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To Our Stockholders:

In preface to my summary of our company's 2009 performance, I would like to share with you one paragraph of FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair's speech at the Independent Community Bankers National Convention on March 19, 2010.

"Economists tell us that the worst of the recession is behind us, yet we know that credit performance is a lagging indicator. You are still seeing the effects of the recession in your past-due and nonaccrual loans...The credit crisis, which began on Wall Street, is now mostly being felt on Main Street. Your customers are feeling the effects of diminished cash flows and lower collateral values...."

Certainly, Ms. Bair's comments reflect what our customers experienced in 2009 and what they continue to grapple with today. Our bank, being a mirror of our community, experienced the same challenges in 2009. Our net income of \$1,889,928 was down \$272,949 as compared to \$2,162,877 year end 2008. The primary reasons for this drop in income were a decrease in interest income of \$366,393, due to a reduction of loan balances by \$9,890,414, and an increase of our FDIC insurance expense to \$384,345, \$283,438 more than we paid in 2008. All community banks experienced this material increase of deposit insurance expense in 2009 due to the FDIC's and the U.S. Treasury's efforts to stabilize the financial markets last year. In spite of this decrease in income, we were able to produce a respectable return on average assets (ROAA) of .75% and a return on average equity (ROAE) of 6.61%. Scott Bramble and his crew at FAM&M, our insurance affiliate, had a great year with net income of \$233,490. In the pages that follow, you will find a more in-depth analysis and discussion of these results.

Our main achievement in 2009 was converting to a new operating system. The conversion, from a system we had been using since 1973, entailed a massive effort on the part of our employees, mainly those in Operations. The team that gets the credit headed by Larry Lyons was Tad Wheatley, Henrietta Maloney, Terri Garvey, Stephanie Usilton, Ina Reed, Tammy Dlugoborski, Heidi Manning, Katie DiSano, Mary Ann Landa, Amanda Miller, Sheila Dwyer, and Kay McHenry. These folks deserve special recognition as they worked long hours learning a totally different system; converting all of our customers on both the loan side and the deposit side and the general ledger. The total process took eight months of total dedication to the project. We congratulate them wholeheartedly.

Ongoing, in the short term we have seen slight improvement in the economy here on the Shore. As a matter of fact, the only region that I have heard of that has a positive outlook is Washington, DC. Hopefully, some of the growth that is projected there will spill over to our area. Longer term, once growth returns to the economy, I am optimistic that we will perform well. Our new branches in Queen Anne's County; Church Hill and Sudlersville, have added nearly \$12,000,000 in deposits to our balance sheet during this recession. I am excited about their potential when new home building resumes and more people are able to move into our community.

Finally, this is your bank's 100<sup>th</sup> year of operating as an independent community bank. The Peoples Bank of Chestertown, Maryland was incorporated by the Maryland General Assembly on April 13, 1910 and opened for business on September 1, 1910. Assets on opening day were \$15,228. At the end of the year 2009, they were \$254,275,271.

This growth was fueled by our local communities who have invested in us these many years and, in turn, we have invested all of our assets in the community. We are sincerely honored to have been a part of this.

We started out strong and remain strong to this day. The Peoples Bank is considered "well-capitalized" at 11% by both the Federal Reserve Bank and the FDIC where the minimum requirement is 4%. Hopefully, our balance sheet and earnings will continue to improve as the recession is replaced by optimism, jobs growth, and capital spending.

Starting this spring and continuing until September, we will celebrate this achievement by having open houses at each one of our offices, beginning with the Main Office on April 16<sup>th</sup>, Rock Hall Branch on May 14<sup>th</sup>, Washington Avenue Branch on August 13<sup>th</sup>, Galena Branch on September 10<sup>th</sup>, Millington Branch on October 8<sup>th</sup>, Church Hill Branch on November 12<sup>th</sup>, and ending at our Sudlersville Branch on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, you will be able to attend at least one of the seven open houses. We will be advertising the dates and times in the Kent News and on WCTR.

I hope to see you on May 26<sup>th</sup> at our annual meeting.

Thank you.

Regards,

Thomas G. Stevenson President/CEO/CFO

The following discussion of consolidated financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes and other statistical information included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report.

#### Overview

We recorded a 12.62% decrease in net income for 2009 when compared to 2008. Basic net income per share for 2009 was \$2.42, compared to \$2.77 for 2008.

Return on average assets decreased to .75% for 2009 from .85% for 2008. Return on average stockholders' equity for 2009 was 6.61%, compared to 7.59% for 2008. Average assets decreased to \$252,102,641 in 2009, representing a 1.04% decrease when compared to 2008. Average loans net of loan loss decreased 3.46% in 2009 to \$208,266,915. During 2009, average deposits increased 5.16% to \$175,729,857 when compared to 2008. Average stockholders' equity for the year ended December 31, 2009 increased .37% over 2008, totaling \$28,608,628.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") and follow general practices within the industries in which we operate. Application of these principles requires management to make estimates, assumptions, and judgments that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. These estimates, assumptions, and judgments are based on information available as of the date of the financial statements; accordingly, as this information changes, the financial statements could reflect different estimates, assumptions, and judgments. Certain policies inherently have a greater reliance on the use of estimates, assumptions, and judgments and as such have a greater possibility of producing results that could be materially different than originally reported. Estimates, assumptions, and judgments are necessary when assets and liabilities are required to be recorded at fair value, when a decline in the value of an asset not carried on the financial statements at fair value warrants an impairment write-down or valuation reserve to be established, or when an asset or liability needs to be recorded contingent upon a future event. Carrying assets and liabilities at fair value inherently results in more financial statement volatility. The fair values and the information used to record valuation adjustments for certain assets and liabilities are based either on quoted market prices or are provided by other third-party sources, when available.

The most significant accounting policies that we follow are presented in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. These policies, along with the disclosures presented in the other financial statement notes and in this financial review, provide information on how significant assets and liabilities are valued in the financial statements and how those values are determined. Based on the valuation techniques used and the sensitivity of financial statement amounts to the methods, assumptions, and estimates underlying those amounts, management has identified the determination of the allowance for loan losses to be the accounting area that requires the most subjective or complex judgments, and as such could be most subject to revision as new information becomes available.

The allowance for loan losses represents management's estimate of probable loan losses inherent in the loan portfolio as of the balance sheet date. Determining the amount of the allowance for loan losses is considered a critical accounting estimate because it requires significant judgment and the use of estimates related to the amount and timing of expected future cash flows on impaired loans, estimated losses on pools of homogeneous loans based on historical loss experience, and consideration of current economic trends and conditions, all of which may be susceptible to significant change. The loan portfolio also represents the largest asset type on the consolidated balance sheets. Note 1 to Consolidated Financial Statements describes the methodology used to determine the allowance for loan losses, and a discussion of the factors driving changes in the amount of the allowance for loan losses is included below under the caption "FINANCIAL CONDITION—Market Risk Management."

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

We reported net income of \$1,889,928, or \$2.42 per share, for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to \$2,162,877, or \$2.77 per share, for the year ended December 31, 2008. This represents a decrease for 2009 of \$272,949 or 12.62% when compared to 2008.

#### **Net Interest Income**

The primary source of our income is net interest income, which is the difference between revenue on interest-earning assets, such as investment securities and loans, and interest incurred on interest-bearing sources of funds, such as deposits and borrowings. The level of net interest income is determined primarily by the average balance of interest-earning assets and funding sources and the various rate spreads between our interest-earning assets and our interest-bearing funding sources. The table "Average Balances, Interest, and Yields" that appears below shows our average volume of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities for 2009 and 2008, and related income/expense and yields. Changes in net interest income from period to period result from increases or decreases in the volume of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities is affected by the ability to manage the earning-asset portfolio (which includes loans), and the availability of particular sources of funds, such as noninterest bearing deposits. The table "Analysis of Changes in Net Interest Income" shows the amount of net interest income change from rate changes and from volume changes.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, net interest income decreased \$366,393, or 3.79%, to \$9,298,884 from \$9,665,277 for the year ended December 31, 2008. The decrease in net interest income in 2009 was the result of a \$1,650,939 decrease in interest income offset by a \$1,284,546 decrease in interest expense. In 2009, deposits increased but our borrowed funds decreased with loan demand. Net income decreased because the yield earned on loans declined faster than yields on deposits and borrowed funds. The yield on interest-earning assets on a fully taxable equivalent basis was 6.54% in 2008 and 6.10% in 2009, with the combined effective rate on deposits and borrowed funds following the same fluctuation by decreasing from 3.09% in 2008 to 2.46% in 2009.

The key performance measure for net interest income is the "net margin on interest-earning assets", or net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets. Our net interest margin for 2009 on a fully taxable equivalent basis was 4.09%, compared to 4.08% for 2008. Management attempts to maintain a net margin on interest-earning assets of 4.50% or higher. The net margin may decline, however, if competition increases, loan demand decreases, or the cost of funds rises faster or declines slower than the return on loans and securities. Although such expectations are based on management's judgment, actual results will depend on a number of factors that cannot be predicted with certainty, and fulfillment of management's expectations cannot be assured.

#### Average Balances, Interest, and Yields

|                                       | De                                      | r the Year End<br>cember 31, 20 | For the Year Ended<br>December 31, 2008 |                           |   |              |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|--------------|
|                                       | Average<br><u>Balance</u>               | Interest                        | Yield                                   | Average<br><u>Balance</u> | Interest                                | Yield        |
| Assets                                | Dulunoo                                 | interest                        | 11010                                   | Dalance                   | merest                                  | <u>Tielu</u> |
| Federal funds sold                    | \$5,766,770                             | \$9,700                         | 0.17 %                                  | \$4,054,833               | \$92,497                                | 2.28%        |
| Interest-bearing deposits             | 160,478                                 | 96                              | 0.06%                                   | 606,756                   | 15,319                                  | 2.52%        |
| Investment securities:                | , |                                 |   | 000,750                   | 15,517                                  | 2.52 /0      |
| U. S. government agency               | 13,461,801                              | 553,987                         | 4.12%                                   | 16,577,158                | 794,095                                 | 4.79%        |
| FHLB of Atlanta and                   | . ,                                     | ,                               |   |                           | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 1.7,5,70     |
| Community Bankers stock               | 2,378,191                               | 7,678                           | 0.32%                                   | 2,641,479                 | 149,560                                 | 5.66%        |
| Total investment securities           | 15,839,992                              | 561,665                         | 3.55%                                   | 19,218,637                | 943,655                                 | 4.91%        |
| Loans:                                |   | ·                               |   | <u> </u>                  |   |              |
| Commercial                            | 33,032,256                              | 2,017,459                       | 6.11%                                   | 40,699,926                | 2,732,868                               | 6.71%        |
| Real estate                           | 170,371,008                             | 10,845,710                      | 6.37%                                   | 172,627,810               | 11,522,045                              | 6.67%        |
| Consumer                              | 7,151,500                               | 592,708                         | 8.29%                                   | 4,453,285                 | 368,602                                 | 8.28%        |
| Total loans                           | 210,554,764                             | 13,455,877                      | 6.39%                                   | 217,781,021               | 14,623,515                              | 6.71%        |
| Allowance for loan losses             | 2,287,849                               |                                 |   | 2,050,202                 | , ,                                     |              |
| Total loans, net of allowance         | 208,266,915                             | 13,455,877                      | 6.46%                                   | 215,730,819               | 14,623,515                              | 6.78%        |
| Total interest-earning assets         | 230,034,155                             | 14,027,338                      | 6.10%                                   | 239,611,045               | 15,674,986                              | 6.54%        |
| Noninterest-bearing cash              | 9,760,027                               |                                 |   | 4,602,456                 |   |              |
| Premises and equipment                | 6,537,536                               |                                 |   | 6,146,570                 |   |              |
| Other assets                          | 5,770,923                               |                                 |   | 4,388,778                 |   |              |
| Total assets                          | <u>\$252,102,641</u>                    |                                 |   | \$254,748,849             |   |              |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity  |   |                                 |   |                           |   |              |
| Interest-bearing deposits             |   |                                 |   |                           |   |              |
| Savings and NOW deposits              | \$42,866,972                            | 86,501                          | 0.20 %                                  | \$35,298,361              | 98,691                                  | 0.28%        |
| Money market                          | 10,727,609                              | 62,839                          | 0.59 %                                  | 17,413,552                | 162,757                                 | 0.93%        |
| Other time deposits                   | 88,579,998                              | 2,925,853                       | 3.30 %                                  | 80,475,959                | 3,226,487                               | 4.01%        |
| Total interest-bearing deposits       | 142,174,579                             | 3,075,193                       | 2.16 %                                  | 133,187,872               | 3,487,935                               | 2.62%        |
| Borrowed funds                        | 45,084,559                              | 1,532,291                       | 3.40 %                                  | 57,208,973                | 2,404,095                               | 4.20%        |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities    | 187,259,138                             | 4,607,484                       | 2.46 %                                  | 190,396,845               | 5,892,030                               | 3.09%        |
| Noninterest-bearing deposits          | 33,555,278                              |                                 |   | 33,924,871                |   |              |
|                                       | 220,814,416                             |                                 |   | 224,321,716               |   |              |
| Other liabilities                     | 2,679,597                               |                                 |   | 1,922,568                 |   |              |
| Stockholders' equity                  | 28,608,628                              |                                 |   | 28,504,565                |   |              |
| Total liabilities and                 |   |                                 |   |                           |   |              |
| Stockholders' equity                  | <u>\$252,102,641</u>                    |                                 |   | <u>\$254,748,849</u>      |   |              |
| Net interest spread                   |   |                                 | 3.64%                                   |                           |   | 3.45%        |
| Net interest income                   |   | <u>\$9,419,854</u>              |   |                           | <u>\$9,782,956</u>                      |              |
| Net margin on interest-earning assets |   |                                 | 4.09 %                                  |                           |   | 4.08%        |

