

WEST BANCORPORATION INC
Form 8-K
June 10, 2009

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): June 4, 2009

West Bancorporation, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Iowa

0-49677

42-1230603

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1601 22nd Street, West Des Moines, Iowa

50266

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area
code:

515-222-2300

Not Applicable

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:

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

Item 2.06 Material Impairments.

West Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of West Bancorporation, Inc., determined on June 4, 2009, that a \$4.5 million charge for impairment of a loan was required. West Bank was in the process of collecting a past due loan made to an individual who had been a customer of West Bank since 1988 when it discovered an apparent misrepresentation of assets.

West Bank does not believe any material assets will be recovered.

SIGNATURES

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

West Bancorporation, Inc.

June 10, 2009

By: Douglas R. Gulling
Name: Douglas R. Gulling
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer
