting developments: In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Summary and Amendments that Create Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) and Other Assets and Deferred Costs—Contracts with Customers (Subtopic 340-40). The guidance in this update supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in ASC Topic 605, Revenue Recognition, and most industry-specific guidance throughout the industry topics of the Codification. For public companies, this update will be effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company is currently assessing the impact that this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements, but does not expect the guidance to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, Interest—Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. The update simplifies the presentation of debt issuance costs by requiring that debt issuance costs be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of debt liability, consistent with debt discounts or premiums. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs are not affected by the amendments in this update. For public companies, this update was effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015, and was applied retrospectively. The adoption of this guidance required a balance sheet reclassification of unamortized debt issuance costs, which did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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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 update enhances the reporting model for financial instruments to provide users of financial statements with more decision-useful information by updating certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of financial instruments. Among other changes, the update requires public business entities to use the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes and clarifies that entities should evaluate the need for a valuation allowance on a deferred tax asset related to available for sale securities in combination with the entities' other deferred tax assets. For public companies, this update will be effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and is to be applied on a modified retrospective basis. The Company is currently assessing the impact that this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements, but does not expect the guidance to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). The guidance in the update supersedes the requirements in ASC Topic 840, Leases. The update will require business entities to recognize lease assets and liabilities on the balance sheet and to disclose key information about leasing arrangements. A lessee would recognize a liability to make lease payments and a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the leased asset for the lease term. For public companies, this update will be effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and is to be applied on a modified retrospective basis. The Company is currently assessing the impact that this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements, but does not expect the guidance to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-09, Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718). The update simplifies several aspects of accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows. The guidance also allows an entity to make an entity-wide accounting policy election to either estimate expected forfeitures or account for forfeitures as they occur. For public companies, the update is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Portions of the amended guidance are to be applied using a modified retrospective transition method and others require prospective application. The Company is currently assessing the impact that this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements, but does not expect the guidance to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-13, Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326). The amendments in this update require a financial asset (or a group of financial assets) measured at amortized cost basis to be presented at the net amount expected to be collected. The allowance for credit losses is a valuation account that is deducted from the amortized cost basis of the financial assets to present the net carrying value at the amount expected to be collected on the financial assets. The income statement reflects the measurement of credit losses for newly recognized financial assets, as well as the expected increases or decreases of expected credit losses that have taken place during the period. The measurement of expected credit losses is based on relevant information about past events, including historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts that affect the collectibility of the reported amount of financial assets. An entity must use judgment in determining the relevant information and estimation methods that are appropriate in its circumstances. The allowance for credit losses for purchased financial assets with a more-than-insignificant amount of credit deterioration since origination that are measured at amortized cost basis is determined in a similar manner to other financial assets measured at amortized cost basis; however, the initial

allowance for credit losses is added to the purchase price rather than being reported as a credit loss expense. Only subsequent changes in the allowance for credit losses are recorded as a credit loss expense for these assets. Off-balance-sheet arrangements such as commitments to extend credit, guarantees, and standby letters of credit that are not considered derivatives under ASC 815 and are not unconditionally cancellable are also within the scope of this amendment. Credit losses relating to available-for-sale debt securities should be recorded through an allowance for credit losses. For public companies, the update is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those fiscal years. All entities may adopt the amendments in this update earlier as of fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. An entity will apply the amendments in this update on a modified retrospective basis, through a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the first reporting period in which the guidance is effective. The Company is currently planning for the implementation of this accounting standard. It is too early to assess the impact that this guidance will have on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230). The amendments in this update provide guidance for eight specific cash flow classification issues for which current guidance is unclear or does not exist, thereby reducing diversity in practice. For public companies, the update is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company is currently assessing the impact that this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements, but does not expect the guidance to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (dollars in thousands, except per share data)

2. Earnings per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share are computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per common share reflect the potential dilution that could occur if the Company's outstanding restricted stock units were vested. The dilutive effect was computed using the treasury stock method, which assumes all stock-based awards were exercised and the hypothetical proceeds from exercise were used by the Company to purchase common stock at the average market price during the period. The incremental shares, to the extent they would have been dilutive, were included in the denominator of the diluted earnings per common share calculation. The calculations of earnings per common share and diluted earnings per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 are presented in the following table.

	Three M Ended		Nine Mo Ended Se	
	Septem	ber 30,	30,	•
(in thousands, except per share data)	2016	2015	2016	2015
Net income	\$5,813	\$5,426	\$16,985	\$15,801
Weighted average common shares outstanding	16,135	16,062	16,110	16,045
Weighted average effect of restricted stock units				
outstanding	51	38	47	47
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	16,186	16,100	16,157	16,092
Basic earnings per common share	\$0.36	\$0.34	\$1.05	\$0.98
Diluted earnings per common share	\$0.36	\$0.34	\$1.05	\$0.98

Restricted stock units totaling 87,600 and 106,231 were anti-dilutive and therefore excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively. Restricted stock units totaling 139,500 and 95,157 were anti-dilutive for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively.

West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (dollars in thousands, except per share data)

3. Investment Securities

The following tables show the amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses, and fair value of investment securities, by investment security type as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

	September	r 30, 2016			
Securities available for sale:	Amortized Cost	dGross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealize (Losses)	ed	Fair Value
	¢ 0 5 2 1	¢ 00	¢		¢ 2 6 2 0
U.S. government agencies and corporations		\$ 89	\$ —		\$2,620
State and political subdivisions	64,590	2,590	(5)	`	67,180
Collateralized mortgage obligations ⁽¹⁾	110,200	1,053	(56)	111,197
Mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾	86,136	1,713		`	87,849
Trust preferred security	1,781		(600)	1,181
Corporate notes	8,346	38		`	8,384
	\$273,584	\$ 5,483	\$ (656)	\$278,411
Securities held to maturity:					
State and political subdivisions	\$48,405	\$ 1,719	\$ (181)	\$49,943
State and pointear subdivisions	ψ-0,-05	φ 1,/1/	ψ(101)	ψ + γ , γ + β
	December	31, 2015			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealize (Losses)	ed	Fair Value
Securities available for sale:		Unrealized	Unrealize	ed	
U.S. government agencies and corporations	Cost \$2,551	¹ Unrealized Gains \$ 141	Unrealize (Losses) \$		Value \$2,692
	Cost	¹ Unrealized Gains	Unrealize (Losses)		Value
U.S. government agencies and corporations	Cost \$2,551	¹ Unrealized Gains \$ 141	Unrealize (Losses) \$		Value \$2,692
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions	Cost \$2,551 71,431	¹ Unrealized Gains \$ 141 1,669	Unrealize (Losses) \$)	Value \$2,692 73,079
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations ⁽¹⁾	Cost \$2,551 71,431 133,414	¹ Unrealized Gains \$ 141 1,669 491	Unrealize (Losses) \$)	Value \$2,692 73,079 132,615
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations ⁽¹⁾ Mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾	Cost \$2,551 71,431 133,414 101,299	¹ Unrealized Gains \$ 141 1,669 491	Unrealize (Losses) \$)	Value \$2,692 73,079 132,615 101,088
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations ⁽¹⁾ Mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾ Trust preferred security	Cost \$2,551 71,431 133,414 101,299 1,773	¹ Unrealized Gains \$ 141 1,669 491 485 61	Unrealize (Losses) \$)	Value \$2,692 73,079 132,615 101,088 1,105
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations ⁽¹⁾ Mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾ Trust preferred security Corporate notes and equity securities	Cost \$2,551 71,431 133,414 101,299 1,773 10,130	¹ Unrealized Gains \$ 141 1,669 491 485 61	Unrealize (Losses) \$))))))	Value \$2,692 73,079 132,615 101,088 1,105 10,135
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations ⁽¹⁾ Mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾ Trust preferred security	Cost \$2,551 71,431 133,414 101,299 1,773 10,130 \$320,598 \$51,259 nd mortgag	¹ Unrealized Gains \$ 141 1,669 491 485 61 \$ 2,847 \$ 883 ge-backed set	Unrealize (Losses) \$))))))))))	Value \$2,692 73,079 132,615 101,088 1,105 10,135 \$320,714 \$51,918 sist of residen

All collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities consist of residential mortgage (1)pass-through securities guaranteed by GNMA or issued by FNMA and real estate mortgage investment conduits guaranteed by FHLMC or GNMA.

Investment securities with an amortized cost of approximately \$133,770 and \$78,553 as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, were pledged to secure access to the Federal Reserve discount window, for public fund deposits, and for other purposes as required or permitted by law or regulation. The increase in the amount of pledged investment securities as of September 30, 2016 compared to December 31, 2015 was primarily due to an

increase in public fund deposits.

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The amortized cost and fair value of investment securities available for sale as of September 30, 2016, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Certain securities have call features that allow the issuer to call the securities prior to maturity. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities for collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Therefore, collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities are not included in the maturity categories within the following maturity summary.

	Septembe	r 30, 2016
	Amortized	dFair
	Cost	Value
Due in one year or less	\$4,517	\$4,530
Due after one year through five years	14,764	15,054
Due after five years through ten years	31,747	33,020
Due after ten years	26,220	26,761
	77,248	79,365
Collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities	196,336	199,046
	\$273,584	\$278,411

The amortized cost and fair value of investment securities held to maturity as of September 30, 2016, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Certain securities have call features that allow the issuer to call the securities prior to maturity.

Septemb	er 30,
2016	
Amortize	effair
Cost	Value
\$—	\$—
486	484
19,375	19,850
28,544	29,609
\$48,405	\$49,943
	Amortize Cost \$

The details of the sales of investment securities available for sale for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 are summarized in the following table.