Interest on tax-exempt loans and investments are reported on a fully taxable equivalent basis (a non GAAP financial measure).

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#### Analysis of Changes in Net Interest Income

|                              | Year en             | ded Decembe        | r 31,               | Year ended December 31, |                      |                  |  |  |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--|--|
|                              | 2009 co             | mpared with 2      | 2008                | 2008 compared with 2007 |                      |                  |  |  |
|                              | <u>va</u>           | riance due to      |                     | va                      | variance due to      |                  |  |  |
|                              | <u>Total</u>        | Rate               | <u>Volume</u>       | Total                   | Rate                 | <u>Volume</u>    |  |  |
| Earning assets               |                     |                    |                     |                         |                      |                  |  |  |
| Federal funds sold           | \$(82,797)          | \$(110,524)        | \$27,727            | \$(29,716)              | \$(91,139)           | \$61,423         |  |  |
| Interest-bearing deposits    | (15,223)            | (8,682)            | (6,541)             | 5,493                   | (7,898)              | 13,391           |  |  |
| Investment securities:       |                     |                    |                     |                         |                      |                  |  |  |
| U. S. government agency      | (240,108)           | (102,891)          | (137,217)           | (106,824)               | (13,840)             | (92,984)         |  |  |
| Other                        | -                   | -                  | -                   | (405)                   | -                    | (405)            |  |  |
| FHLB stock                   | (141,882)           | (128,319)          | (13,563)            | (22,622)                | (10,930)             | (11,692)         |  |  |
| Loans:                       |                     |                    |                     |                         |                      |                  |  |  |
| Demand and time              | (715,409)           | (232,006)          | (483,403)           | (1,147,301)             | (937,311)            | (209,990)        |  |  |
| Mortgage                     | (676,335)           | (527,240)          | (149,095)           | (507,710)               | (830,423)            | 322,713          |  |  |
| Consumer                     | 224,106             | 482                | 223,624             | (43,311)                | (14,275)             | (29,036)         |  |  |
| Total interest revenue       | (1,647,648)         | <u>(1,109,180)</u> | (538,468)           | <u>(1,852,396)</u>      | <u>(1,905,816)</u>   | 53,420           |  |  |
|                              |                     |                    |                     |                         |                      |                  |  |  |
| Interest-bearing liabilities | (12.100)            | (20.700)           | 10 500              | (00.282)                | (92,878)             | (6,404)          |  |  |
| Savings and NOW deposits     | (12,190)            | (30,788)           | 18,598              | (99,282)                |                      | ,                |  |  |
| Money market and supernow    | (99,918)            | (49,255)           | (50,663)            | (116,613)               | (122,370)            | 5,757            |  |  |
| Other time deposits          | (300,634)           | (604,728)          | 304,094             | (91,721)                | (296,637)            | 204,916          |  |  |
| Other borrowed funds         | (871,804)           | (413,517)          | (458,287)           | (454,498)               | (229,618)            | (224,880)        |  |  |
| Total interest expense       | (1,284,546)         | <u>(1,098,288)</u> | (186,258)           | (762,114)               | (741,503)            | (20,611)         |  |  |
|                              |                     |                    |                     |                         |                      |                  |  |  |
| Net interest income          | <u>\$ (363,102)</u> | <u>\$ (10,892)</u> | <u>\$ (352,210)</u> | <u>\$(1,090,282)</u>    | <u>\$(1,164,313)</u> | <u>\$ 74,031</u> |  |  |
|                              |                     |                    |                     |                         | • .                  |                  |  |  |

Interest on tax-exempt loans and investments are reported on fully taxable equivalent basis (a non GAAP financial measure).

The variance that is due both to rate and volume is divided proportionally between the rate and volume variance.

#### **Noninterest Revenue**

Noninterest revenue for the 12 months ended December 31, 2009 was \$2,628,640, compared to \$2,531,167 for same period in 2008. This increase resulted primarily from a \$107,821 increase in the Insurance Subsidiary's insurance commissions when compared to 2008.

The following table presents the principal components of noninterest revenue for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008:

#### **Noninterest Revenue**

|   | <u>2009</u>        | <u>2008</u>    |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| Service charges on deposit accounts                         | \$951,122          | \$997,133      |
| Insurance commissions                                       | 1,346,061          | 1,238,240      |
| Other noninterest revenue                                   | <u>331,457</u>     | <u>295,794</u> |
| Total noninterest revenue                                   | <u>\$2,628,640</u> | \$2,531,167    |
| Noninterest revenue as a percentage of average total assets | <u>1.04%</u>       | <u>0.99%</u>   |

#### **Noninterest Expense**

Noninterest expense for the 12-month period ended December 31, 2009 increased by \$185,212, or 2.63%, to \$7,233,769, from \$7,048,557 in 2008. The largest component of this increase was the Bank's regulatory assessment. Regulatory assessments increased \$294,786, or 241.38%, as the result of increased FDIC insurance premiums. Office supplies expense increased 57.03% in 2009 over 2008 and furniture and equipment expense increased 20.17% in 2009 over 2008 primarily due to the conversion of the Bank's data processing from the Delmarva Data Center to FIS Banking Solutions.

The following table presents the principal components of noninterest expense for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008:

#### **Noninterest Expense**

|   | <u>2009</u> | <u>2008</u>        |
|---|-------------|--------------------|
| Compensation and related expenses                           | \$4,255,384 | \$4,288,674        |
| Occupancy expense   | 448,845     | 443,281            |
| Furniture and equipment expense                             | 345,992     | 287,923            |
| Data processing and correspondent bank costs                | 548,133     | 618,312            |
| Director fees   | 149,181     | 134,384            |
| Postage   | 92,573      | 85,114             |
| Office supplies   | 122,920     | 78,276             |
| Professional fees   | 122,684     | 121,125            |
| Printing and stationery                                     | 17,044      | 46,596             |
| Public relations and contributions                          | 48,398      | 69,346             |
| Telephone   | 41,889      | 41,809             |
| Regulatory assessments                                      | 416,913     | 122,127            |
| Loan products   | 14,637      | 21,983             |
| Advertising   | 60,464      | 73,020             |
| Insurance   | 27,001      | 26,670             |
| Other   | 521,711     | <u> </u>           |
| Total noninterest expense                                   | \$7,233,769 | <u>\$7,048,557</u> |
| -   |             |                    |
| Noninterest expense as a percentage of average total assets | 2.87%       | 2.77%              |

#### **Income Taxes**

Our effective income tax rate was 36.3% in 2009 and 37.0% in 2008.

#### **Results for the Fourth Quarter of 2009**

Net income for the three months ended December 31, 2009 was \$395,063, compared to \$182,669 for the corresponding period in 2008. Earnings per share for the fourth quarters of 2009 and 2008 were \$0.50 and \$0.23, respectively. Increases in gross revenues combined with decreases in noninterest expenses and a substantial increase in the provisions for loan loss, offset by increased income taxes, contributed to the increase in net income for the fourth quarter of 2009 when compared to the same period last year.

Before provisions for loan losses, the net interest income increase of \$56,570, from \$2,203,725 for the three months ended December 31, 2008 to \$2,260,295 for the three months ended December 31, 2009, was due primarily to loan revenues and borrowed funds interest expense reducing in direct correlation to the reduction in loan and borrowed funds account balances. Deposit balances rose during this period but interest expense decreased as the direct result of lower interest rates for the period and the repricing of matured time deposits at lower rates. Comparing the fourth quarter of 2009 to the fourth quarter of 2008, interest revenue decreased \$193,541 while interest expense decreased \$250,111, with \$204,316 of the decrease related to borrowed funds. The provision for loan losses for the fourth quarter of 2009 decreased by \$120,000 to \$555,000 when compared to the fourth quarter of 2008.

Noninterest income for the fourth quarter of 2009 decreased \$3,577 when compared to the same period of 2008 to \$538,242. This decrease was due primarily to a decrease in other income of \$12,855 offset by an increase of insurance commissions of \$9,280 for the fourth quarter of 2009 when compared to the fourth quarter of 2008.

Total noninterest expense decreased \$118,598 to \$1,655,511 for the quarter ended December 31, 2009, from \$1,774,109 for the corresponding quarter of 2008. This decrease primarily resulted from a \$99,351 decrease in salaries, a \$58,533 decrease in data processing fees and \$117,625 increase in other expenses for the fourth quarter of 2009 over the same period in 2008. These decreases were offset by increases of \$88,801 in our FDIC insurance assessments, \$48,166 in other real estate expenses and \$20,635 in office supplies for the fourth quarter of 2009 over 2008. These fluctuations during the fourth quarter of 2009 are the result of the Bank's data processing conversion and recent trends in our economy. The Company has reduced expenses under its control and constantly attempts to increase overall income.

#### FINANCIAL CONDITION

#### Assets

Total assets increased 1.42% to \$255,467,425 at December 31, 2009 when compared to assets at December 31, 2008. Average total assets for 2009 were \$252,102,641, a decrease of 1.04% from 2008. The loan portfolio represented 90.54% of average earning assets in 2009, compared to 90.03% in 2008, and was the primary source of income for the Company.

Funding for loans is provided primarily by core deposits, fed funds, and FHLB borrowings. Total deposits increased 16.60% to \$193,250,908 at December 31, 2009 when compared to 2008.

