

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 8-K  
November 01, 2013

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

**FORM 8-K**

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

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): November 1, 2013**

**Ameris Bancorp**  
**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Georgia**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
**of Incorporation)**

**001-13901**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

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

**310 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**31768**  
**(Zip Code)**

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

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

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

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

On November 1, 2013, William (Bill) H. Stern was appointed as a director of Ameris Bancorp (the Company) to fill a vacancy on the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Stern will receive the standard compensation paid to members of the Company's Board of Directors. There are no understandings or arrangements between Mr. Stern and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director. The Board has not yet determined the committees of the Board to which Mr. Stern may be appointed.

Mr. Stern currently serves as President and CEO of Stern & Stern and Associates, a real estate development firm. Mr. Stern is also Chairman of Ameris Bank's community board for the State of South Carolina, and is Chairman of the South Carolina Ports Authority.

**SIGNATURE**

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

AMERIS BANCORP

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

Dated: November 1, 2013