	Thre	ee				
	Months			Nine Months		
	Ended			Ended		
	September			Septem	ber 30,	
	30,					
	201	6	2015	2016	2015	
Proceeds from sales	\$		\$ -	\$1,544	\$16,946	
Gross gains on sales				60	54	
Gross losses on sales					7	

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The following tables show the fair value and gross unrealized losses, aggregated by investment type and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous loss position, as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

	Septembe	r 30, 2016					
	Less than	12 months	12 month	hs or longer	Total		
	Fair	Gross	Fair	Gross	. Fair	Gross	
	Value	Unrealized	Value	Unrealized	l Value	Unrealize	ed
	value	(Losses)	value	(Losses)	value	(Losses)	
Securities available for sale:							
U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$—	\$ —	\$—	\$ —	\$—	\$ —	
State and political subdivisions		—			—		
Collateralized mortgage obligations	2,098	(1)	5,922	(55	8,020	(56)
Mortgage-backed securities		_					
Trust preferred security		—	1,181	(600	1,181	(600)
Corporate notes			—		<u> </u>		
	\$2,098	\$(1)	\$7,103	\$ (655	\$9,201	\$ (656)
Securities held to maturity:	¢ () 1	¢ (7)	¢ 4 000	¢ (174	¢ 4 6 2 0	¢ (101	`
State and political subdivisions	\$621	\$(7)	\$4,009	\$ (174	\$4,630	\$ (181)
	December	31, 2015					
	Less than	12 months	12 month	hs or longer	Total		
		Gross	Fair	Gross	D .	Gross	
	Fair						he
	Fair Value	Unrealized		Unrealized	l Fair Value	Unrealize	Ju
	Fair Value	Unrealized (Losses)	Value	Unrealized (Losses)	l Fair Value	Unrealize (Losses)	u
Securities available for sale:	Value	(Losses)	Value	(Losses)	¹ Value	(Losses)	Ju
U.S. government agencies and corporations	Value	(Losses) \$—	Value \$—	(Losses) \$—	¹ Value \$—	(Losses) \$—	Ju
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions	Value \$— 321	(Losses) \$	Value \$— 2,053	(Losses) \$	¹ Value \$— 2,374	(Losses) \$ (21)
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations	Value \$	(Losses) \$— (1) (449)	Value \$— 2,053 38,286	(Losses) \$— (20 (841	Value \$	(Losses) \$ (21 (1,290)
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations Mortgage-backed securities	Value \$— 321	(Losses) \$— (1) (449)	Value \$— 2,053 38,286 7,200	(Losses) \$ (20 (841 (96	¹ Value \$— 2,374 91,329 74,862	(Losses) \$ (21 (1,290 (696)
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations Mortgage-backed securities Trust preferred security	Value \$ 321 53,043 67,662 	(Losses) \$	Value \$— 2,053 38,286	(Losses) \$ (20 (841 (96	Value \$	(Losses) \$ (21 (1,290 (696 (668)
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations Mortgage-backed securities	Value \$ 321 53,043 67,662 4,500	(Losses) \$ (1) (449) (600) (56)	Value \$	(Losses) \$ (20 (841 (96 (668 	¹ Value \$	(Losses) \$ (21 (1,290) (696) (668) (56))
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations Mortgage-backed securities Trust preferred security	Value \$ 321 53,043 67,662 	(Losses) \$ (1) (449) (600) (56)	Value \$— 2,053 38,286 7,200 1,105	(Losses) \$ (20 (841 (96 (668 	Value \$	(Losses) \$ (21 (1,290) (696) (668) (56))
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations Mortgage-backed securities Trust preferred security Corporate notes and equity securities	Value \$ 321 53,043 67,662 4,500	(Losses) \$ (1) (449) (600) (56)	Value \$	(Losses) \$ (20 (841 (96 (668 	¹ Value \$	(Losses) \$ (21 (1,290) (696) (668) (56))
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations Mortgage-backed securities Trust preferred security	Value \$ 321 53,043 67,662 4,500	(Losses) \$ (1) (449) (600) (56) \$(1,106)	Value \$	(Losses) \$ (20 (841 (96 (668 \$ (1,625	¹ Value \$	(Losses) \$ (21 (1,290) (696) (668) (56))

As of September 30, 2016, the available for sale and held to maturity securities with unrealized losses that have existed for longer than one year included 11 state and political subdivision securities, two collateralized mortgage obligation securities and one trust preferred security. The Company believes the unrealized losses on investments available for sale and held to maturity as of September 30, 2016 were due to market conditions, rather than reduced estimated cash flows. The Company does not intend to sell these securities, does not anticipate that these securities will be required to be sold before anticipated recovery, and expects full principal and interest to be collected.

Therefore, the Company did not consider these investments to have OTTI as of September 30, 2016.

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4. Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses

Loans consisted of the following segments as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

	September 30,	December 31,
	2016	2015
Commercial	\$352,774	\$349,051
Real estate:		
Construction, land and land development	208,046	174,602
1-4 family residential first mortgages	48,890	51,370
Home equity	18,618	21,749
Commercial	747,447	644,176
Consumer and other loans	8,424	6,801
	1,384,199	1,247,749
Net unamortized fees and costs	(1,304)	(1,061)
	\$1,382,895	\$1,246,688

Real estate loans of approximately \$640,000 and \$590,000 were pledged as security for Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) advances as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

Loans are stated at the principal amounts outstanding, net of unamortized loan fees and costs, with interest income recognized on the interest method based upon those outstanding loan balances. Loan origination fees, net of certain direct origination costs, are deferred and recognized as an adjustment of the related loan yield using the interest method. Loans are reported by the portfolio segments identified above and are analyzed by management on this basis. All loan policies identified below apply to all segments of the loan portfolio.

Delinquencies are determined based on the payment terms of the individual loan agreements. The accrual of interest on past due and other impaired loans is generally discontinued at 90 days past due or when, in the opinion of management, the borrower may be unable to make all payments pursuant to contractual terms. Unless considered collectible, all interest accrued but not collected for loans that are placed on nonaccrual or charged off is reversed against interest income, if accrued in the current year, or charged to the allowance for loan losses, if accrued in the prior year. Generally, all payments received while a loan is on nonaccrual status are applied to the principal balance of the loan. Loans are returned to accrual status when all principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current and future payments are reasonably assured.

A loan is classified as a troubled debt restructured (TDR) loan when the Company separately concludes that a borrower is experiencing financial difficulties and a concession is granted that would not otherwise be considered. Concessions may include a restructuring of the loan terms to alleviate the burden of the borrower's cash requirements, such as an extension of the payment terms beyond the original maturity date or a change in the interest rate charged. TDR loans with extended payment terms are accounted for as impaired until performance is established. A change to the interest rate would change the classification of a loan to a TDR loan if the restructured loan yields a rate that is below a market rate for that of a new loan with comparable risk. TDR loans with below-market rates are considered impaired until fully collected. TDR loans may also be reported as nonaccrual or past due 90 days if they are not performing per the restructured terms.

Based upon its ongoing assessment of credit quality within the loan portfolio, the Company maintains a Watch List, which includes loans classified as Doubtful, Substandard and Watch according to the Company's classification criteria. These loans involve the anticipated potential for payment defaults or collateral inadequacies. A loan on the Watch List is considered impaired when management believes it is probable the Company will be unable to collect all contractual principal and interest payments due in accordance with the terms of the loan agreement. Impaired loans are measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or, as a practical expedient, at the loan's observable market price or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. The amount of impairment, if any, and any subsequent changes are included in the allowance for loan losses.

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The table below presents the TDR loans by segment as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

_	September 30,	December 31,
	2016	2015
Troubled debt restructured loans ⁽¹⁾ :		
Commercial	\$ 94	\$ 102
Real estate:		
Construction, land and land development		60
1-4 family residential first mortgages		86
Home equity		
Commercial	370	445
Consumer and other loans		
Total troubled debt restructured loans	\$ 464	\$ 693

Included in this table were two TDR loans as of September 30, 2016 and three TDR loans as of December 31, 2015, with balances of \$464 and \$613, respectively, categorized as nonaccrual.

There were no loan modifications considered to be TDR that occurred during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016. There were no loan modifications considered to be TDR that occurred during the three months ended September 30, 2015, and two loan modifications considered to be TDR that occurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 with a pre- and post-modification recorded investment of \$130.

The recorded investment in TDR loans that have been modified within the twelve months preceding September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015, and that have subsequently had a payment default, totaled \$0 and \$107, respectively. A TDR loan is considered to have a payment default when it is past due 30 days or more.

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The following table summarizes the recorded investment in impaired loans by segment, broken down by loans with no related allowance for loan losses and loans with a related allowance and the amount of that allowance as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

1 2	Septem	ber 30, 20	16	December 31, 2015		
	Record Investn	Unpaid ed Principal nent Balance	Related Allowance	Record Investn	Unpaid ed Principal nent Balance	Related Allowance
With no related allowance recorded:						
Commercial	\$—	\$ —	\$ —	\$—	\$ —	\$ —
Real estate:						
Construction, land and land development				60	663	
1-4 family residential first mortgages	116	116		352	360	
Home equity						
Commercial	370	370		482	482	
Consumer and other loans						
	486	486		894	1,505	
With an allowance recorded:						
Commercial	127	127	127	142	142	142
Real estate:						
Construction, land and land development						
1-4 family residential first mortgages						
Home equity	249	249	249	270	270	270
Commercial	141	141	141	155	155	155
Consumer and other loans						
	517	517	517	567	567	567
Total:						
Commercial	127	127	127	142	142	142
Real estate:						
Construction, land and land development				60	663	
1-4 family residential first mortgages	116	116		352	360	
Home equity	249	249	249	270	270	270
Commercial	511	511	141	637	637	155
Consumer and other loans						
		\$ 1,003	\$ 517		\$ 2,072	\$ 567

The balance of impaired loans at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 was composed of 7 and 13 different borrowers, respectively. The Company has no commitments to advance additional funds on any of the impaired loans.