#### **Composition of Loan Portfolio**

Because loans are expected to produce higher yields than investment securities and other interest-earning assets (assuming that loan losses are not excessive), the absolute volume of loans and the volume as a percentage of total earning assets is an important determinant of net interest margin. Average loans, net of the allowance for loan losses, were \$208,266,915 and \$215,730,819 for 2009 and 2008, respectively, which constituted 90.54% and 90.03% of average interest-earning assets for the respective years. At December 31, 2009, our loan to deposit ratio was 105.51%, compared to 129.53% at December 31, 2008, while the ratio of average loans to average deposits was 118.52% and 129.09% for 2009 and 2008, respectively. The securities sold under agreements to repurchase function like deposits with the securities providing collateral in place of the FDIC insurance. The Bank also borrows from correspondent banks and the FHLB to fund loans. Our ratio of average loans to average deposits plus borrowed funds was 94.32% for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to 96.17% for the year ended December 31, 2008. We extend loans primarily to customers located in and near Kent County, Queen Anne's County and Cecil County in Maryland. There are no industry concentrations in our loan portfolio. A substantial portion of our loans are, however, secured by real estate and, accordingly, the real estate market in the region will influence the performance of our loan portfolio.

The following table sets forth the composition of our loan portfolio at December 31, 2009 and 2008:

| Composition of Loan Portfolio        |                      |                     |                      |                     |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
|                                      | <u>2009</u>          | <u>2008</u>         |                      |                     |  |  |  |
|                                      | Amount               | Percent<br>of total | Amount               | Percent<br>of total |  |  |  |
| Commercial                           | \$ 26,942,744        | 13.04%              | \$ 36,754,882        | 16.97%              |  |  |  |
| Real estate – residential            | 74,431,249           | 36.02%              | 60,579,916           | 27.98%              |  |  |  |
| Real estate - commercial             | 92,686,252           | 44.85%              | 104,175,727          | 48.11%              |  |  |  |
| Construction                         | 5,988,692            | 2.90%               | 7,255,246            | 3.35%               |  |  |  |
| Consumer                             | 6,593,515            | 3.19%               | 7,767,095            | 3.59%               |  |  |  |
| Total loans                          | 206,642,452          | <u>100.00%</u>      | 216,532,866          | <u>100.00%</u>      |  |  |  |
| Deferred costs, net of deferred fees | 102,590              |                     | 148,822              |                     |  |  |  |
| Allowance for loan losses            | (2,845,364)          |                     | (2,001,739)          |                     |  |  |  |
| Net loans                            | <u>\$203,899,678</u> |                     | <u>\$214,679,949</u> |                     |  |  |  |

The following table sets forth the maturity distribution, classified according to sensitivity to changes in interest rates, for selected components of our loan portfolio at December 31, 2009:

#### Loan Maturity Schedule and Sensitivity to Changes in Interest Rates

|                           | <u>December 31, 2009</u> |                                |                           |                      |  |  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
|                           | One year<br>or less      | Over one<br>through five years | Over five<br><u>years</u> | Total                |  |  |
| Commercial                | \$ 24,728,226            | \$ 1,548,586                   | \$661,958                 | \$ 26,938,770        |  |  |
| Real estate – residential | 37,337,361               | 38,299,614                     | 0                         | 75,636,975           |  |  |
| Real estate - commercial  | 54,590,100               | 30,448,740                     | 0                         | 85,038,840           |  |  |
| Construction              | 10,618,793               | 1,811,585                      | 0                         | 12,430,378           |  |  |
| Consumer                  | 3,935,923                | 2,544,135                      | _117,431                  | 6,597,489            |  |  |
| Total                     | <u>\$131,210,403</u>     | <u>\$74,652,660</u>            | <u>\$779,389</u>          | <u>\$206,642,452</u> |  |  |
| Fixed interest rate       | \$72,115,325             | \$72,934,031                   | \$312,349                 | \$145,361,705        |  |  |
| Variable interest rate    | 59,095,078               | 1,718,629                      | 467,040                   | 61,280,747           |  |  |
| Total                     | <u>\$131,210,403</u>     | <u>\$74,652,660</u>            | <u>\$779,389</u>          | <u>\$206,642,452</u> |  |  |

At December 31, 2009, \$61,280,747, or 29.66%, of the total loans were either variable-rate loans or loans written on demand.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

In the normal course of business, to meet the financing needs of our customers, we are a party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit. Our exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the other party to these financial instruments is represented by the contractual amount of the instruments. We use the same credit policies in making commitments and conditional obligations as we do for on-balance sheet instruments. We generally require collateral or other security to support the financial instruments with credit risk. The amount of collateral or other security is determined based on management's credit evaluation of the counterparty. We evaluate each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis.

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Letters of credit are conditional commitments that we issue to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. Letters of credit and other commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Because many of the letters of credit and commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amount does not necessarily represent future cash requirements. See Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, which is included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report, for further information about these commitments.

#### Loan Quality

The allowance for loan losses represents a reserve for probable losses in the loan portfolio. The adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is evaluated monthly based on a review of all significant loans, with a particular emphasis on non-accruing, past due, and other loans that management believes require attention. The determination of the reserve level rests upon management's judgment about factors affecting loan quality and assumptions about the economy. Management considers the year-end allowance appropriate and adequate to cover probable losses in the loan portfolio; however, management's judgment is based upon a number of assumptions about future events, which are believed to be reasonable, but which may or may not prove valid. Thus, there can be no assurance that charge-offs in future periods will not exceed the allowance for loan losses or that additional increases in the loan loss allowance will not be required.

For significant problem loans, management's review consists of evaluation of the financial strengths of the borrowers and guarantors, the related collateral, and the effects of economic conditions. The overall evaluation of the adequacy of the total allowance for loan losses is based on an analysis of historical loan loss ratios, loan charge-offs, delinquency trends, and previous collection experience, along with an assessment of the effects of external economic conditions.

#### **Risk Elements of Loan Portfolio**

|   | For | the Years Ended De | ecember 31, |
|---|-----|--------------------|-------------|
|   |     | 2009               | 2008        |
| Non-Accrual Loans                       | \$  | 2,384,186 \$       | 3,670,657   |
| Accruing Loans Past Due 90 Days or More |     | 6,247,775          | 1,491,878   |

The following table, "Allocation of Allowance for Loan Losses", shows the specific allowance applied by loan type and also the general allowance included in the allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2009 and 2008:

| Allocation of Allowance for Loan Losses |                    |                 |                    |                 |  |  |  |  |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
|   | <u>2009</u>        | -               | <u>2008</u>        |                 |  |  |  |  |
|   | Pe                 | rcentage (1)    | Percentage (1)     |                 |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial                              | \$ 728,049         | 26.92 %         | \$ 496,678         | 16.97 %         |  |  |  |  |
| Real estate                             | 1,730,883          | 64.00 %         | 979,635            | 79.44 %         |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer                                | 245,681            | 9.08 %          | 92,570             | 3.59 %          |  |  |  |  |
| Unallocated                             | 140,751            |                 | 432,856            |                 |  |  |  |  |
| Total                                   | <u>\$2,845,364</u> | <u>100.00</u> % | <u>\$2,001,739</u> | <u>100.00</u> % |  |  |  |  |

(1) Percentage of loans in category to total loans

The provision for loan losses is a charge to earnings in the current period to replenish the allowance and maintain it at a level management has determined to be adequate. The provision for loan losses was \$1,726,000 in 2009, which represents an increase of \$11,000 over the \$1,715,000 that was funded in 2008. We added to our reserves in anticipation of potential losses in connection with the higher than normal balances of nonaccrual loans and loans accruing 90 days or more past due. The following table shows information about the allowance for loan losses for each of the last two years:

| Balance at beginning of year  | <u>2009</u><br>\$ 2,001,739  | <u>2008</u><br>\$ 2,328,792                               |
|---|--|---|
| Loan losses:<br>Commercial<br>Mortgages<br>Consumer<br>Total loan losses  | 290,126<br>490,049<br><u>157,367</u><br><u>937,542</u>                                   | 1,452,890<br>570,665<br><u>66,142</u><br>2,089,697        |
| Recoveries on loans previously charged off<br>Commercial<br>Mortgages<br>Consumer<br>Total loan recoveries<br>Net loan losses<br>Provision for loan losses charged to expense<br>Balance at end of year | $47,501 \\ 3,207 \\ 4,459 \\ 55,167 \\ 882,375 \\ 1,726,000 \\ \underline{\$ 2,845,364}$ | 4,688 40,000 2,956 47,644 2,042,053 1,715,000 \$2,001,739 |
| Allowance for loan losses to loans outstanding at end of year   | 1.38%  | 0.92%   |
| Net charge-offs to average loans  | 0.42%  | 0.94%   |

#### Allowance for Loan Losses

As a result of management's ongoing review of the loan portfolio, loans are classified as nonaccrual when it is not reasonable to expect collection of interest under the original terms. These loans are classified as nonaccrual even though the presence of collateral or the borrower's financial strength may be sufficient to provide for ultimate repayment. Interest on nonaccrual loans is recognized only when received. A delinquent loan is generally placed in nonaccrual status when it becomes 90 days or more past due. When a loan is placed in nonaccrual status, all interest that had been accrued on the loan but remains unpaid is reversed and deducted from earnings as a reduction of reported interest income. No additional interest is accrued on the loan balance until the collection of both principal and interest becomes reasonably certain.

We had nonperforming loans of \$8,631,961 and \$5,162,535 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. We had \$1,335,000 and \$1,407,000 in foreclosed other real estate at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Foreclosed other real estate is considered part of non-performing assets. Loans are classified as impaired when the collection of contractual obligations, including principal and interest, is doubtful. Management considers the nonaccrual loans as of December 31, 2009 to be impaired loans.

#### **Investment Securities**

Our security portfolio is categorized as available-for-sale and held to maturity. Investment securities classified as available-for-sale are held for an indefinite period of time and may be sold in response to changing market and interest rate conditions or for liquidity purposes as part of our overall asset/liability management strategy. Available-for-sale securities are carried at market value, with unrealized gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported as a separate component of other comprehensive income included in stockholders' equity, net of applicable income taxes. We do not currently follow a strategy of making security purchases with a view of near-term resales and, therefore, do not own any securities classified as trading securities. Investment securities classified as held-to-maturity are held until they mature. Held-to maturity securities are held at amortized cost value. For additional information about the investment portfolio, see Note 3 to Consolidated Financial Statements, which is included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report.

The following table sets forth the maturities and weighted average yields of the investment portfolio as of December 31, 2009.

| Held to Maturity:          | 3 Months<br>Carrying<br>Amount               | or Less<br>Average<br>Yield | Over 3 N<br>to 1 Y<br>Carrying<br>Amount |       | 1 – 5 Y<br>Carrying<br>Amount | ears<br>Average<br>Yield | 5-10 Y<br>Carrying<br>Amount | Zears<br>Average<br>Yield | Over 10<br>Carrying<br>Amount |   |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|-------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| U.S. government agencies   | \$1,498,973                                  | 5.27%                       | \$5,042,718                              | 4.36% | \$3,515,391                   | 3.41%                    | -                            | -                         | · _                           | - |
| Mortgage backed securities |  |                             |  |       | 6,294                         | <u>2.70%</u>             |                              |                           |                               |   |
| Total Held to Maturity     | <u>\$1,498,973</u>                           | <u>5.27%</u>                | <u>\$5,042,718</u>                       | 4.36% | <u>\$3,521,685</u>            | 3.41%                    |                              |                           |                               |   |
| Available for Sale:        |  |                             |  |       |                               |                          |                              |                           |                               |   |
| U.S. government agencies   | <u>s                                    </u> |                             | <u>\$1,017,300</u>                       | 0.50% | \$2,010,400                   | 1.00%                    |                              |                           |                               |   |
| Total Available for Sale   | <u>\$</u>                                    |                             | <u>\$1,017,300</u>                       | 0.50% | <u>\$2,010,400</u>            | <u>1.00%</u>             |                              |                           |                               |   |

#### **Liquidity Management**

Liquidity describes our ability to meet financial obligations that arise during the normal course of business. Liquidity is primarily needed to meet the borrowing and deposit withdrawal requirements of customers and to fund current and planned expenditures. Liquidity is derived through increased customer deposits, maturities in the investment portfolio, loan repayments and income from earning assets. To the extent that deposits are not adequate to fund customer loan demand, liquidity needs can be met in the short-term funds markets. The funds invested in federal funds sold also provide liquidity, as do lines of credit, overnight federal funds, and reverse repurchase agreements available from correspondent banks. The aggregate amount available from correspondent banks under all lines of credit at December 31, 2009 was \$19,150,000. Additionally, the Bank has a partially funded line of credit from the FHLB of Atlanta. This line is secured by the Bank's residential mortgage loan portfolio.

