

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 8-K  
August 16, 2016

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): August 16, 2016

Ameris Bancorp

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Georgia	001-13901	58-1456434
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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310 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia 31768  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (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):

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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 August 16, 2016, Elizabeth (Beth) A. McCague was appointed a director of Ameris Bancorp (the “Company”) to fill a vacancy on the Company’s Board of Directors. Ms. McCague will receive the standard compensation paid to members of the Company’s Board of Directors. There are no understandings or arrangements between Ms. McCague and any other person pursuant to which she was selected as a director. The Board has appointed Ms. McCague to serve on the Company’s Audit Committee.

Ms. McCague is President of McCague & Company, LLC, a mediation services provider for resolution of financial disputes. In addition, Ms. McCague currently serves as a consultant for the Jacksonville Police & Fire Pension Fund.

**SIGNATURE**

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

**AMERIS BANCORP**

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

Date: August 16, 2016