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The following table summarizes the average recorded investment and interest income recognized on impaired loans by segment for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

	2016 Averag	Months Ender eInterest eIncome	2015 Average	ber 30, e Interest edncome	2016 Averag	Ionths Ended eInterest eIncome	2015 Averag	ber 30, geInterest leIhcome
								nRatcognized
With no related allowance recorded:	in vestin		in (estin		in cou	in en la construcción de		in era e ognized
Commercial	\$—	\$ –	-\$132	\$	\$—	\$ —	\$151	\$ —
Real estate:								
Construction, land and								
land development			255	3	11		319	10
1-4 family residential								
first mortgages	124		316		242	1	295	
Home equity			_					
Commercial	377		1,565		407		1,088	
Consumer and other loans			3				3	
	501		2,271	3	660	1	1,856	10
With an allowance recorded:								
Commercial	130		146		135		222	2
Real estate:								
Construction, land and								
land development							247	6
1-4 family residential								
first mortgages								
Home equity	254		231		261		227	
Commercial	143		161		148		166	
Consumer and other loans								
	527		538		544		862	8
Total:								
Commercial	130		278		135		373	2
Real estate:								
Construction, land and								
land development			255	3	11		566	16
1-4 family residential								
first mortgages	124		316		242	1	295	
Home equity	254		231		261		227	
Commercial	520		1,726		555		1,254	
Consumer and other loans		_	3				3	_
	\$1,028	\$ -	-\$2,809	\$ 3	\$1,204	\$ 1	\$2,718	\$ 18

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The following tables provide an analysis of the payment status of the recorded investment in loans as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

	Septe	mber 3	0, 2016)							
			90								
		60-89	Days	Total							
	•	Days	or	Past	Current	Nonaccrual					
	Past	Past	More	Due	Current	Loans	Loans				
	Due	Due	Past	Due							
			Due								
Commercial	\$137	\$ 40	\$ -	-\$177	\$352,470	\$ 127	\$352,774				
Real estate:											
Construction, land and											
land development	—				208,046	—	208,046				
1-4 family residential											
first mortgages	65	—		65	48,709	116	48,890				
Home equity	—				18,369	249	18,618				
Commercial	—				746,936	511	747,447				
Consumer and other	—				8,424		8,424				
Total	\$202	\$ 40	\$ -	\$242	\$1,382,954	\$ 1,003	\$1,384,199				
	D	December 31, 2015									
	Decei	mber 3	1, 2015								
			90								
		mber 3	90	Total							
	30-59 Days		90	Total Past	Current	Nonaccrual	Total				
	30-59 Days	60-89	90 Days	Past	Current	Nonaccrual Loans	Total Loans				
	30-59 Days	060-89 Days	90 Days or		Current						
	30-59 Days Past	060-89 Days Past	90 Days or More Past Due	Past	Current						
Commercial	30-59 Days Past	060-89 Days Past	90 Days or More Past Due	Past	Current \$348,870						
Commercial Real estate:	30-59 Days Past Due	060-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due	Past Due		Loans	Loans				
	30-59 Days Past Due \$1	060-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due	Past Due		Loans	Loans				
Real estate:	30-59 Days Past Due \$1	060-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due	Past Due		Loans	Loans				
Real estate: Construction, land and	30-59 Days Past Due \$1	060-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due	Past Due	\$348,870	Loans	Loans \$349,051				
Real estate: Construction, land and land development	30-59 Days Past Due \$1	060-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due	Past Due	\$348,870	Loans	Loans \$349,051				
Real estate: Construction, land and land development 1-4 family residential	30-59 Days Past Due \$1	060-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due	Past Due \$39	\$348,870 174,602	Loans \$ 142	Loans \$349,051 174,602				
Real estate: Construction, land and land development 1-4 family residential first mortgages	30-59 Days Past Due \$1	060-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due	Past Due \$39	\$348,870 174,602 50,721	Loans \$ 142 332	Loans \$349,051 174,602 51,370				
Real estate: Construction, land and land development 1-4 family residential first mortgages Home equity	30-59 Days Past Due \$1	060-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or Past Due \$ -	Past Due \$39 	\$348,870 174,602 50,721 21,479 643,539 6,801	Loans \$ 142 332 270 637 	Loans \$349,051 174,602 51,370 21,749 644,176 6,801				
Real estate: Construction, land and land development 1-4 family residential first mortgages Home equity Commercial	30-59 Days Past Due \$1	9 60-89 Days Past Due \$ 38 	90 Days or Past Due \$ -	Past Due \$39 	\$348,870 174,602 50,721 21,479 643,539	Loans \$ 142 332 270 637 	Loans \$349,051 174,602 51,370 21,749 644,176				

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The following tables present the recorded investment in loans by credit quality indicator and loan segment as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

	September 3	30, 2016			
	Pass	Watch	Substandard	Doubtful	Total
Commercial	\$347,894	\$3,635	\$ 1,245	\$ -	-\$352,774
Real estate:					
Construction, land and land development	207,007		1,039		208,046
1-4 family residential first mortgages	48,050	724	116		48,890
Home equity	18,278		340		18,618
Commercial	726,265	20,541	641		747,447
Consumer and other	8,412		12	_	8,424
Total	\$1,355,906	\$24,900	\$ 3,393	\$ -	-\$1,384,199
	December 3	31, 2015			
	Pass	Watch	Substandard	Doubtful	Total
Commercial					
Commerciai	\$344,650	\$2,936	\$ 1,465	\$ -	-\$349,051
Real estate:	\$344,650	\$2,936	\$ 1,465	\$ -	-\$349,051
		\$2,936 —	\$ 1,465 1,229	\$ –	-\$349,051 174,602
Real estate:		\$2,936 	·	\$	
Real estate: Construction, land and land development	173,373		1,229	\$ –	174,602
Real estate: Construction, land and land development 1-4 family residential first mortgages	173,373 50,375	<u> </u>	1,229 478	\$ –	174,602 51,370
Real estate: Construction, land and land development 1-4 family residential first mortgages Home equity	173,373 50,375 21,401	 517 68	1,229 478 280	\$ – 	174,602 51,370 21,749

All loans are subject to the assessment of a credit quality indicator. Risk ratings are assigned for each loan at the time of approval, and they change as circumstances dictate during the term of the loan. The Company utilizes a 9-point risk rating scale as shown below, with ratings 1 - 5 included in the Pass column, rating 6 included in the Watch column, ratings 7 - 8 included in the Substandard column and rating 9 included in the Doubtful column. All loans classified as impaired that are included in the specific evaluation of the allowance for loan losses are included in the Substandard column along with all other loans with ratings of 7 - 8.

Risk rating 1: The loan is secured by cash equivalent collateral.

Risk rating 2: The loan is secured by properly margined marketable securities, bonds or cash surrender value of life insurance.

Risk rating 3: The borrower is in strong financial condition and has strong debt service capacity. The loan is performing as agreed, and the financial characteristics and trends of the borrower exceed industry statistics.

Risk rating 4: The borrower is in satisfactory financial condition and has satisfactory debt service capacity. The loan is performing as agreed, and the financial characteristics and trends of the borrower fall in line with industry statistics.

Risk rating 5: The borrower's financial condition is less than satisfactory. The loan is still generally paying as agreed, but strained cash flows may cause some slowness in payments. The collateral values adequately preclude loss on the loan. Financial characteristics and trends lag industry statistics. There may be noncompliance with loan covenants.

Risk rating 6: The borrower's financial condition is deficient. Payment delinquencies may be more common. Collateral values still protect from loss, but margins are narrow. The loan may be reliant on secondary sources of repayment, including liquidation of collateral and guarantor support.

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Risk rating 7: The loan is inadequately protected by the current sound worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Well-defined weaknesses exist that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. The Company is inadequately protected by the valuation or paying capacity of the collateral pledged. If deficiencies are not corrected, there is a distinct possibility that a loss will be sustained.

Risk rating 8: All the characteristics of rating 7 exist with the added condition that the loan is past due more than 90 days or there is reason to believe the Company will not receive its principal and interest according to the terms of the loan agreement.

Risk rating 9: All the weaknesses inherent in risk ratings 7 and 8 exist with the added condition that collection or liquidation, on the basis of currently known facts, conditions and values, is highly questionable and improbable. A loan reaching this category would most likely be charged off.

Credit quality indicators for all loans and the Company's risk rating process are dynamic and updated on a continuous basis. Risk ratings are updated as circumstances that could affect the repayment of an individual loan are brought to management's attention through an established monitoring process. Individual lenders initiate changes as appropriate for ratings 1 through 5, and changes for ratings 6 through 9 are initiated via communications with management. The likelihood of loss increases as the risk rating increases and is generally preceded by a loan appearing on the Watch List, which consists of all loans with a risk rating of 6 or worse. Written action plans with firm target dates for resolution of identified problems are maintained and reviewed on a quarterly basis for all segments of criticized loans.

In addition to the Company's internal credit monitoring practices and procedures, an outsourced independent credit review function is in place to further assess assigned internal risk classifications and monitor compliance with internal lending policies and procedures.

In all portfolio segments, the primary risks are that a borrower's income stream diminishes to the point that the borrower is not able to make scheduled principal and interest payments and any collateral securing the loan declines in value. The risk of declining collateral values is present for most types of loans.

Commercial loans consist primarily of loans to businesses for various purposes, including revolving lines to finance current operations, inventory and accounts receivable, and capital expenditure loans to finance equipment and other fixed assets. These loans generally have short maturities, have either adjustable or fixed interest rates, and are either unsecured or secured by inventory, accounts receivable and/or fixed assets. For commercial loans, the primary source of repayment is from the operation of the business.

Real estate loans include various types of loans for which the Company holds real property as collateral, and consist of loans on commercial properties and single and multifamily residences. Real estate loans are typically structured to mature or reprice every five years with payments based on amortization periods up to 30 years. The majority of construction loans are to contractors and developers for construction of commercial buildings or residential real estate. These loans typically have maturities of up to 24 months. The Company's loan policy includes minimum appraisal and other credit guidelines.

Consumer loans include loans extended to individuals for household, family and other personal expenditures not secured by real estate. The majority of the Company's consumer lending is for vehicles, consolidation of personal debts and household improvements. The repayment source for consumer loans, including 1-4 family residential and home equity loans, is typically wages.

The allowance for loan losses is established through a provision for loan losses charged to expense. The allowance is an amount that management believes will be adequate to absorb probable losses on existing loans based on an evaluation of the collectability of 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, the review of specific problem loans, and the current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to pay. Loans are charged-off against the allowance for loan losses when management believes that collectability of the principal is unlikely. While management uses the best information available to make its evaluations, future adjustments to the allowance may be necessary if there are significant changes in economic conditions or the other factors relied upon.

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The allowance for loan losses consists of specific and general components. The specific component relates to loans that meet the definition of impaired. The general component covers the remaining loans and is based on historical loss experience adjusted for qualitative factors such as delinquency trends, loan growth, economic elements and local market conditions. These same policies are applied to all segments of loans. In addition, regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination processes, periodically review the Company's allowance for loan losses, and may require the Company to make additions to the allowance based on their judgment about information available to them at the time of their examinations.