Average liquid assets (cash and amounts due from banks, interest bearing deposits in other banks, federal funds sold, and investment securities) were 17.94% of average deposits for 2009, compared to 17.04% for 2008.

We have various financial obligations, including contractual obligations and commitments, that may require future cash payments. Management does not believe that any of the foregoing arrangements have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on our financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that is material to investors.

#### **Market Risk Management**

Market risk is the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in the fair value of financial instruments due to changes in interest rates, exchange rates or equity pricing. Our principal market risk is interest rate risk that arises from our lending, investing and deposit taking activities. Our profitability is primarily dependent on the Bank's net interest income. Interest rate risk can significantly affect net interest income to the degree that interest-bearing liabilities mature or reprice at different intervals than interest-earning assets. The degree to which these different assets mature or reprice is known as interest rate sensitivity.

The primary objective of asset/liability management is to ensure the steady growth of net interest income. To lessen the impact of these margin swings, the balance sheet should be structured so that repricing opportunities exist for both assets and liabilities in roughly equivalent amounts at approximately the same time intervals. Interest rate sensitivity may be controlled on either side of the balance sheet. On the asset side, management can exercise some control on maturities. Also, loans may be structured with rate floors and ceilings on variable rate notes and by providing for repricing opportunities on fixed rate notes. Our investment portfolio, including federal funds sold, provides the most flexible and fastest control over rate sensitivity since it can generally be restructured more quickly than the loan portfolio. On the liability side, deposit products can be restructured so as to offer incentives to attain the maturity distribution desired. Competitive factors sometimes make control over deposits more difficult and less effective.

The rate-sensitive position, or gap, is the difference in the volume of rate-sensitive assets and liabilities at a given time interval. The general objective of gap management is to actively manage rate-sensitive assets and liabilities to reduce the impact of interest rate fluctuations on the net interest margin. Management generally attempts to maintain a balance between rate-sensitive assets and liabilities as the exposure period is lengthened to minimize our overall interest rate risk.

Several aspects of the asset mix of the balance sheet are continually evaluated: yield; credit quality; appropriate funding sources; and liquidity. Management of the liability mix of the balance sheet focuses on expanding the various funding sources.

The interest rate sensitivity position at December 31, 2009 is presented in the table "Interest Sensitivity Analysis". The difference between rate-sensitive assets and rate-sensitive liabilities, or the interest rate sensitivity gap, is shown at the bottom of the table. We were asset-sensitive for the under one-year time horizons and liability-sensitive for time frames after one year. For asset-sensitive institutions, if interest rates should decrease, the net interest margins should decline. Because all interest rates and yields do not adjust at the same velocity, the gap is only a general indicator of rate sensitivity.

|                                    | December 31, 2009           |                     |                      |                      |   |  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|--|
|                                    | Within                      |                     |                      |                      |   |  |
|                                    | three                       | but within          | but within           | After                |   |  |
|                                    | months                      | 12 months           | five years           | five years           | Total                                   |  |
| Assets                             |                             |                     |                      |                      | <u></u>                                 |  |
| Earning assets                     |                             |                     |                      |                      |   |  |
| Interest-bearing deposits          | \$ 52,803                   | \$ 0                | \$ 0                 | \$ 0                 | \$ 52,803                               |  |
| Federal funds sold                 | 7,015,811                   | 0                   | 0                    | 0                    | 7,015,811                               |  |
| Investment securities              |                             |                     |                      |                      | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |  |
| Available for sale                 | 0                           | 1,017,300           | 2,010,400            | 0                    | 3,027,700                               |  |
| Held to maturity                   | 1,498,973                   | 5,042,718           | 3,521,685            | 0                    | 10,063,376                              |  |
| Other                              | 0                           | 0                   | 0                    | 2,401,200            | 2,401,200                               |  |
| Loans                              | _74,605,756                 | 56,604,647          | 74,652,660           | 779,389              | 206,642,452                             |  |
| Total earning assets               | \$ 83,173,343               | \$ 62,664,665       | \$ 80,184,745        | \$ 3,180,589         | \$229,203,342                           |  |
| Liabilities                        |                             |                     |                      |                      |   |  |
| Interest-bearing liabilities       |                             |                     |                      |                      |   |  |
| Money market and Supernow          | \$ 10,596,599               | \$ 0                | \$ 0                 | \$ 0                 | \$ 10,596,599                           |  |
| Savings and NOW deposits           | 51,133,862                  | 0                   | 0                    | 0                    | 51,133,862                              |  |
| Certificates \$100,000 and over    | 2,228,470                   | 3,407,597           | 28,120,879           | 0                    | 33,756,946                              |  |
| Certificates under \$100,000       | 5,387,184                   | 8,316,000           | 47,109,120 0         |                      | 60,812,304                              |  |
| Securities sold under repurchase a | greements                   |                     |                      |                      | , ,                                     |  |
| & federal funds purchased          | 1,914,447                   | 1,002,892           | 0                    | 0                    | 2,917,339                               |  |
| Notes payable                      | 4,000,000                   | 5,000,000           | 9,000,000            | 10,000,000           | 28,000,000                              |  |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | <u>\$ 75,260,562</u>        | <u>\$17,726,489</u> | <u>\$ 84,229,999</u> | <u>\$ 10,000,000</u> | \$187,217,050                           |  |
|                                    | <b>A- - - - - - - - - -</b> |                     |                      |                      |   |  |
| Period gap                         | \$7,912,781                 | \$44,938,176        | (\$4,045,254)        | (\$6,819,411)        | \$41,986,292                            |  |
| Cumulative gap                     | 7,912,781                   | 52,850,957          | 48,805,703           | 41,986,292           | 41,986,292                              |  |
| Ratio of cumulative gap to         |                             |                     |                      |                      |   |  |
| total earning assets               | 3.45%                       | 23.06%              | 21.29%               | 18.32%               | 18.32%                                  |  |

#### **Interest Sensitivity Analysis**

From time to time, we may also employ other methods to assess our interest rate sensitivity, such as simulation models to quantify the effect a hypothetical immediate upward or downward change in rates would have on net interest income and the fair value of capital.

#### **Deposits and Other Interest-Bearing Liabilities**

Average interest-bearing liabilities decreased 3,137,707, or 1.65%, to 187,259,138 in 2009, from 190,396,845 in 2008. Average interest-bearing deposits increased 88,986,707, or 6.75%, to 142,174,579 in 2009 from 133,187,872 in 2008. Correspondingly, average demand deposits decreased 3369,593, or 1.09%, to 333,555,278 in 2009 from 333,924,871 in 2008.

Total deposits at December 31, 2009 were \$193,250,908, an increase of 16.60% when compared to deposits of \$165,738,573 at December 31, 2008.

The following table sets forth the Company's deposits by category at December 31, 2009 and 2008:

|                                    | <u>2009</u>          |                            | <u>2008</u>          |                            |  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--|
|                                    | Amount               | Percent of <u>Deposits</u> | Amount               | Percent of <u>Deposits</u> |  |
| Demand deposit accounts            | \$36,951,197         | 19.12%                     | \$34,387,604         | 20.75%                     |  |
| Savings and NOW accounts           | 51,133,862           | 26.46%                     | 40,226,168           | 24.27%                     |  |
| Money market accounts              | 10,596,599           | 5.48%                      | 9,825,132            | 5.93%                      |  |
| Time deposits less than \$100,000  | 60,812,304           | 31.47%                     | 55,041,555           | 33.21%                     |  |
| Time deposits of \$100,000 or more | 33,756,946           | 17.47%                     | 26,258,114           | 15.84%                     |  |
| Total deposits                     | <u>\$193,250,908</u> | <u>100.00%</u>             | <u>\$165,738,573</u> | <u>100.00%</u>             |  |

Core deposits, which exclude certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more, provide a relatively stable funding source for our loan portfolio and other earning assets. Our core deposits increased \$20,013,503 during 2009, primarily due to recent conditions in the economy. In the past, deposits, particularly core deposits, have been our primary source of funding and have enabled us to meet our short-term liquidity needs. In recent years, we have borrowed from correspondent banks and the FHLB of Atlanta to meet liquidity needs. The maturity distribution of our time deposits over \$100,000 at December 31, 2009 is shown in the following table.

#### Maturities of Certificates of Deposit and Other Time Deposits of \$100,000 or More December 31, 2009

|  |                    | After three        | After six          |                     |              |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|
|  | Within three       | through            | through            | After 12            |              |
|  | months             | six months         | 12 months          | months              | Total        |
| Certificates of Deposit -<br>\$100,000 or more | <u>\$2,228,470</u> | <u>\$1,428,583</u> | <u>\$2,279,014</u> | <u>\$27,820,879</u> | \$33,756,946 |

Large certificate of deposit customers tend to be extremely sensitive to interest rates, making these deposits less reliable sources of funding for liquidity planning purposes than core deposits. Some financial institutions partially fund their balance sheets using large certificates of deposit obtained through brokers. These brokered deposits are generally expensive and are unreliable as long-term funding sources. Accordingly, we do not typically purchase brokered deposits.

The average balance of borrowings decreased \$12,124,414, or 21.19%, in 2009, compared to a decrease of \$5,114,987, or 8.21%, in 2008. The decrease in 2009 when compared to 2008 was due primarily to the fact that loan demand has reduced and we were able to reduce our lines of credit particularly at the FHLB of Atlanta during 2009.

#### **Short-term Borrowings**

The following table sets forth our position with respect to short-term borrowings for each of the last two years ended December 31:

|   | 2009 |            |       | 2008 |            |       |
|---|------|------------|-------|------|------------|-------|
|   |      | Amount     | Rate  |      | Amount     | Rate  |
| At year end:<br>Federal Home Loan Bank (daily re-price) | \$   | 0          | 0.00% | \$   | 5,000,000  | 0.46% |
| Repurchase Agreements                                   | Ψ    | 2,917,339  | 0.36% | Ψ    | 9,959,539  | 0.21% |
| Federal Funds Borrowed                                  |      | 0          | 0.00% |      | 2,170,000  | 0.53% |
|   | \$   | 2,917,339  |       | \$   | 17,129,539 |       |
| Average for the year:                                   |      |            |       |      |            |       |
| Federal Home Loan Bank (daily re-price)                 | \$   | 0          | 0.00% | \$   | 415,301    | 1.45% |
| Retail Repurchase Agreements                            |      | 8,918,437  | 0.78% |      | 9,453,623  | 1.72% |
| Federal Funds Borrowed                                  |      | 20,918     | 0.80% |      | 468,618    | 1.91% |
| Maximum Month End Balance:                              |      |            |       |      |            |       |
| Federal Home Loan Bank (daily re-price)                 | \$   | 0          |       | \$   | 5,000,000  |       |
| Retail Repurchase Agreements                            |      | 12,929,966 |       |      | 10,552,060 |       |
| Federal Funds Borrowed                                  |      | 0          |       |      | 3,950,000  |       |

The Bank may borrow up to approximately 30% of total assets from the FHLB of Atlanta through any combination of notes or line of credit advances. Both the notes payable and the line of credit are secured by a floating lien on all of the Bank's real estate mortgage loans. The Bank was required to purchase shares of capital stock in the FHLB of Atlanta as a condition to obtaining the line of credit.