The following tables detail the changes in the allowance for loan losses by segment for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

childed September 50, 2010 and 2015.									
	Three M	lonths En	ded Septemb	er 30, 20)16				
		Real Est							
	Comme	Construc c aind Land	ction 1-4 Family Residential	Home Equity	Commercial	Consume and Othe	er Total		
Beginning balance	\$4,441	\$2,804	\$ 393	\$483	\$ 7,606	\$ 102	\$15,829		
Charge-offs	(25)	(140)				(6) (171)		
Recoveries	53		37	6	4		100		
Provision (1)	(318)	8	(84)	(25)	621	(2) 200		
Ending balance	\$4,151	\$2,672	\$ 346	\$464	\$ 8,231	\$ 94	\$15,958		
Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 Real Estate									
	Comme	Construc cc ind Land	ction I-4 Family Residential	Home Equity	Commercial	Consume and Othe	er Total		
Beginning balance	\$4,736	\$1,700	\$ 445	\$474	\$ 6,982	\$ 27	\$14,364		
Charge-offs	(152)				_	(2) (154)		
Recoveries	201		2	43	3	1	250		
Provision (1)	(327)	189	(30)	(16)	388	(4) 200		
Ending balance	\$4,458	\$1,889	\$ 417	\$ 501	\$ 7,373	\$ 22	\$14,660		
	Nine Mo	onths End Real Est		16					
		Construe	tion I-4 Family						

Commercial			Residential		Equity	Commercial	and Other	Total	
			Land	Residenti	ai	Equity			
	Beginning balance	\$4,369	\$2,338	\$ 508		\$481	\$ 7,254	\$ 17	\$14,967
	Charge-offs	(25)	(140)	(93)			(6)	(264)
	Recoveries	194	56	58		30	10	7	355
	Provision ⁽¹⁾	(387)	418	(127)	(47)	967	76	900
	Ending balance	\$4,151	\$2,672	\$ 346		\$464	\$ 8,231	\$ 94	\$15,958

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 Real Estate Construction I-4 Family Home Consumer Total Commercial Commercial and Other Residential Equity Land Beginning balance \$4,415 \$2,151 \$ 466 \$534 \$ 6,013 \$ 28 \$13,607 Charge-offs (208) — (15) — (2) (225) ____ Recoveries 9 528 250 4 78 9 878 Provision (1) (277) (512) (38 (13) (111) 1,351) 400 Ending balance \$4,458 \$1,889 \$ 417 \$501 \$ 7,373 \$ 22 \$14,660

The negative provisions for the various segments are either related to the decline in balance for each of those (1)portfolio segments during the time periods disclosed and/or improvement in the credit quality factors related to those portfolio segments.

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The following tables present a breakdown of the allowance for loan losses disaggregated on the basis of impairment analysis method by segment as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

	September 30, 2016											
	Real Estate											
		Constr	uction	n Family	Home	ie.		Con	umer			
	Comme		Res	idential	Faui	tv Com	mercial	and	sumer Other	Total		
		Land	ites	lucillui	Lqui	<i>cy</i>		unu	other			
Ending balance:												
Individually evaluated for impairment		\$—	Ŷ		\$ 24			\$ -	_	\$517		
Collectively evaluated for impairment		2,672	346		215	8,090		94		15,44		
Total	\$4,151	\$2,672	\$ 3	346	\$ 46	4 \$ 8,2	231	\$ 9	4	\$15,9	958	
	December 31, 2015											
		Real Estate										
		Construction I-4 Family Home Commerce							Concurren			
	Comme	nmerandl Residential			Forme Com		mercial and Cons		Othor	umer Total		
		Land	Res	luennai	Equi	ty		anu	Julei			
Ending balance:												
Individually evaluated for impairment		\$—	\$ -		\$ 27			\$ -	_	\$567		
Collectively evaluated for impairment		2,338	508		211	7,099		17		14,40		
Total	\$4,369				\$ 48	-		\$ 1		\$14,9		
The following tables present the recorded investment in loans, exclusive of unamortized fees and costs, disaggregated												
on the basis of impairment analysis method by segment as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.												
	September 30, 2016											
	Real Estate											
	Comme	.Construction4 Far				r comm		ercial Consumer Total				
Ending holonoo	and Land Residential Equity Commercial and Other											
Ending balance: Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 107	\$—		\$ 116		\$249	\$ 511		\$ —		\$1,003	
Collectively evaluated for impairment			046	48,774		\$249 18,369	³ 746,93	6	هــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ	1	1,383,196	
Total				\$ 48,89		\$18,618	-		\$ 8,4		\$1,384,199	
Total				φ +0,02	/0	φ10,010	φ/+/,-	r- t /	ψ 0,¬	-2-7	\$1,504,177	
	December 31, 2015 Real Estate											
		Construction A Family Hama Consuman										
	Comme	mercial and Land Residen			-		Commercial			nd Other		
Ending balance:						-						
Individually evaluated for impairment		\$60		\$ 352		\$270	\$ 637		\$ —		\$1,461	
Collectively evaluated for impairment				51,018		21,479	643,53		6,80		1,246,288	
Total	\$349,05	51 \$174	1,602	\$ 51,37	70	\$21,749	\$ 644,1	176	\$ 6,8	301	\$1,247,749	

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5. Derivatives

In 2012 and 2013, the Company entered into forward-starting interest rate swap transactions to effectively convert variable rate FHLB advances and junior subordinated notes to fixed rate debt as of the forward-starting dates. The swap transactions were designated as cash flow hedges. Three interest rate swaps, with a total notional amount of \$70,000, have been terminated, subject to termination fees totaling \$541. The termination fees will be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income to interest expense over the remaining life of the underlying cash flows, which will be through June 2020. The remaining interest rate swap, with a notional amount of \$30,000, became effective in December 2015. No amount of ineffectiveness was included in net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 or 2015, and the Company estimates there will be approximately \$513 of cash payments and reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income to interest expense through the twelve months ended September 30, 2017. Derivative contracts are executed with a Credit Support Annex, which is a bilateral ratings-sensitive agreement that requires collateral postings at established credit threshold levels. These agreements protect the interests of the Company and its counterparties should either party suffer a credit rating deterioration. As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company pledged \$1,270 and \$740, respectively, of collateral to the counterparty in the form of cash on deposit with a third party.

The table below identifies the balance sheet category and fair values of the Company's derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

Interest Rate Swap	Notional Fair		Balance Sheet	Receive	Pay	Maturity		
interest Rate Swap	Amount	Value	Category	Rate	Rate	Maturity		
September 30, 2016	\$30,000	\$1,302	Other Liabilities	1.17 %	2.52%	9/21/2020		
December 31, 2015	30,000	774	Other Liabilities	0.88~%	2.52%	9/21/2020		
The following table identifies the pre-tax losses recognized on the Company's derivative instruments designated as								
cash flow hedges for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.								

	Effective Por	1		Ineffective Portion					
	Amount of into Pre-tax Incor (Loss)		AOCI	Recognized in on Derivatives	Income				
	Recognized		Amount		Amount				
	in		of		of				
Interest Rate Swap	OCI Categ	gory	Gain (Loss)	Category	Gain (Loss)				
September 30, 2016 September 30, 2015		•							

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6. Deferred Income Taxes

Net deferred tax assets consisted of the following as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

	September 30,	December 31,
	2016	2015
Deferred tax assets:		
Allowance for loan losses	\$ 6,064	\$ 5,687
Intangibles	540	771
Accrued expenses	597	898
Restricted stock compensation	291	358
Net unrealized losses on interest rate swaps	643	473
State net operating loss carryforward	1,252	1,183
Capital loss carryforward	355	355
Other	38	34
	9,780	9,759
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Net deferred loan fees and costs	330	350
Premises and equipment	776	674
Net unrealized gains on securities available for sale	1,954	210
Other	270	317
	3,330	1,551
Net deferred tax assets before valuation allowance	6,450	8,208
Valuation allowance	(1,607)	(1,538)
Net deferred tax assets	\$ 4,843	\$ 6,670

The Company has recorded a valuation allowance against the tax effect of the state net operating loss carryforwards and federal and state capital loss carryforwards, as management believes it is more likely than not that such carryforwards will expire without being utilized.

The federal and state capital loss carryforwards expire at the end of 2016.

7. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table summarizes the changes in the balances of each component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

		Unrealized	Accumulated			
	Unrealized	Gains	Other			
	Gains	(Losses) on	Comprehensive			
	on	Derivatives	Income (Loss))		
	Securities	Derrvatives	meonie (Loss)			
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$ 416	\$ (162)	\$ 254			
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	747	(911)	(164)		
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	(47)	73	26			
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss)	700	(838)	(138)		
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$ 1,116	\$(1,000)	\$ 116			

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 342	\$ (772) \$ (430)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	2,958	(550) 2,408	
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	(113) 275	162	
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss)	2,845	(275) 2,570	
Balance, September 30, 2016	\$ 3,187	\$ (1,047) \$ 2,140	

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8. Commitments and Contingencies

Financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk: The Company 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. These instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk in excess of the amount recognized in the consolidated balance sheets. The Company'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 Company uses the same credit policies in making commitments and conditional obligations that it uses for on-balance-sheet instruments. The Company's commitments consisted of the following approximate amounts as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

	September 30,	December 31,
	2016	2015
Commitments to extend credit	\$ 571,604	\$ 558,633
Standby letters of credit	6,547	8,720
	\$ 578,151	\$ 567,353

West Bank previously executed Mortgage Partnership Finance (MPF) Master Commitments (Commitments) with the FHLB of Des Moines to deliver residential mortgage loans and to guarantee the payment of any realized losses that exceed the FHLB's first loss account for mortgages delivered under the Commitments. West Bank receives credit enhancement fees from the FHLB for providing this guarantee and continuing to assist with managing the credit risk of the MPF Program residential mortgage loans. At September 30, 2016, the liability represented by the present value of the credit enhancement fees less any expected losses in the mortgages delivered under the Commitments was approximately \$249. The outstanding balance of mortgage loans sold under the MPF Program was \$119,968 and \$139,152 at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

Contractual commitments: The Company has remaining commitments to invest in five qualified affordable housing projects totaling \$6,072 as of September 30, 2016.

During 2015, the Company began construction on a new office in Rochester, Minnesota. Progress billings of approximately \$4,953 have been paid on the \$6,668 contract through September 30, 2016.