We provide collateral of 105% of the repurchase agreement balances by pledging U.S. Government Agency securities.

The Bank has lines of credit of \$13,650,000 in unsecured overnight federal funds and \$5,500,000 in secured overnight federal funds with correspondent banks at December 31, 2009.

#### Capital

Under the capital adequacy guidelines of the FRB and the FDIC, the Company and the Bank are required to maintain minimum capital ratios. These requirements are described above in Item 1 or Part I under "Regulation and Supervision— Capital Requirements." At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company and the Bank were considered "well-capitalized." The table below compares the capital ratios of the Bank with the regulatory minimums. The Company's only assets in 2009 other than its equity interest in the Bank were its equity interest in the Insurance Subsidiary and a small amount of cash. The value of the equity interest in the Insurance Subsidiary at December 31, 2009 did not cause the Company's capital ratios as of December 31, 2009 to materially differ from the Bank's ratios.

#### **Analysis of Capital**

|                                 | _                    | Actual Ratios | Actual Ratios |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                 | Required<br>Minimums | 2009<br>Bank  | 2008<br>Bank  |
| Total risk-based capital ratio  | 8.0%                 | 15.1%         | 13.8%         |
| Tier I risk-based capital ratio | 4.0%                 | 13.9%         | 12.8%         |
| Tier I leverage ratio           | 4.0%                 | 11.0%         | 11.1%         |

#### **Accounting Rule Changes**

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The following accounting guidance has been approved by the FASB and would apply to the Company if the Company or the Bank entered into an applicable activity.

*FASB ASC Topic 320, "Investments-Debt and Equity Securities"* changes existing guidance for determining whether an impairment is other than temporary to debt securities and replaces the existing requirement that the entity's management assert it has both the intent and ability to hold an impaired security until recovery with a requirement that management assert: (a) it does not have the intent to sell the security; and (b) it is more likely than not it will not have to sell the security before recovery of its cost basis. Under ASC Topic 320, declines in the fair value of held-to-maturity and available-forsale securities below their cost that are deemed to be other than temporary are reflected in earnings as realized losses to the extent the impairment is related to credit losses. The amount of the impairment related to other factors is recognized in other comprehensive income. Adoption of ASC Topic 320 was effective in the first quarter of 2009 and did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

*FASB ASC Topic 715, "Compensation - Retirement Benefits"* provides guidance related to an employer's disclosures about plan assets of defined benefit pension or other post-retirement benefit plans. Under ASC Topic 715, disclosures should provide users of financial statements with an understanding of how investment allocation decisions are made, the factors that are pertinent to an understanding of investment policies and strategies, the major categories of plan assets, the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of plan assets, the effect of fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs on changes in plan assets for the period and significant concentrations of risk within plan assets. Adoption of the disclosure requirements of ASC topic 715 was effective beginning with the financial statements for the year-ended December 31, 2009 and did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

Accounting Standards Update No. 2009-5, under FASB ASC Topic 820, "Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures," provides authoritative guidance for measuring the fair value of a liability in circumstances in which a quoted price in an active market for the identical liability is not available. In such a case, the reporting company must measure fair value utilizing a valuation technique that uses (i) the quoted price of the identical liability when traded as an asset, (ii) quoted prices for similar liabilities or similar liabilities when traded as assets, or (iii) another valuation technique that is consistent with the existing principles of ASC Topic 820, such as an income approach or market approach. The new authoritative accounting guidance also clarifies that when estimating the fair value of a liability, a reporting entity is not required to include a separate input or adjustment to other inputs relating to the existence of a restriction that prevents the transfer of the liability. The new authoritative accounting guidance under ASC Topic 820 was effective for the Company's financial statements beginning October 31, 2009, and did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

*FASB ASC Topic 855, "Subsequent Events"* establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or available to be issued. ASC Topic 855 defines (i) the period after the balance sheet date during which a reporting entity's management should evaluate events or transactions that may occur for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements (ii) the circumstances under which an entity should recognize events or transactions occurring after the balance sheet date. ASC Topic 855 became effective for periods ending after June 15, 2009, and did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

*FASB ASC Topic 860, "Transfers and Servicing"* enhances reporting about transfers of financial assets, including securitizations, and where companies have continuing exposure to the risks related to transferred financial assets. This new guidance eliminates the concept of a "qualifying special-purpose entity" and changes the requirements for derecognizing financial assets. It also requires additional disclosures about all continuing involvements with transferred financial assets including information about gains and losses resulting from transfers during the period. ASC Topic 860 is effective January 1, 2010 and has not had a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

The accounting policies adopted by management are consistent with authoritative U.S. GAAP and are consistent with those followed by peer bank holding companies and banks.

#### Financial Highlights

| Five years ended | December | 31, 2009 |
|------------------|----------|----------|
|------------------|----------|----------|

|   | <u>2009</u> | <u>2008</u>                                     | <u>2007</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2005</u> |  |  |
|---|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
|   |             | (dollars in thousands except per share amounts) |             |             |             |  |  |
| Deposits                                      | \$193,251   | \$165,739                                       | \$169,052   | \$155,186   | \$163,961   |  |  |
| Investments, including stock                  | 15,492      | 16,628  | 20,961      | 21,399      | 22,187      |  |  |
| Loans (net of the allowance for loan losses)  | 203,900     | 214,680   | 220,426     | 206,077     | 203,144     |  |  |
| Stockholders' equity before accumulated other |             |   |             |             |             |  |  |
| comprehensive income                          | 29,581      | 29,087  | 28,773      | 26,444      | 23,575      |  |  |
| Assets  | 255,467     | 251,894   | 261,808     | 242,305     | 238,291     |  |  |
| Net income                                    | 1,900       | 2,163   | 3,899       | 4,116       | 3,622       |  |  |
| Return on average assets                      | 0.75%       | 0.85%   | 1.55%       | 1.72%       | 1.62%       |  |  |
| Return on average equity                      | 6.61%       | 7.59%   | 14.74%      | 16.45%      | 16.14%      |  |  |
| Earnings per share                            | 2.42        | 2.77  | 4.96        | 5.22        | 4.59        |  |  |
| Dividends per share                           | 1.79        | 1.75  | 1.67        | 1.58        | 1.48        |  |  |
| Book value per share before accumulated       |             |   |             |             |             |  |  |
| other comprehensive income                    | 37.95       | 37.31   | 36.63       | 33.52       | 29.88       |  |  |
| Number of shares outstanding                  | 779,512     | 779,512   | 785,512     | 789,012     | 789,012     |  |  |

#### **COMMITTEES**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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**DECEMBER 31**,

#### **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

#### ASSETS

#### 2009 2008 \$15.988.739 \$3,789,925 Cash and due from banks Federal funds sold 7,015,811 3,896,890 Cash and cash equivalents 23,004,550 7,686,815 Securities available for sale 3,027,700 4,077,898 Securities held to maturity (fair value of \$10,312,156 10,063,376 10,055,715 and \$10,430,709) 2,494,000 Federal Home Loan Bank & Community Bankers Bank stock, at cost 2,401,200 Loans, less allowance for loan losses of \$2,845,364 214,679,949 and \$2,001,739 203,899,678 Premises and equipment 6,521,504 6,523,845 Goodwill and intangible assets 671,660 712,932 1,450,155 1,582,688 Accrued interest receivable 1,277,611 858,423 Deferred income taxes 1,407,000 Foreclosed real estate 1,335,000 1,814,970 1,814,991 Other assets \$255,467,425 \$251,894,235

#### LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

|  | 2009              | 2008          |
|--|-------------------|---------------|
| Deposits   |                   |               |
| Noninterest bearing checking                                   | \$36,951,197      | \$34,387,604  |
| Savings and NOW  | 51,133,862        | 40,226,168    |
| Money market   | 10,596,599        | 9,825,132     |
| Other time   | <u>94,569,250</u> | 81,299,669    |
|  | 193,250,908       | 165,738,573   |
| Securities sold under repurchase agreements                    | 2,917,339         | 9,959,539     |
| Federal funds purchased  | -                 | 2,170,000     |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances                                | 28,000,000        | 43,000,000    |
| Other borrowings   | -                 | 173,216       |
| Accrued interest payable                                       | 439,410           | 441,832       |
| Other liabilities  | 1,970,020         | 1,968,151     |
|  | 226,577,677       | 223,451,311   |
| Stockholders' equity   |                   |               |
| Common stock, par value \$10 per share; authorized 1,000,000   |                   |               |
| shares; issued and outstanding 779,512 shares in 2009 and 2008 | 7,795,120         | 7,795,120     |
| Additional paid-in capital                                     | 2,920,866         | 2,920,866     |
| Retained earnings  | 18,865,399        | 18,370,797    |
|  | 29,581,385        | 29,086,783    |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)                  |                   |               |
| Unrealized gain on available for sale securities               | 3,587             | 51,965        |
| Unfunded liability for defined benefit plan                    | (695,224)         | (695,824)     |
|  | 28,889,748        | 28,442,924    |
|  | \$255,467,425     | \$251,894,235 |

#### **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

#### YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

|   | 2009               | 2008         |
|---|--------------------|--------------|
| Interest and dividend revenue                       |                    |              |
| Loans, including fees                               | \$13,360,850       | \$14,550,122 |
| U.S. government agency securities                   | 528,403            | 757,426      |
| Federal funds sold                                  | 9,700              | 92,497       |
| Other   | 7,415              | 157,262      |
| Total interest and dividend revenue                 | 13,906,368         | 15,557,307   |
| Interest expense                                    |                    | 10,007,007   |
| Deposits  | 3,075,193          | 3,487,935    |
| Borrowed funds                                      | 1,532,291          | 2,404,095    |
| Total interest expense                              | 4,607,484          | 5,892,030    |
| Net interest income                                 | 9,298,884          | 9,665,277    |
| Provision for loan losses                           | 1,726,000          | 1,715,000    |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 7,572,884          | 7,950,277    |
| Noninterest revenue                                 |                    |              |
| Service charges on deposit accounts                 | 951,122            | 997,133      |
| Insurance commissions                               | 1,346,061          | 1,238,240    |
| Other noninterest revenue                           | 331,457            | 295,794      |
| Total noninterest revenue                           | 2,628,640          | 2,531,167    |
| Noninterest expense                                 |                    |              |
| Salaries  | 3,211,979          | 3,256,114    |
| Employee benefits                                   | 1,043,405          | 1,032,560    |
| Occupancy   | 448,845            | 443,281      |
| Furniture and equipment                             | 345,992            | 287,923      |
| Other operating                                     | 2,183,548          | 2,028,679    |
| Total noninterest expense                           | 7,233,769          | 7,048,557    |
| Income before income taxes                          | 2,967,755          | 3,432,887    |
| Income taxes  | 1,077,827          | 1,270,010    |
| Net income  | <u>\$1,889,928</u> | \$2,162,877  |
| Earnings per common share - basic and diluted       | \$2.42             | \$2.77       |