Contingencies: On September 29, 2010, West Bank was sued in a class action lawsuit filed in the Iowa District Court for Polk County. Plaintiffs, Darla and Jason T. Legg, asserted nonsufficient funds fees charged by West Bank on debit card transactions were usurious under the Iowa Consumer Credit Code and that the sequence West Bank formerly used to post debit card transactions for payment violated various alleged duties of good faith and ordinary care. Plaintiffs sought alternative remedies including injunctive relief, damages (including treble damages), punitive damages, refund of bank fees, and attorney fees. The trial court entered orders on preliminary motions on March 4, 2014. It dismissed one of Plaintiffs' claims and found that factual disputes precluded summary judgment in West Bank's favor on the remaining claims. In addition, the court certified two classes for further proceedings. West Bank appealed the adverse rulings to the Iowa Supreme Court. On January 22, 2016, the Iowa Supreme Court filed two opinions that affirmed and reversed parts of the trial court rulings. The court reversed the trial court by holding the Iowa Consumer Credit Code usury claim and an unjust enrichment claim should be dismissed. Certification of classes on those claims was also reversed. The court affirmed the trial court by holding that the Plaintiffs could proceed with a

breach of express contract claim based on a 2006 change in debit card payment sequencing coupled with the alleged lack of notice concerning that change. During the third quarter of 2016, the parties to the lawsuit participated in a mediation and reached a settlement agreement in principle, which has not yet been finalized, executed, or approved by the court. As part of the proposed settlement, West Bank does not admit to any liability or wrongdoing, and the settlement agreement would include a release of all claims brought or that could have been brought in the lawsuit and would result in a dismissal of the lawsuit with prejudice. In the quarter ended September 30, 2016, West Bank recorded an expense of \$250, which is the amount West Bank expects to pay in the settlement. The proposed settlement agreement is subject to court approval and will require notice to be sent to class members providing them with an opportunity to opt out of the class or object to the settlement. West Bank will seek preliminary court approval of the proposed settlement in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Except as described above, neither the Company nor West Bank is a party, and no property of these entities is subject, to any other material pending legal proceedings, other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to West Bank's business. The Company does not know of any proceeding contemplated by a governmental authority against the Company or West Bank.

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9. Fair Value Measurements

Accounting guidance on fair value measurements and disclosures defines fair value and establishes a framework for measuring the fair value of assets and liabilities using a hierarchy system. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the market in which the reporting entity transacts business.

The Company's balance sheet contains investment securities available for sale and derivative instruments that are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. The three-level valuation hierarchy for disclosure of fair value is as follows:

Level 1 uses quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 uses observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.

Level 3 uses unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

The Company's policy is to recognize transfers between Levels at the end of each reporting period, if applicable. There were no transfers between Levels of the fair value hierarchy during the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

The following is a description of valuation methodologies used for financial assets and liabilities recorded at fair value on a recurring basis.

Investment securities available for sale: When available, quoted market prices are used to determine the fair value of investment securities. If quoted market prices are not available, the Company determines fair value based on various sources and may apply matrix pricing with observable prices for similar bonds where a price for the identical bond is not observable. The fair values of these securities are determined by pricing models that consider observable market data such as interest rate volatilities, LIBOR yield curve, credit spreads, prices from market makers and live trading systems. Level 1 securities include certain corporate bonds and preferred stocks, and would include U.S. Treasuries, if any were held. Level 2 securities include U.S. government and agency securities, state and political subdivision securities, collateralized mortgage obligations, mortgage-backed securities, and one trust preferred security. The Company currently holds no investment securities classified as Level 3.

Generally, management obtains the fair value of investment securities at the end of each reporting period via a third party pricing service. Management, with the assistance of an independent investment advisory firm, reviewed the valuation process used by the third party and believed that process was valid. On a quarterly basis, management corroborates the fair values of investment securities by obtaining pricing from an independent investment advisory firm and compares the two sets of fair values. Any significant variances are reviewed and investigated. In addition, the Company has instituted a practice of further testing the fair values of a sample of securities. For that sample, the prices are further validated by management, with assistance from an independent investment advisory firm, by obtaining details of the inputs used by the pricing service. Those inputs were independently tested, and management concluded the fair values were consistent with GAAP requirements and securities were properly classified in the fair value hierarchy.

Derivative instrument: The Company's derivative instrument consists of an interest rate swap, which is accounted for as a cash flow hedge. The Company's derivative position is classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy and is valued using models generally accepted in the financial services industry and that use actively quoted or observable market input values from external market data providers and/or non-binding broker-dealer quotations. The fair value of the derivative is determined using discounted cash flow models. These models' key assumptions include the contract along with significant observable inputs, including interest rates, yield curves, nonperformance risk and volatility.

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The following tables present the balances of financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

	Septem			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Financial assets:				
Investment securities available for sale:				
U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$2,620	\$ -	\$ 2,620	\$ —
State and political subdivisions	67,180		67,180	
Collateralized mortgage obligations	111,19	7—	111,197	
Mortgage-backed securities	87,849		87,849	
Trust preferred security	1,181		1,181	
Corporate notes	8,384	8,084	300	
Financial liabilities:				
Derivative instrument, interest rate swap	\$1,302	\$ -	-\$1,302	\$ —
_	Decem	ber 31,	2015	
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Financial assets:				
Investment securities available for sale:				
U.S. government agencies and corporations			-\$ 2,692	
State and political subdivisions			73,079	
Collateralized mortgage obligations			132,615	
Mortgage-backed securities			101,088	
Trust preferred security	-		1,105	
Corporate notes and equity securities	10,135	9,835	300	

Financial liabilities:

Derivative instrument, interest rate swap \$774 \$ --\$774 \$ --

Certain assets are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. That is, they are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances (for example, when there is evidence of impairment). As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, impaired loans of \$0 and \$98, respectively, for which a fair value adjustment was recorded were classified as Level 3. Impaired loans are evaluated and valued at the lower of cost or fair value when the loan is identified as impaired. Fair value is measured based on the value of the collateral securing these loans. The types of collateral vary widely and could include accounts receivables, inventory, a variety of equipment and real estate. Evaluations of the underlying assets are completed for each impaired loan with a specific reserve. Collateral evaluations are reviewed and discounted as appropriate based on knowledge of the specific type of collateral. In the case of real estate, an independent appraisal may be obtained. Types of discounts considered include aging of receivables, condition of the collateral, potential market for the collateral and estimated disposal costs. These discounts will vary from loan to loan and may be discounted based on management's opinions concerning market developments or the client's business.

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GAAP requires disclosure of the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities, including those that are not measured and reported at fair value on a recurring or nonrecurring basis. The methodologies for estimating the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring or nonrecurring basis are discussed above. The methodologies for other financial assets and financial liabilities are discussed below.

Cash and due from banks: The carrying amount approximates fair value.

Federal funds sold: The carrying amount approximates fair value.

Investment securities held to maturity: The fair values of these securities, which are all state and political subdivisions, are determined by the same method previously described for investment securities available for sale.

FHLB stock: The fair value of this restricted stock is estimated at its carrying value and redemption price of \$100 per share.

Loans: The fair values of fixed rate loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis based on observable market interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers with similar credit quality. The carrying values of variable rate loans approximate their fair values.

Deposits: The carrying amounts for demand and savings deposits, which represent the amounts payable on demand, approximate their fair values. The fair values for time deposits are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis, based on observable market interest rates currently being offered on time deposits with similar terms.

Accrued interest receivable and payable: The fair values of both accrued interest receivable and payable approximate their carrying amounts.

Borrowings: The carrying amounts of federal funds purchased, short-term borrowings, variable rate FHLB advances, and variable rate long-term borrowings approximate their fair values. Fair values of subordinated notes, a fixed rate FHLB advance and other long-term borrowings are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis, based on observable market interest rates currently being offered with similar terms.

Commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit: The approximate fair values of commitments and standby letters of credit are based on the fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and creditworthiness of the counterparties.

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The following table presents the carrying amounts and approximate fair values of financial assets and liabilities as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

	September :	30, 2016	December 31, 2015		
Fair Value Hierarchy	Carrying	Approximate	Carrying	Approximate	
Level	Amount	Fair Value	Amount	Fair Value	
Level 1	\$44,526	\$44,526	\$57,329	\$57,329	
Level 1	6,324	6,324	15,322	15,322	
e See previous table	278,411	278,411	320,714	320,714	
Level 2	48,405	49,943	51,259	51,918	
Level 1	12,467	12,467	12,447	12,447	
Level 2	1,366,937	1,370,122	1,231,721	1,235,336	
Level 1	5,230	5,230	4,688	4,688	
Level 2	\$1,491,656	\$1,491,634	\$1,440,729	\$1,440,762	
Level 1	920	920	2,760	2,760	
Level 1	34,500	34,500	19,000	19,000	
Level 2	20,395	12,646	20,385	11,674	
Level 2	99,509	99,631	98,385	98,812	
Level 2	5.952	5,879	8,405	8,314	
Level 1	336	336	343	343	
See previous table	1,302	1,302	774	774	
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(1) All loans are Level 2 except impaired loans of \$0 and \$98 as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, which are Level 3.

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

"SAFE HARBOR" CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this report, other than purely historical information, including estimates, projections, statements relating to the Company's business plans, objectives and expected operating results, and the assumptions upon which those statements are based, are "forward-looking statements" within the meanings of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). Forward-looking statements may appear throughout this report. These forward-looking statements are generally identified by the words "believes," "expects," "intends," "anticipates," "projects," "future," "may," "should," "will," "strategy," "plan," "opportunity," "will be," "will likely result," "will continue" references, or references to estimates, predictions or future events. Such forward-looking statements are based upon certain underlying assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Because of the possibility that the underlying assumptions are incorrect or do not materialize as expected in the future, actual results could differ materially from these forward-looking statements. Risks and uncertainties that may affect future results include: interest rate risk; competitive pressures; pricing pressures on loans and deposits; changes in credit and other risks posed by the Company's loan and investment portfolios, including declines in commercial or residential real estate values or changes in the allowance for loan losses dictated by new market conditions or regulatory requirements; actions of bank and nonbank competitors; changes in local, national and international economic conditions; changes in regulatory requirements, limitations and costs; changes in customers' acceptance of the Company's products and services; cyber-attacks; unexpected outcomes of existing or new litigation involving the Company; and any other risks described in the "Risk Factors" sections of this and other reports filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise or update such forward-looking statements to reflect current or future events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The discussion and analysis of the Company's financial condition and results of operations are based upon the Company's consolidated financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. These estimates are based upon historical experience and on various other assumptions that management believes are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. The estimates and judgments that management believes have the most effect on the Company's reported financial position and results of operations are described as critical accounting policies in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 3, 2016. There have been no significant changes in the critical accounting policies or the assumptions and judgments utilized in applying these policies since the year ended December 31, 2015.