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 and 2008

|   |         |                    | Additional         |                     | Accumulated other  |                                       |
|---|---------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
|   | Comm    | on stock           | paid-in            | Retained            | comprehensive      | Comprehensive                         |
|   | Shares  | Par value          | capital            | earnings            | income             | income                                |
| Balance, December 31, 2007  | 785,512 | \$7,855,120        | \$2,920,866        | \$17,997,286        | \$(733,478)        |                                       |
| Net income  | -       | -                  | -                  | 2,162,877           | -                  | \$2,162,877                           |
| Change in underfunded status<br>of defined benefit plan net of                          |         |                    |                    |                     |                    |                                       |
| income taxes of \$46,002  | -       | -                  | -                  | -                   | 70,621             | 70,621                                |
| Unrealized gain on investment securities available for sale net                         |         |                    |                    |                     |                    |                                       |
| of income taxes of \$12,375   | -       | -                  | -                  | -                   | 18,998             | 18,998                                |
| Comprehensive income  |         |                    |                    |                     |                    | \$2,252,496                           |
| Repurchase of stock   | (6,000) | (60,000)           | -                  | (420,000)           |                    |                                       |
| Cash dividend, \$1.75 per share   |         |                    |                    | (1,369,366)         |                    |                                       |
| Balance, December 31, 2008  | 779,512 | 7,795,120          | 2,920,866          | 18,370,797          | (643,859)          |                                       |
| Net income  | -       | -                  | -                  | 1,889,928           | ; -                | \$1,889,928                           |
| Change in underfunded status<br>of defined benefit plan net of<br>income taxes of \$391 |         |                    |                    |                     | - 600              | 600                                   |
| Unrealized gain on investment<br>securities available for sale net                      | -       | -                  |                    |                     |                    | 000                                   |
| of income taxes of \$31,513   | -       | -                  | -                  |                     | . (48,378)         | <u>(48,378)</u><br><u>\$1,842,150</u> |
| Comprehensive income<br>Cash dividend, \$1.79 per share                                 |         |                    | -                  | (1,395,326)         | !                  | <u>71,042,13V</u>                     |
| Balance, December 31, 2009  | 779,512 | <u>\$7,795,120</u> | <u>\$2,920,866</u> | <u>\$18,865,399</u> | <u>\$(691,637)</u> |                                       |

#### **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

#### YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

|   | 2009             | 2008         |
|---|------------------|--------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities                        |                  |              |
| Interest received   | \$14,097,355     | \$15,834,760 |
| Fees and commissions received                               | 2,599,275        | 2,531,167    |
| Interest paid   | (4,609,906)      | (5,971,417)  |
| Cash paid to suppliers and employees                        | (7,328,259)      | (6,720,079)  |
| Income taxes paid   | <u>(896,099)</u> | (1,744,870)  |
| 1   | 3,862,366        |              |
| Cash flows from investing activities                        |                  | 3,929,561    |
| Proceeds from maturities and calls of investment securities |                  |              |
| Held to maturity  | 1,000,840        | 5,501,211    |
| Available for sale  | 4,000,000        | 1,000,000    |
| Purchase of investment securities                           | .,,              | 1,000,000    |
| Held to maturity  | (1,000,000)      | (2,505,170)  |
| Available for sale  | (3,049,383)      | (_,000,110)  |
| Purchase of Federal Home Loan Bank stock                    | 32,800           | 403,600      |
| Purchase of Community Bankers stock                         | 60,000           | _            |
| Loans made, net of principal collected                      | 8,693,040        | 2,518,356    |
| Purchase of premises, equipment, and software               | (359,541)        | (906,525)    |
| Acquisition of Insurance Agency                             | (25,344)         |              |
| Proceeds from sale of foreclosed real estate                | 371,364          | -            |
|   | 9,723,776        | 6,011,472    |
| Cash flows from financing activities                        |                  | 0,011,472    |
| Net increase (decrease) in                                  |                  |              |
| Time deposits   | 13,269,581       | 1,810,593    |
| Other deposits  | 14,242,754       | (5,124,269)  |
| Securities sold under repurchase agreements and             | <i>, ,</i>       | (-))         |
| federal funds purchased                                     | (9,212,200)      | 3,088,063    |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances, net of repayments          | (15,000,000)     | (10,000,000) |
| Repayments of other borrowings                              | (173,216)        | (19,381)     |
| Dividends paid  | (1,395,326)      | (1,369,366)  |
| Repurchase of stock   |                  | (480,000)    |
|   | 1,731,593        | (12,094,360) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents        | 15,317,735       | (2,153,327)  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year              | <u> </u>         | 9,840,142    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year                    | \$23,004,550     | \$7,686,815  |

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued) YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

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|   | 2009        | 2008        |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by        |             |             |
| operating activities  |             |             |
| Net income  | \$1,889,928 | \$2,162,877 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by |             |             |
| operating activities  |             |             |
| Amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts         | 12,224      | (34,854)    |
| Provision for loan losses                                   | 1,726,000   | 1,715,000   |
| Depreciation and software amortization                      | 351,914     | 283,020     |
| Amortization of intangible assets                           | 66,616      | 55,000      |
| Write-down of foreclosed real estate                        | 45,000      | 25,000      |
| Gain on sale of foreclosed real estate                      | (29,365)    | -           |
| Deferred income taxes                                       | (388,710)   | 204,946     |
| Decrease (increase) in                                      |             |             |
| Accrued interest receivable                                 | 132,533     | 231,886     |
| Other assets  | (559,890)   | (838,691)   |
| Increase (decrease) in                                      |             |             |
| Deferred origination fees and costs, net                    | 46,231      | 80,421      |
| Income taxes payable, net of refunds                        | 569,837     | -           |
| Accrued interest payable                                    | (2,422)     | (79,387)    |
| Other liabilities   | 2,470       | 124,343     |
|   | \$3,862,366 | \$3,929,561 |
| Other supplemental disclosure                               |             |             |
| Loans transferred to foreclosed real estate                 | \$315,000   | \$1,432,000 |

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting and reporting policies reflected in the accompanying financial statements of Peoples Bancorp, Inc. and its subsidiaries, The Peoples Bank, a Maryland commercial bank (the "Bank"), and Fleetwood, Athey, MacBeth & McCown, Inc., an insurance agency (the "Insurance Subsidiary"), conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") and to general practices within the banking industry. As used in these notes, unless the context requires otherwise, the term "the Company" refers collectively to Peoples Bancorp, Inc., the Bank and the Insurance Subsidiary.

On July 1, 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") established the Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") as the source of authoritative accounting principles recognized by the FASB to be applied by non-governmental entities in the preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Rules and interpretive releases of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the authority of federal securities laws are also sources of authoritative guidance for SEC registrants. All guidance contained in the ASC carries an equal level of authority. All non-grandfathered, non-SEC accounting literature not included in the ASC is superseded and deemed non-authoritative. The switch to the ASC affects the way companies refer to U.S. GAAP in financial statements and accounting policies. Citing particular content in the ASC involves specifying the unique numeric path to the content through the Topic, Subtopic, Section and Paragraph structure.

#### **Principles of consolidation**

Peoples Bancorp, Inc. and its subsidiaries operate primarily in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, Maryland. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Peoples Bancorp, Inc., the Bank, and the Insurance Subsidiary. Intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

#### Nature of business

The Bank which operates out of a main office and six branches, offers deposit services and loans to individuals, small businesses, associations, and government entities. Other services include direct deposit of payroll and social security checks, automatic drafts from accounts, automated teller machine services, cash management services, safe deposit boxes, money orders, travelers cheques, and on-line banking with bill payment service. The Bank also offers credit card services and discount brokerage services through a correspondent.

The Insurance Subsidiary operates from one location in Kent County and provides a full range of insurance products to businesses and consumers. Product lines include property, casualty, life, marine, long-term care and health insurance.

#### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. These estimates and assumptions may affect the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Cash and cash equivalents

For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, amounts due from banks, and federal funds sold. Generally, federal funds are purchased and sold for one-day periods.

#### **Investment securities**

As securities are purchased, management determines if the securities should be classified as held to maturity or available for sale. Securities which management has the intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as held to maturity and recorded at amortized cost which is cost adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts to maturity, or over the expected life in the case of mortgage-backed securities. Amortization and accretion are recorded using the interest method. Securities which may be sold before maturity are classified as available for sale and carried at fair value with unrealized gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported in other comprehensive income.

Gains and losses on the sale of securities are determined using the specific identification method.

#### Loans and allowance for loan losses

Loans are stated at their outstanding unpaid principal balance adjusted for deferred origination costs, deferred origination fees, and the allowance for loan losses.

Interest on loans is accrued based on the principal amounts outstanding. 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. The accrual of interest is discontinued when any portion of the principal or interest is ninety days past due and collateral is insufficient to discharge the debt in full. When the accrual of interest is discontinued, loans are reviewed for impairment. Past due status is based on contractual terms of the loan. All interest accrued but not collected for loans that are placed on nonaccrual status is reversed against interest revenue.

The allowance for loan losses is established as losses are estimated to have occurred through a provision for loan losses charged to earnings. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when management believes a loan is uncollectible. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance.

The allowance for loan losses is evaluated on a regular basis by management and is based upon management's periodic review of the collectibility of the loans in light of historical experience, the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, adverse situations that may affect the borrower's ability to repay, estimated value of any underlying collateral, and prevailing economic conditions. This evaluation is inherently subjective as it requires estimates that are susceptible to significant revision as more information becomes available.

The allowance consists of specific, general, and unallocated components. The specific component relates to loans that are classified as either doubtful, substandard, or special mention. The general component covers nonclassified loans and is based on historical loss experience adjusted for qualitative factors. An unallocated component is maintained to cover uncertainties that could affect management's estimate of probable losses. The unallocated component of the allowance reflects the margin of imprecision in the underlying assumptions used in the methodologies for estimating specific and general losses in the portfolio.

A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Impairment is measured on a loan by loan basis for commercial and construction loans by either the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, the loan's obtainable market price, or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent.

#### **Premises and equipment**

Premises and equipment are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of three to ten years for furniture and equipment and ten to forty years for premises.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### **Foreclosed real estate**

Real estate acquired through foreclosure is recorded at the lower of cost or fair market value on the date acquired. In general, cost equals the Company's investment in the property at the time of foreclosure. Losses incurred at the time of acquisition of the property are charged to the allowance for loan losses. Subsequent reductions in the estimated value of the property are included in other operating expense.

#### Goodwill and intangible assets

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the net assets acquired. Other intangible assets represent purchased assets that lack physical substance but can be distinguished from goodwill because of contractual or other legal rights or because the asset is capable of being sold or exchanged either on its own or in combination with a related contract, asset or liability. Goodwill is not ratably amortized into the income statement over an estimated life, but rather is tested at least annually for impairment. Intangible assets that have finite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives and are also subject to impairment testing. The Company's intangible assets have finite lives and are amortized on a straight-line basis over periods not exceeding 10 years.

#### Advertising

Advertising costs are expensed over the life of ad campaigns. General purpose advertising is charged to expense as incurred.

#### **Income taxes**

The provision for income taxes includes taxes payable for the current year and deferred income taxes. Deferred income taxes are provided for the temporary differences between financial and taxable income.

The Company recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements or tax returns. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse.

#### Per share data

Earnings per common share are determined by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period and does not include the effect of any potentially dilutive common stock equivalents. The weighted average number of shares outstanding were 779,512 and 781,578 for 2009 and 2008, respectively. There were no dilutive common stock equivalents outstanding in 2009 or 2008.

#### **Subsequent Events**

The Company has evaluated events and transactions occurring subsequent to the balance sheet date as of December 31, 2009 through the date the financial statements were filed for items that should potentially be recognized or disclosed in these financial statements as prescribed by recently issued FASB ASC Topic 855, "Subsequent Events". The evaluation was conducted and it was concluded that no items required disclosure.

#### 2. Cash and Due From Banks

The Company normally carries balances with other banks that exceed the federally insured limit. The average balances carried in excess of the limit, including unsecured federal funds sold to the same banks, were \$5,766,770 for 2009 and \$4,411,589 for 2008.

Banks are required to carry noninterest-bearing cash reserves at specified percentages of deposit balances. The Company's normal amount of cash on hand and on deposit with other banks is sufficient to satisfy the reserve requirements.

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#### 3. Investment Securities

Investment securities are summarized as follows:

| December 31, 2009          | Amortized<br>cost   | Unrealized<br>gains | Unrealized<br>losses | Fair<br>value       |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Available for sale         |                     |                     |                      |                     |
| U. S. government agency    | <u>\$ 3,020,741</u> | <u>\$ 6,959</u>     | <u>\$</u>            | <u>\$ 3,027,700</u> |
| Held to maturity           |                     |                     |                      |                     |
| U. S. government agency    | \$10,057,082        | \$ 248,790          | <b>\$</b> -          | \$10,305,872        |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 6,294               | 3                   | 13                   | 6,284               |
|                            | <u>\$10,063,376</u> | <u>\$ 248,793</u>   | <u>\$ 13</u>         | <u>\$10,312,156</u> |
| December 31, 2008          |                     |                     |                      |                     |
| Available for sale         |                     |                     |                      |                     |
| U. S. government agency    | <u>\$ 3,992,083</u> | <u>\$ 85,815</u>    | <u>\$</u>            | <u>\$ 4,077,898</u> |
| Held to maturity           |                     |                     |                      |                     |
| U. S. government agency    | \$10,048,570        | \$ 376,170          | \$ -                 | \$10,424,740        |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 7,145               |                     | 176                  | 6,969               |
|                            | <u>\$10,055,715</u> | <u>\$ 376,170</u>   | <u>\$ 176</u>        | <u>\$10,431,709</u> |

Contractual maturities and the amount of pledged securities are shown below. Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities because issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

|                            | Available for sale  |                     | Held to maturity     |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| D                          | Amortized           | Fair                | Amortized            | Fair                |
| December 31, 2009          | cost                | value               | cost                 | value               |
| Maturing                   |                     |                     |                      |                     |
| Within one year            | \$ 1,015,880        | \$ 1,017,300        | \$ 6,541,691         | \$ 6,663,095        |
| Over one to five years     | 2,004,861           | 2,010,400           | 3,515,391            | 3,642,777           |
| Mortgage-backed securities |                     |                     | 6,294                | 6,284               |
|                            | <u>\$ 3,020,741</u> | <u>\$ 3,027,700</u> | <u>\$10,063,376</u>  | <u>\$10,312,156</u> |
| Pledged securities         | <u>\$</u> -         | <u>\$</u>           | <u>\$ 2,971,405</u>  | <u>\$ 3,068,439</u> |
| December 31, 2008          |                     |                     |                      |                     |
| Maturing                   |                     |                     |                      |                     |
| Within one year            | \$ 3,992,083        | \$ 4,077,898        | \$ 999,039           | \$ 1,004,100        |
| Over one to five years     | -                   | -                   | 9,049,531            | 9,420,640           |
| Mortgage-backed securities |                     |                     | 7,145                | 6,969               |
|                            | <u>\$ 3,992,083</u> | <u>\$4,077,898</u>  | <u>\$ 10,055,715</u> | <u>\$10,431,709</u> |
| Pledged securities         | <u>\$ 1,449,341</u> | <u>\$ 1,484,759</u> | <u>\$_6,216,627</u>  | <u>\$_6,441,060</u> |

Investments are pledged to secure the deposits of federal and local governments and as collateral for repurchase agreements.

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#### 3. Investment Securities (Continued)

Securities in a continuous unrealized loss position at December 31, 2009, are as follows:

|                        | Less than  | 12 months | 12 months    | s or longer     | Tot          | tal             |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
|                        | Unrealized | Fair      | Unrealized   | Fair            | Unrealized   | Fair            |
|                        | losses     | value     | losses       | value           | losses       | value           |
| U.S. government agency | <u>\$</u>  | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$ 13</u> | <u>\$ 2,267</u> | <u>\$ 13</u> | <u>\$_2,267</u> |

All unrealized losses on securities as of December 31, 2009, are considered to be temporary losses. Each security will be redeemed at face value at, or prior to, maturity. In most cases, the temporary impairment in value is caused by market interest rate fluctuations.

#### 4. Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses

Major classifications of loans as of December 31, are as follows:

|  | 2009                  | 2008                 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Real estate  |                       |                      |
| Residential  | \$ 74,431,249         | \$ 60,579,916        |
| Commercial   | 92,686,252            | 104,175,727          |
| Construction   | 5,988,692             | 7,255,246            |
| Commercial   | 26,942,744            | 36,754,882           |
| Consumer   | 6,593,515             | 7,767,095            |
|  | 206,642,452           | 216,532,866          |
| Deferred costs, net of deferred fees   | 102,590               | 148,822              |
| Allowance for loan losses  | (2,845,364)           | (2,001,739)          |
|  | <u>\$ 203,899,678</u> | <u>\$214,679,949</u> |
| The rate repricing and maturity distribution of the loan portfolio is as for | ollows:               |                      |
| Within ninety days   | \$ 74,605,756         | \$ 90,467,239        |
| Over ninety days to one year   | 56,604,647            | 41,811,237           |
| Over one year to five years  | 74,652,660            | 84,132,243           |
| Over five years  | 779,389               | 122,147              |
|  | <u>\$ 206,642,452</u> | <u>\$216,532,866</u> |
| Transactions in the allowance for loan losses were as follows:               |                       |                      |
| Beginning balance  | \$ 2,001,739          | \$ 2,328,792         |
| Provision charged to operations  | 1,726,000             | 1,715,000            |
| Recoveries   | 55,167                | 47,644               |
|  | 3,782,906             | 4,091,436            |
| Loans charged off  | 937,542               | 2,089,697            |
| Ending balance   | <u>\$ 2,845,364</u>   | \$ 2,001,739         |

Management has identified no significant impaired loans.

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#### 4. Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)

Loans on which the accrual of interest has been discontinued or reduced, and the interest that would have been accrued at December 31, are as follows:

|                          | 2009         | 2008         |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Nonaccrual loan balances | \$ 2,384,186 | \$ 3,670,657 |
| Interest not accrued     | 289,779      | 222,461      |

Amounts past due 90 days or more at December 31, still accruing interest, are as follows:

| Commercial | \$ 168,020          | \$ 19,540           |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Mortgage   | 6,055,484           | 1,447,221           |
| Consumer   | 24,271              | 25,117              |
|            | <u>\$ 6,247,775</u> | <u>\$ 1,491,878</u> |

Outstanding loan commitments, unused lines of credit, and letters of credit as of December 31, are as follows:

| Check loan lines of credit                | \$ 502,887          | \$ 1,469,145        |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Mortgage lines of credit                  | 11,202,534          | 6,218,412           |
| Other lines of credit                     | 16,776,329          | 13,556,168          |
| Undisbursed construction loan commitments | 933,503             | 5,290,834           |
|   | <u>\$29,415,253</u> | <u>\$26,534,559</u> |
| Standby letters of credit                 | <u>\$ 3,761,110</u> | <u>\$ 5,278,824</u> |

Loan commitments and lines of credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition to the contract. Loan commitments generally have interest rates fixed at current market rates, fixed expiration dates, and may require payment of a fee. Lines of credit generally have variable interest rates. Such lines do not represent future cash requirements because it is unlikely that all customers will draw upon their lines in full at any time.

Letters of credit are commitments issued to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party.

Loan commitments, lines of credit, and letters of credit are made on the same terms, including collateral, as outstanding loans. The Company's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the borrower is represented by the contract amount of the commitment. Management is not aware of any accounting loss the Company will incur by the funding of these commitments.

The Company lends to customers located primarily in and near Kent County, Queen Anne's County, and Cecil County, Maryland. Although the loan portfolio is diversified, its performance will be influenced by the economy of the region.

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#### 5. **Premises and Equipment**

A summary of premises and equipment and related depreciation expense as of December 31, is as follows:

|                            | 2009                | 2008              |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Land                       | \$ 2,432,279        | \$ 2,432,279      |
| Premises                   | 5,015,237           | 4,904,963         |
| Furniture and equipment    | 2,901,349           | 2,726,581         |
|                            | 10,348,865          | 10,063,823        |
| Accumulated depreciation   | 3,827,361           | 3,539,978         |
| Net premises and equipment | <u>\$ 6,521,504</u> | \$ 6,523,845      |
| Depreciation expense       | <u>\$ 339,779</u>   | <u>\$ 278,885</u> |

Computer software included in other assets and the related amortization are as follows:

|   | 2009                                    | 2008                                   |
|---|---|--|
| Cost<br>Accumulated amortization<br>Net computer software | \$ 88,412<br>74,000<br><u>\$ 14,412</u> | \$ 74,728<br>70,284<br><u>\$ 4,444</u> |
| Amortization expense                                      | <u>\$3,715</u>                          | <u>\$ 4,135</u>                        |

#### 6. **Other Time Deposits**

Maturities of other time deposits as of December 31, are as follows:

|                          | 2009                 | 2008                 |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Within one year          | \$ 19,339,251        | \$ 22,025,234        |
| Over one to two years    | 19,153,090           | 10,537,866           |
| Over two to three years  | 7,506,085            | 17,799,526           |
| Over three to four years | 22,161,944           | 7,426,675            |
| Over four to five years  | 26,408,880           | 23,510,368           |
|                          | <u>\$ 94,569,250</u> | <u>\$ 81,299,669</u> |

Included in other time deposits are certificates of deposit in amounts of \$100,000 or more of \$33,756,946 and \$26,258,114 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

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#### 7. Securities Sold Under Repurchase Agreements

Securities sold under repurchase agreements represent borrowings from customers. The government agency securities that are the collateral for these agreements are owned by the Company and maintained in the custody of a nonaffiliated bank. Additional information is as follows:

|   | 2009          | 2008          |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Maximum month-end amount outstanding                    | \$ 12,929,966 | \$ 10,552,060 |
| Average amount outstanding                              | 8,918,437     | 9,453,623     |
| Average rate paid during the year                       | 0.78%         | 1.72%         |
| Investment securities underlying agreements at year-end |               |               |
| Book value  | 2,461,938     | 6,404,158     |
| Estimated fair value                                    | 2,533,874     | 6,618,769     |

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#### 8. Notes Payable and Lines of Credit

The Company may borrow up to approximately 30% of total assets from the Federal Home Loan Bank (the "FHLB") through any combination of notes or line of credit advances. Both the notes payable and the line of credit are secured by a floating lien on all of the Company's real estate mortgage loans. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had \$13,990,133 of mortgage loans available to pledge as collateral to the FHLB. The Company was required to purchase shares of capital stock in the FHLB as a condition to obtaining the line of credit.

The Company's borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, are summarized as follows:

| Maturity           | Interest | 2009                | 2008                 |
|--------------------|----------|---------------------|----------------------|
| date               | rate     | Balance             | Balance              |
| August 2, 2017     | 4.34%    | \$ 5,000,000        | \$ 5,000,000         |
| January 26, 2017   | 4.36%    | 5,000,000           | 5,000,000            |
| October 9, 2012    | 1.94%    | 1,000,000           | -                    |
| June 9, 2012       | 2.19%    | 1,000,000           | -                    |
| March 27, 2012     | 2.43%    | 1,000,000           | -                    |
| March 9, 2012      | 4.29%    | 2,000,000           | 2,000,000            |
| October 11, 2011   | 1.32%    | 1,000,000           | -                    |
| July 11, 2011      | 1.48%    | 1,000,000           | -                    |
| March 28, 2011     | 2.00%    | 1,000,000           | -                    |
| March 17,2011      | 2.12%    | 1,000,000           | -                    |
| September 17, 2010 | 1.72%    | 1,000,000           | -                    |
| June 27, 2010      | 1.56%    | 1,000,000           | -                    |
| June 22, 2010      | 5.59%    | 1,000,000           | 1,000,000            |
| April 2, 2010      | 5.02%    | 2,000,000           | 2,000,000            |
| March 22, 2010     | 4.04%    | 2,000,000           | 2,000,000            |
| January 25, 2010   | 5.29%    | 2,000,000           | 2,000,000            |
| December 2, 2009   | 5.08%    | -                   | 5,000,000            |
| October 22, 2009   | 4.59%    | -                   | 2,000,000            |
| October 21, 2009   | Variable | -                   | 5,000,000            |
| September 25, 2009 | 5.48%    | -                   | 1,000,000            |
| August 25, 2009    | 5.48%    | -                   | 1,000,000            |
| July 22, 2009      | 5.55%    | -                   | 1,000,000            |
| June 8, 2009       | 5.05%    | -                   | 1,000,000            |
| May 18, 2009       | 5.28%    | -                   | 1,000,000            |
| April 6, 2009      | 5.11%    | -                   | 2,000,000            |
| March 17, 2009     | 5.28%    | -                   | 2,000,000            |
| January 26, 2009   | 5.36%    | -                   | 2,000,000            |
| January 16, 2009   | 5.28%    |                     | 1,000,000            |
|                    |          | <u>\$28,000,000</u> | <u>\$ 43,000,000</u> |

The outstanding advances require interest payments monthly or quarterly with principal due at maturity.