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THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

OVERVIEW

The following discussion describes the consolidated operations and financial condition of the Company, West Bank and West Bank's wholly owned subsidiary WB Funding Corporation (which owned an interest in a limited liability company that was sold in the fourth quarter of 2015). Results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 are compared to the results for the same periods in 2015, and the consolidated financial condition of the Company as of September 30, 2016 is compared to balances as of December 31, 2015. The Company operates in three markets: central Iowa, which is generally the greater Des Moines metropolitan area; eastern Iowa, which is the area including and surrounding Iowa City and Coralville, Iowa; and the Rochester, Minnesota area.

Net income for the three months ended September 30, 2016 was \$5,813, or \$0.36 per diluted common share, compared to \$5,426, or \$0.34 per diluted common share, for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The Company's annualized return on average assets (ROA) and return on average equity (ROE) for the three months ended September 30, 2016 were 1.26 and 14.20 percent, respectively, compared to 1.28 and 14.63 percent, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2015.

The increase in net income for the three months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2015 was mainly due to higher net interest income. The \$1,015, or 7.4 percent, increase in net interest income was fueled by an increase of \$155,408, or 12.7 percent, in average loans outstanding for the three months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same time period in 2015. Partially offsetting the increase in net interest income for the third quarter of 2016 compared to the same period in 2015 was a 5.9 percent increase in noninterest expense. The increase in noninterest expense included a \$250 proposed settlement agreement in a class action lawsuit and normal increases in other operating costs. As previously disclosed, the class action litigation was originally filed in September 2010 and has involved considerable management time and expense. As part of the proposed litigation settlement, West Bank does not admit to any liability or wrongdoing, and the settlement agreement, subject to court approval, would include a release of all claims brought or that could have been brought in the lawsuit and would result in a dismissal of the lawsuit with prejudice. West Bank will seek preliminary court approval of the proposed settlement in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was \$16,985, or \$1.05 per diluted common share, compared to \$15,801, or \$0.98 per diluted common share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The Company's annualized ROA and ROE for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 were 1.26 and 14.29 percent, respectively, compared to 1.28 and 14.62 percent, respectively, for the first nine months of 2015.

The increase in net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015 was primarily due to growth in net interest income associated with loan growth and the recognition of tax-exempt gain from bank-owned life insurance. Partially offsetting these increases for the first nine months of 2016 compared to the first nine months of 2015 were increases in the provision for loan losses and noninterest expense.

Net interest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 grew \$2,670, or 6.7 percent, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2015. Similar to the three months ended September 30, 2016, the increase in net interest income was primarily due to the \$115,064 increase in average loans outstanding for the first nine months of 2016 compared to the first nine months of 2015. In association with the loan growth, the Company recorded a provision for loan losses of \$900 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, compared to a \$400 provision in the nine months

ended September 30, 2015.

The Company recognized tax-exempt gain from bank-owned life insurance of \$443 in the nine months ended September 30, 2016 due to the losses of one of our colleagues as well as a former employee. Partially offsetting this tax-exempt income was an increase of approximately \$171 in noninterest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 due to the recognition of costs associated with the death of the employee. The remaining \$1,002 increase in noninterest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015 was due to the combination of increased salaries and benefit costs, the litigation settlement mentioned above and normal increases in other operating costs.

The Company has reached an agreement with its insurance carrier for reimbursement of \$300 of defense costs related to the class action litigation and a 50 percent reimbursement rate for future class action litigation-related defense costs incurred to conclude the proposed settlement. The \$300 reimbursement will be recognized upon receipt, which is expected to be in the fourth quarter of 2016.

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Total loans outstanding increased \$136,207, or 10.9 percent, during the first nine months of 2016. The credit quality of the loan portfolio remains strong as evidenced by the Company's Texas ratio, which was 0.55 percent as of September 30, 2016. As of September 30, 2016, the allowance for loan losses was 1.15 percent of outstanding loans, and management believes it was adequate to absorb any losses inherent in the loan portfolio.

Each quarter throughout the year, the Company's four key performance metrics are compared to those of our identified peer group of 16 companies. The group of 16 publicly traded peer financial institutions against which we compare our performance each quarter consists of BankFinancial Corporation, Farmers Capital Bank Corporation, First Business Financial Services, Inc., First Defiance Financial Corp., First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc., Hills Bancorporation, Horizon Bancorp, Isabella Bank Corporation, Mercantile Bank Corporation, MidWestOne Financial Group, Inc., MutualFirst Financial, Inc., Nicolet Bankshares, Inc., Peoples Bancorp, QCR Holdings, Inc., Southwest Bancorp and Waterstone Financial, Inc. The members of the peer group are selected based on their business focus, scope and location of operations, size and other considerations. The Company is in the middle of the group in terms of asset size. The group is periodically reviewed, with changes made primarily to reflect merger and acquisition activity. Our goal is to perform at or near the top of these peers relative to what we consider to be four key metrics: return on average assets, return on average equity, efficiency ratio and Texas ratio. We believe these measures encompass the factors that define the performance of a community bank. When contrasted with the peer group's metrics for the six months ended June 30, 2016 (latest data available), the Company's metrics for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 were better than those of each company in the peer group as shown in the table below, except for one peer that had a higher ROA.

-	West Bancorporation, Inc.	Peer Group Range
	Nine months ended September 30, 2016	Six months ended June 30, 2016
Return on average assets	1.26%	0.36% - 1.34%
Return on average equity	14.29%	2.60% - 10.73%
Efficiency ratio*	46.59%	54.47% - 77.57%
Texas ratio*	0.55%	3.73% - 23.59%
* A lower ratio is more des		

Previously announced construction continues on a new office in Rochester, Minnesota. The new facility will replace a leased office and is expected to open in November 2016. We believe the more prominent location of the new office along with the addition of an experienced consumer banker will enhance our ability to expand the customer base in that market.

During the third quarter of 2016, the Company elected to become a financial holding company. The election provides the Company with additional flexibility to engage in a broader range of financial activities through affiliates than are permissible for bank holding companies that are not financial holding companies. While the Company does not currently have a plan to engage in any new activities, the election affords the ability to respond more quickly to market developments and opportunities.

At its meeting on October 26, 2016, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.17 per common share. The dividend is payable on November 23, 2016, to stockholders of record as of November 9, 2016. The dividend was increased \$0.01 to the \$0.17 level in April 2016 and represents the highest quarterly dividend amount ever paid by the Company.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table shows selected financial results and measures for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared with the same periods in 2015.

	Three	Three Months Ended September 30,						Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2016 2015		Change	Change %	2016	2015	Chang	e	Change %				
Net income	\$5,813	3	\$5,426	5	\$387	7.13 %	\$16,985	\$15,801	\$1,184	4	7.49 %		
Average assets	1,838,	125	1,678,	005	160,120	9.54 %	1,794,777	1,652,232	142,54	142,545			
Average stockholders' equity	162,86	57	147,12	0	15,747	10.70%	158,821	144,540	14,281	14,281			
Return on average assets	1.26	0%	1.28	0%	(0.02)%		1.26 %	1.28 9	6 (0.02)%			
Return on average equity	14.20		14.63		(0.02)% (0.43)%				b (0.33)%			
Net interest margin	3.50		3.59		(0.09)%				b (0.08)%			
Efficiency ratio*	46.25		46.30		(0.05)%				b (0.53)%			
Dividend payout ratio	47.19		47.36		(0.17)%				6 0.71	%			
Average equity to average													
assets ratio	8.86	%	8.77	%	0.09 %		8.85 %	8.75 9	6 0.10	%			
							As of Sept	ember 30,					
							2016	2015	Chang	e			
Texas ratio*							0.55 %	2.35 9	6 (1.80)%			
Equity to assets ratio							9.03 %	8.61 9	0.42	%			
Tangible common equity rati	0						9.03 %	8.61 9	6 0.42	%			
* A lower ratio is more desira	able.												

Definitions of ratios:

Return on average assets - annualized net income divided by average assets.

Return on average equity - annualized net income divided by average stockholders' equity.

Net interest margin - annualized tax-equivalent net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets. Efficiency ratio - noninterest expense (excluding other real estate owned expense) divided by noninterest income (excluding net securities gains and gains/losses on disposition of premises and equipment) plus tax-equivalent net interest income.

Dividend payout ratio - dividends paid to common stockholders divided by net income.

Texas ratio - total nonperforming assets divided by tangible common equity plus the allowance for loan losses. Equity to assets ratio - equity divided by assets.

Tangible common equity ratio - common equity less intangible assets divided by tangible assets.

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Net Interest Income

The following tables present average balances and related interest income or interest expense, with the resulting annualized average yield or rate by category of interest-earning assets or interest-bearing liabilities. Interest income and the resulting net interest income are shown on a fully taxable basis. Data for the three months ended September 30:

	Average Ba	lance			Interest	Income/E	*	Yield/	Yield/Rate			
	2016	2015	Change	Change- %	2016	2015	$Change_{\%}^{Change-}$	2016	2015	Change	e	
Interest-earning assets: Loans: ^{(1) (2)}	5											
Commercial Real estate ⁽³⁾	\$365,632 1,003,492	\$337,915 877,732	\$27,717 125,760		6 \$3,874 6 11,166	\$3,564 9,921		6 4.22% 6 4.43%				
Consumer and other	9,983	8,052	1,931	23.98 %	6 102	84	18 21.43 %	4.06%	4.12%	(0.06)	%	
Total loans	1,379,107	1,223,699	155,408	12.70 %	6 15,142	13,569	1,573 11.59 %	6 4.37%	4.40%	(0.03)	%	
Investment securities: Taxable Tax-exempt ⁽³⁾ Total	230,054 115,934	211,297 107,408	18,757 8,526	7.94 %	6 991 6 1,176	1,017 1,195	(26) (2.56) (2.56) (19) (1.59)	6 4.06%	4.45%	(0.39)%	%	
investment securities	345,988	318,705	27,283	8.56 %	6 2,167	2,212	(45) (2.03)%	6 2.50%	2.78%	(0.28)%	76	
securities												
Federal funds sold Total	20,783	43,725	(22,942)	(52.47)%	% 26	28	(2) (7.14)9	6 0.51%	0.26%	0.25 %	%	
interest-earning assets ⁽³⁾	\$1,745,878	\$1,586,129	\$159,749	10.07 %	6 17,335	15,809	1,526 9.65 %	5 3.95%	3.95%	9	%	
Interest-bearing liabilities: Deposits: Interest-bearing demand, savings and money												
market	\$944,809	\$815,195	\$129,614			302	376 124.50 %					
Time deposits Total deposits	110,223 1,055,032	121,356 936,551	(11,133) 118,481	(9.17)% 12.65 %		198 500	$\begin{array}{cccc} (4 &) & (2.02 &)9 \\ 372 & 74.40 & 9 \end{array}$	$5 \ 0.70\%$			76 76	
Other borrowed funds		139,302		(4.82)%		941		5 0.33 % 5 3.31 %				

Total interest-bearing liabilities	·	\$1,075,853	\$111,762	10.39	%	1,975	1,441	534	37.06	%	0.66%	0.53%	0.13	%
Tax-equivalent income Net interest spread Net interest margin	net interest					\$15,360	\$14,368	\$992	6.90			3.42% 3.59%		·
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Data for the nine months ended September 30:

	Average Ba 2016	lance 2015	Change	Chang	e-	Interest I 2016	ncome/E 2015	xpense Change	Chang	e-	Yield/H 2016	Rate 2015	Chan	nge
Interest-earning assets:		2010	enange	%		2010	2012	chunge	%		2010	2010	Cilui	.50
Loans: ^{(1) (2)} Commercial Real estate ⁽³⁾	\$361,315 951,226	\$327,185 870,436	\$34,130 80,790	10.43 9.28		\$11,377 31,768	\$10,232 29,181	\$1,145 2,587	11.19 8.87		4.21% 4.46%			
Consumer and other	8,716	8,572	144	1.68	%	257	252	5	1.98	%	3.94%	3.93%	0.01	%
Total loans	1,321,257	1,206,193	115,064	9.54	%	43,402	39,665	3,737	9.42	%	4.39%	4.40%	(0.01)%
Investment securities: Taxable	243,811	219,597	24,214	11.03	%	3,222	3,184	38	1.19	%	1.76%	1.93%	(0.17	')%
Tax-exempt ⁽³⁾ Total	120,049	104,325	15,724	15.07	%	3,742	3,495	247	7.07	%	4.16%	4.47%	(0.31)%
investment securities	363,860	323,922	39,938	12.33	%	6,964	6,679	285	4.27	%	2.55%	2.75%	(0.20)%
Federal funds sold Total	14,586	31,190	(16,604)	(53.24)%	57	60	(3)	(5.00)%	0.53%	0.26%	0.27	%
interest-earning assets ⁽³⁾	\$1,699,703	\$1,561,305	\$138,398	8.86	%	50,423	46,404	4,019	8.66	%	3.96%	3.97%	(0.01)%
Interest-bearing liabilities: Deposits: Interest-bearing demand, savings and money														
market	\$909,950	\$817,065	\$92,885	11.37			953	889			0.27%			
Time deposits Total deposits Other borrowed funds Total interest-bearing	110,218 1,020,168	132,766 949,831	(22,548) 70,337	(16.98 7.41	·	559 2,401	669 1,622	(110) 779	-		0.68% 0.31%			
	138,087	148,681	(9,994)	(6.72)%	3,335	2,842	493	17.35	%	3.21%	2.56%	0.65	%
liabilities		\$1,098,512	\$60,343	5.49	%	5,736	4,464	1,272	28.49	%	0.66%	0.54%	0.12	%
Tax-equivalent income	net interest					\$44,687	\$41,940	\$2,747	6.55	%				

Net interest spread Net interest margin

3.30% 3.43% (0.13)%

3.51% 3.59% (0.08)%

- Average loan balances include nonaccrual loans. Interest income recognized on nonaccrual loans has been (1) included.
- (2) Interest income on loans includes amortization of loan fees and costs and prepayment penalties collected, which are not material.
- Tax-exempt income has been adjusted to a tax-equivalent basis using an incremental federal income tax rate of 35 (3)percent and is adjusted to reflect the effect of the nondeductible interest expense associated with owning tax-exempt investment securities and loans.

The Company's largest component of net income is net interest income. Fluctuations in net interest income can result from the combination of changes in the average balances of asset and liability categories and changes in interest rates. Interest rates earned and paid are affected by general economic conditions, particularly changes in market interest rates, and by competitive factors, government policies and the actions of regulatory authorities. The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System increased the targeted federal funds interest rate by 25 basis points in December 2015, the first interest rate change in seven years. No additional changes to the targeted federal funds interest rate have been made to date in 2016.

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Net interest margin is a measure of the net return on interest-earning assets and is computed by dividing annualized tax-equivalent net interest income by total average interest-earning assets for the period. The net interest margin for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 declined nine and eight basis points, respectively, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015. The primary drivers of the decline in the net interest margin for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same respective periods in 2015 were an increase in interest rates paid on certain deposit categories, a reduction in yield on investment securities due to calls of higher yielding securities, and an increase in the rate paid on other borrowed funds. Despite the decline in the net interest margin, tax-equivalent net interest income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015. The primary 30, 2015. The increase in net interest income for both 2016 periods compared to the same time periods in 2015. The increase in net interest income for both 2016 periods compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 increase in average outstanding loans. Management expects the persisting low interest rate environment to continue to put pressure on the net interest margin throughout the remainder of 2016. Management continually develops and applies strategies to maintain the net interest margin.

Tax-equivalent interest income on loans increased \$1,573 and \$3,737, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015. The improvement for both time periods was due to the significant increase in average loan balances outstanding. The average yields on loans decreased slightly for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The Company continues to focus on expanding existing and entering into new customer relationships while maintaining strong credit quality. The yield on the Company's loan portfolio is affected by the mix of the loans in the portfolio, the interest rate environment, the effects of competition, the level of nonaccrual loans and reversals of previously accrued interest on charged-off loans. The political and economic environments can also influence the volume of new loan originations and the mix of variable rate versus fixed rate loans.

The average balance of investment securities was higher during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 than during the same periods in 2015, while calls of certain higher-yielding municipal securities and a lower yield on the most recent portfolio purchases caused the overall portfolio yield to decline 28 and 20 basis points, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same periods last year. The increase in average balances was primarily attributable to purchases in the third quarter of 2015. No investment securities were purchased during the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

The average balance of interest-bearing demand, savings and money market deposits increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, mainly due to an increase in average balances of money market accounts, including public funds from municipalities. The average rate paid on interest-bearing demand, savings and money market deposits for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 increased 14 and 11 basis points, respectively, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015. The increase in interest expense was primarily due to increasing interest rates on certain money market deposits in 2016. The average balance of time deposits continued to decline for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended in 2015 as fewer maturing deposits have been renewed due to the historically low interest rates. Meanwhile, interest rates on time deposits increased five basis points for the three months and one basis point for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same periods in 2015 and the market deposits point for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same periods in 2015 as fewer maturing deposits have been renewed due to the historically low interest rates. Meanwhile, interest rates on time deposits increased five basis points for the three months and one basis point for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same periods in 2015, primarily due to fees paid at the time new and renewed Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service deposits were issued.

The average rate paid on other borrowed funds increased 63 and 65 basis points, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015. The increase in the average rate paid was due to the combination of an interest rate swap that became effective in December 2015, amortization of interest rate swap termination fees paid in 2015, and increases in rates for variable rate FHLB advances and a subordinated note. The decline in the average balance of other borrowed funds for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same periods in 2015 was caused by lower average overnight borrowings and scheduled principal payments on long-term borrowings.

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Provision for Loan Losses and the Related Allowance for Loan Losses

The provision for loan losses represents a charge made to earnings to maintain an adequate allowance for loan losses. The adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is evaluated quarterly by management and reviewed by the Board of Directors. The allowance for loan losses is management's best estimate of probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio as of the balance sheet date. Based upon the evaluations, the provision for loan losses was \$200 for both the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015. The provision for loan losses was \$900 and \$400, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015. The increased provision for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was directly associated with the strong 2016 year-to-date loan growth.

Factors considered in establishing an appropriate allowance include: an assessment of the financial condition of the borrower; the value and adequacy of loan collateral; the condition of the local economy and the condition of the specific industry of the borrower; the levels and trends of loans by segment; and a review of delinquent and classified loans. The quarterly evaluation focuses on factors such as specific loan reviews, changes in the components of the loan portfolio given the current and forecasted economic conditions, and historical loss experience. Any one of the following conditions may result in the review of a specific loan: concern about whether the customer's cash flow or net worth is sufficient to repay the loan; delinquency status; criticism of the loan in a regulatory examination; the suspension of interest accrual; or other factors, including whether the loan has other special or unusual characteristics that suggest special monitoring is warranted. The Company's concentration risks include geographic concentration in central and eastern Iowa and southeastern Minnesota. The local economies are composed primarily of service industries and state and county governments.

West Bank has a significant portion of its loan portfolio in commercial real estate loans, commercial lines of credit, commercial term loans, and construction and land development loans. West Bank's typical commercial borrower is a small- or medium-sized, privately owned business entity. West Bank's commercial loans typically have greater credit risks than residential mortgages or consumer loans because they often have larger balances and repayment usually depends on the borrowers' successful business operations. Commercial loans also involve additional risks because they generally are not fully repaid over the loan period and, thus, may require refinancing or a large payoff at maturity. When the economy turns downward, commercial borrowers may not be able to repay their loans, and the value of their assets, which are usually pledged as collateral, may decrease rapidly and significantly.

While management uses available information to recognize losses on loans, further reduction in the carrying amounts of loans may be necessary based on changes in circumstances, changes in the overall economy in the markets we currently serve, or later acquired information. Identifiable sectors within the general economy are subject to additional volatility, which at any time may have a substantial impact on the loan portfolio. In addition, regulatory agencies, as integral parts of their examination processes, periodically review the credit quality of the loan portfolio and the level of the allowance for loan losses. Such agencies may require West Bank to recognize additional losses based on such agencies' review of information available to them at the time of their examinations.

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West Bank's policy is to charge off loans when, in management's opinion, a loan or a portion of a loan is deemed uncollectible. Concerted efforts are made to maximize subsequent recoveries. The following table summarizes the activity in the Company's allowance for loan losses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 and related ratios.

	Three Mor	hree Months Ended September 30, N					Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2016		2015		Change	2016		2015		Change
Balance at beginning of period	\$15,829		\$14,364		\$1,465	\$14,967		\$13,607		\$1,360
Charge-offs	(171)	(154)	(17)	(264)	(225)	(39)
Recoveries	100		250		(150)	355		878		(523)
Net (charge-offs) recoveries	(71)	96		(167)	91		653		(562)
Provision for loan losses charged to operations	200		200		_	900		400		500
Balance at end of period	\$15,958		\$14,660		\$1,298	\$15,958		\$14,660		\$1,298
Average loans outstanding	\$1,379,107	7	\$1,223,69	9		\$1,321,25	7	\$1,206,16	0	
Ratio of annualized net charge-offs (recoveries) during the period to average loans outstanding	0.02	%	(0.03)%	,	(0.01)%	(0.07)%	
Ratio of allowance for loan losses to										

average loans outstanding 1.16 % 1.20 % 1.21 % 1.22 % In general, the U.S. economy is growing, but at a lower rate than was considered normal before the financial crisis. Average monthly job growth in 2016 has dropped below 200,000, while the national unemployment rate has increased slightly to 5.0 percent as of September 30, 2016. Activity in the housing market continues at a moderate pace. Interest rates are expected to gradually increase, although any increase may be delayed due to the sluggish world economy. The economic environments in Iowa and Minnesota continue to slowly improve. Based on the current economic indicators, the Company decided to maintain the economic factors within the allowance for loan losses evaluation at the same levels used in 2015. In the first nine months of 2016, the Company continued to use experience factors based on the highest losses calculated over a rolling 12-, 16-, or 20-quarter period. The loan growth in the first nine months of 2016 resulted in the portion of the allowance for loan losses related to loans collectively evaluated for impairment to increase by \$1,041 to a total of \$15,441, which was 1.12 percent of loans collectively evaluated for impairment as of September 30, 2016 compared to \$14,400, or 1.16 percent, as of December 31, 2015. Management believes the resulting allowance for loan losses as of September 30, 2016 was adequate to absorb the losses inherent in the loan portfolio at the end of the quarter.

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Noninterest Income

The following tables show the variance from the prior year in the noninterest income categories shown in the Consolidated Statements of Income. In addition, accounts within the "Other income" category that represent a significant portion of the total or a significant variance are shown below.

	Three Months Ended September 30,				
Noninterest income:	2016	2015	Change	Change %	
Service charges on deposit accounts	\$632	\$663	\$ (31)	(4.68)%	
Debit card usage fees	450	463	(13	(2.81)%	
Trust services	355	302	53	17.55 %	
Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance	160	183	(23	(12.57)%	
Other income:					
Revenue from residential mortgage banking	51	45	6	13.33 %	
Loan fees	22	85	(63	(74.12)%	
Letter of credit fees	23	13	10	76.92 %	
Credit card fees	63	53	10	18.87 %	
All other income	163	128	35	27.34 %	
Total other income	322	324	(2)	(0.62)%	
Total noninterest income	\$1,919	\$1,935	\$(16)	(0.83)%	
	Nine Months Ended September 30,			ptember	
	30,			L	
Noninterest income:	30, 2016	2015	Change	Change	
Noninterest income: Service charges on deposit accounts	2016		Change	Change	
	2016		Change	Change %	
Service charges on deposit accounts	2016 \$1,847	\$1,934	Change \$ (87	Change % (4.50)%	
Service charges on deposit accounts Debit card usage fees	2016 \$1,847 1,372	\$1,934 1,367	Change \$ (87) 5 2	Change % (4.50)% 0.37 %	
Service charges on deposit accounts Debit card usage fees Trust services	2016 \$1,847 1,372 946	\$1,934 1,367 944	Change \$ (87) 5 2	Change % (4.50)% 0.37 % 0.21 %	
Service charges on deposit accounts Debit card usage fees Trust services Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance	2016 \$1,847 1,372 946 492	\$1,934 1,367 944 550	Change \$ (87) 5 2 (58)	Change % (4.50)% 0.37% 0.21% (10.55)%	
Service charges on deposit accounts Debit card usage fees Trust services Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance Gain from bank-owned life insurance	2016 \$1,847 1,372 946 492 443	\$1,934 1,367 944 550 —	Change \$ (87) 5 2 (58) 443	Change % (4.50)% 0.37% 0.21% (10.55)% N/A	
Service charges on deposit accounts Debit card usage fees Trust services Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance Gain from bank-owned life insurance Realized investment securities gains, net	2016 \$1,847 1,372 946 492 443	\$1,934 1,367 944 550 —	Change \$ (87) 5 2 (58) 443 13	Change % (4.50)% 0.37% 0.21% (10.55)% N/A	
Service charges on deposit accounts Debit card usage fees Trust services Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance Gain from bank-owned life insurance Realized investment securities gains, net Other income:	2016 \$1,847 1,372 946 492 443 60	\$1,934 1,367 944 550 47	Change \$ (87) 5 2 (58) 443 13 (16)	Change % (4.50)% 0.37% 0.21% (10.55)% N/A 27.66%	
Service charges on deposit accounts Debit card usage fees Trust services Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance Gain from bank-owned life insurance Realized investment securities gains, net Other income: Revenue from residential mortgage banking	2016 \$1,847 1,372 946 492 443 60 116	\$1,934 1,367 944 550 	Change \$ (87) 5 2 (58) 443 13 (16)	Change % (4.50)% 0.37% 0.21% (10.55)% N/A 27.66% (12.12)%	
Service charges on deposit accounts Debit card usage fees Trust services Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance Gain from bank-owned life insurance Realized investment securities gains, net Other income: Revenue from residential mortgage banking Loan fees	2016 \$1,847 1,372 946 492 443 60 116 50	\$1,934 1,367 944 550 47 132 122	Change \$ (87) 5 2 (58) 443 13 (16) (72)	Change % (4.50)% 0.37% 0.21% (10.55)% N/A 27.66% (12.12)% (59.02)%	
Service charges on deposit accounts Debit card usage fees Trust services Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance Gain from bank-owned life insurance Realized investment securities gains, net Other income: Revenue from residential mortgage banking Loan fees Letter of credit fees	2016 \$1,847 1,372 946 492 443 60 116 50 80	\$1,934 1,367 944 550 47 132 122 61	Change \$ (87) 5 2 (58) 443 13 (16) (72) 19	Change % (4.50)% 0.37% 0.21% (10.55)% N/A 27.66% (12.12)% (59.02)% 31.15%	
Service charges on deposit accounts Debit card usage fees Trust services Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance Gain from bank-owned life insurance Realized investment securities gains, net Other income: Revenue from residential mortgage banking Loan fees Letter of credit fees Credit card fees	2016 \$1,847 1,372 946 492 443 60 116 50 80 195	\$1,934 1,367 944 550 47 132 122 61 164	Change \$ (87) 5 2 (58) 443 13 (16) (72) 19 31	Change % (4.50)% 0.37% 0.21% (10.55)% N/A 27.66% (12.12)% (59.02)% 31.15% 18.90%	

Service charges on deposit accounts declined for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, primarily due to lower fees resulting from fewer instances of nonsufficient funds, which was partially offset by higher fees from commercial accounts.

Revenue from trust services was higher during the three months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same time period in 2015, due to the combination of successful, ongoing business development efforts and pricing updates for

certain account types.

The increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance was lower in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 than in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, as crediting rates within the policies have declined slightly due to the historically low interest rate environment. As previously mentioned, gain from bank-owned life insurance was recognized for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 due to the losses of one of our colleagues as well as a former employee.

The Company sold three preferred stocks during the nine months ended September 30, 2016, recognizing gains of \$60, while net gains on sales of securities of \$47 were recognized during the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

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Loan fees declined for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same periods in 2015, due to the recognition of a rate lock fee on one loan in the third quarter of 2015. Letter of credit fees grew due to the increase in the amount of standby letters of credit activity for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015.

Credit card fees increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, due to both higher volumes of credit transactions and an increase in the number of credit cards issued through a third party. All other income for the three months ended September 30, 2016 included a discount of \$33 related to the purchase of a State of Iowa income tax credit.

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Noninterest Expense

The following tables show the variance from the prior year in the noninterest expense categories shown in the Consolidated Statements of Income. In addition, accounts within the "Other expenses" category that represent a significant portion of the total or a significant variance are shown below.

	Three Months Ended September 30,					
Noninterest expense:	2016	2015	Change	Change %		
Salaries and employee benefits	\$4,154	\$4,056	\$ 98	2.42 %		
Occupancy	1,038	1,031	7	0.68 %		
Data processing	643	595	48	8.07 %		
FDIC insurance expense	272	209	63	30.14 %		
Professional fees	189	194	(5)	(2.58)%		
Director fees	202	226	(24)	(10.62)%		
Other expenses:						
Marketing	72	55	17	30.91 %		
Business development	157	166	(9)	(5.42)%		
Insurance expense	88	96	(8)	(8.33)%		
Investment advisory fees	124	130	(6)	(4.62)%		
Postage and courier	79	78	1	1.28 %		
Trust	106	107	(1)	(0.93)%		
Consulting fees	91	70	21	30.00 %		
Supplies	75	68	7	10.29 %		
Low income housing projects amortization	99	76	23	30.26 %		
Miscellaneous losses	247	27	220	814.81 %		
All other	357	365	(8)	(2.19)%		
Total other	1,495	1,238	257	20.76 %		
Total noninterest expense	\$7,993	\$7,549	\$444	5.88 %		
	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
Noninterest expense:	2016	2015	Change	Change %		
Salaries and employee benefits	\$12,644	\$12,051	\$ 593			