In addition to the line from the FHLB, the Company has lines of credit of \$13,650,000 in unsecured overnight federal funds and \$5,500,000 in secured overnight federal funds at December 31, 2009. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had not borrowed under these federal funds lines of credit.

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### 9. Income Taxes

The components of income tax expense are as follows:

|   | 2009   | 2008  |
|---|--|---|
| Current   |  |   |
| Federal   | \$ 1,200,370   | \$ 892,890  |
| State   | 266,167  | 172,174   |
|   | 1,466,537  | 1,065,064   |
| Deferred  | (388,710)  | 204,946   |
|   | <u>\$ 1,077,827</u>                                    | <u>\$ 1,270,010</u>                                   |
| The components of the deferred income tax expense are as follows:   |  |   |
| Provision for loan losses and bad debts   | \$ (292,569)   | \$ 170,038  |
| Prepaid pension costs   | (8,257)  | 59,232  |
| Depreciation and amortization   | (6,349)  | 53,542  |
| Discount accretion  | (17,552)   | 4,514   |
| Nonaccrual interest   | (23,757)   | (62,506)  |
| Deferred compensation   | (6,990)  | (10,013)  |
| Write-down of foreclosed real estate  | (33,236)   | (9,861)   |
| The components of the net deferred income tax asset are as follows:   | <u>\$ (388,710</u> )                                   | <u>\$ 204,946</u>                                     |
| Deferred income tax assets  |  |   |
| Allowance for loan losses and bad debt reserve  | \$ 914,469   | \$ 621,900  |
|   | 186,835  | 179,845   |
| Deferred compensation   | 252,798  | 244,541   |
|   |  |   |
| Pension liability   | 111.507  | 87.750  |
| Nonaccrual interest   | 111,507<br>43.097                                      | 87,750<br>9,861                                       |
|   | 111,507<br><u>43,097</u><br>1,508,706                  | 87,750<br><u>9,861</u><br><u>1,143,897</u>            |
| Nonaccrual interest   | 43,097   | 9,861   |
| Nonaccrual interest<br>Foreclosed real estate valuation allowance<br>Deferred income tax liabilities  | 43,097   | 9,861   |
| Nonaccrual interest<br>Foreclosed real estate valuation allowance<br>Deferred income tax liabilities<br>Depreciation and amortization                       | <u>43,097</u><br><u>1,508,706</u>                      | <u>9,861</u><br><u>1,143,897</u>                      |
| Nonaccrual interest<br>Foreclosed real estate valuation allowance<br>Deferred income tax liabilities<br>Depreciation and amortization<br>Discount accretion | <u>43,097</u><br><u>1,508,706</u><br>198,397           | <u>9,861</u><br><u>1,143,897</u><br>204,746           |
| Nonaccrual interest<br>Foreclosed real estate valuation allowance<br>Deferred income tax liabilities<br>Depreciation and amortization                       | <u>43,097</u><br><u>1,508,706</u><br>198,397<br>29,326 | <u>9,861</u><br><u>1,143,897</u><br>204,746<br>46,878 |

A reconciliation of the provisions for income taxes from statutory federal rates to effective rates follows:

| Tax at statutory federal income tax rate   | 34.0 % | 34.0 % |
|--|--------|--------|
| Tax effect of                              |        |        |
| Tax-exempt income                          | (1.6)  | (1.1)  |
| State income taxes, net of federal benefit | 4.1    | 3.9    |
| Other, net                                 | (0.2)  | 0.2    |
| ·····                                      | 36.3 % | 37.0 % |

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#### 10. Profit Sharing Plan

The Bank has a profit sharing plan qualifying under section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code that covers all of the Company's employees with one year of service who have attained age 21. The Bank matches 15% of employee contributions to the Plan, up to a maximum of 2% of pay. The Bank may make discretionary contributions to the Plan in amounts approved by its Board of Directors. The Bank's contributions to the plan, included in employee benefits expense for 2009 and 2008, were \$7,256 and \$6,897, respectively.

### 11. Pension

The Bank has a defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all of the employees of the Company. Benefits are based on years of service and the employee's highest average rate of earnings for five consecutive years during the final ten full years before retirement. The Bank's funding policy is to contribute annually the maximum amount that can be deducted for income tax purposes, determined using the projected unit credit cost method.

The following table sets forth the financial status of the plan at December 31:

|  | 2009               | 2008               |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Change in plan assets                            |                    |                    |
| Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year   | \$ 2,567,432       | \$ 2,078,439       |
| Actual return on plan assets                     | 85,787             | 110,595            |
| Employer contribution                            | 136,351            | 415,747            |
| Benefits paid                                    | (171,296)          | (37,349)           |
| Fair value of plan assets at end of year         | 2,618,274          | 2,567,432          |
| Change in benefit obligation                     |                    |                    |
| Benefit obligation at beginning of year          | 3,187,386          | 2,965,180          |
| Service cost                                     | 171,013            | 159,042            |
| Interest cost                                    | 193,859            | 184,157            |
| Benefits paid                                    | (171,296)          | (37,349)           |
| Actuarial loss (gain)                            | (16,844)           | (83,644)           |
| Benefit obligation at end of year                | 3,364,118          | 3,187,386          |
| Funded status                                    | (745,844)          | (619,954)          |
| Unamortized prior service cost                   | (2,759)            | (4,136)            |
| Unrecognized net loss                            | 1,150,845          | 1,153,214          |
| Prepaid pension expense included in other assets | <u>\$ 402,242</u>  | <u>\$ 529,124</u>  |
| Accumulated benefit obligation                   | <u>\$2,571,973</u> | <u>\$2,083,410</u> |

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### 11. **Pension** (Continued)

Net pension expense includes the following components:

|                                    | 2009              | 2008              |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Service cost                       | \$ 171,013        | \$ 159,042        |
| Interest cost                      | 193,859           | 184,157           |
| Expected return on assets          | (146,622)         | (130,389)         |
| Amortization of prior service cost | (1,377)           | (1,377)           |
| Amortization of loss               | 46,360            | 54,150            |
| Net pension expense                | <u>\$ 263,233</u> | <u>\$_265,583</u> |

Assumptions used in the accounting for net pension expense were:

| Discount rates                         | 6.25% | 6.25% |
|--|-------|-------|
| Rate of increase in compensation level | 5.00% | 5.00% |
| Long-term rate of return on assets     | 5.75% | 5.75% |

The Bank intends to contribute approximately \$140,000 to the Plan in 2010.

Benefits expected to be paid from the Plan are as follows:

| Year      | Amount  |
|-----------|---------|
| 2010      | 51,000  |
| 2011      | 60,000  |
| 2012      | 61,000  |
| 2013      | 129,000 |
| 2014      | 133,000 |
| 2015-2019 | 674,000 |
|           |         |

The long-term rate of return on assets assumption considers the current earnings on assets of the Plan as well as the effects of asset diversification. The Plan's investment strategy is to earn a reasonable return while safeguarding the benefits promised to employees. All assets of the Plan are invested in deposit accounts at the Bank.

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### 12. Other Operating Expenses

Other operating expenses consist of the following:

|  | 2009                | 2008                |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Data processing and correspondent fees | \$ 548,133          | \$ 618,312          |
| Directors' fees                        | 149,181             | 134,384             |
| Professional fees                      | 122,684             | 121,125             |
| Advertising                            | 60,464              | 73,020              |
| Postage                                | 92,573              | 85,114              |
| Public relations and contributions     | 48,398              | 69,346              |
| Office supplies                        | 122,920             | 78,276              |
| Printing and stationery                | 17,044              | 46,596              |
| Telephone                              | 41,889              | 41,809              |
| Regulatory assessments                 | 416,913             | 122,127             |
| Loan product costs                     | 14,637              | 21,983              |
| Insurance                              | 27,001              | 26,670              |
| Other                                  | 521,711             | 589,917             |
|  | <u>\$ 2,183,548</u> | <u>\$ 2,028,679</u> |

### 13. Related Party Transactions

In the normal course of banking business, loans are made to senior officers and directors of the Company as well as to companies and individuals affiliated with those officers and directors. The terms of these transactions are substantially the same as the terms provided to other borrowers entering into similar loan transactions. In the opinion of management, these loans are consistent with sound banking practices, are within regulatory lending limitations, and do not involve more than normal credit risk.

A summary of these loans is as follows:

|                           | 2009                | 2008        |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Beginning loan balances   | \$ 6,665,231        | \$4,566,457 |
| Advances                  | 3,527,233           | 8,379,453   |
| Repayments                | (4,868,368)         | (6,316,307) |
| Change in related parties | (72,991)            | 35,628      |
| Ending loan balances      | <u>\$ 5,251,105</u> | \$6,665,231 |

In addition to the outstanding balances listed above, the officers and directors and their related interests have \$3,411,296 in unused loans committed but not funded as of December 31, 2009.

A director is a partner in a law firm that provides services to the Company. Payments of \$11,000 were made to that firm during 2009 and 2008.

Deposits from senior officers and directors and their related interests were \$2,434,699 as of December 31, 2009 and \$2,496,245 as of December 31, 2008.

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#### 14. Capital Standards

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation have adopted risk-based capital standards for banking organizations. These standards require ratios of capital to assets for minimum capital adequacy and to be classified as well capitalized under prompt corrective action provisions. The table below sets forth the capital ratios of the Bank as of December 31, 2009 and 2008. Because Peoples Bancorp, Inc.'s only asset other than its equity interest in the Bank and the Insurance Subsidiary is a small amount of cash, its capital ratios do not differ materially from those of the Bank.

|   |          |       | Minim       | um      | To be     | well  |
|---|----------|-------|-------------|---------|-----------|-------|
|   | Actu     | ual   | capital add | equac y | capita    | lized |
| (in thousands)                                    | Amount   | Ratio | Amount      | Ratio   | Amount    | Ratio |
| December 31, 2009                                 |          |       |             |         |           |       |
| Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)           | \$30,361 | 15.1% | \$ 16,051   | 8.0%    | \$ 20,063 | 10.0% |
| Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)          | \$27,849 | 13.9% | \$ 8,025    | 4.0%    | \$12,038  | 6.0%  |
| Tier 1 capital (to average fourth quarter assets) | \$27,849 | 11.0% | \$ 10,135   | 4.0%    | \$12,669  | 5.0%  |
| December 31, 2008                                 |          |       |             |         |           |       |
| Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)           | \$29,585 | 13.8% | \$ 17,199   | 8.0%    | \$21,498  | 10.0% |
| Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)          | \$27,583 | 12.8% | \$ 8,599    | 4.0%    | \$ 12,899 | 6.0%  |
| Tier 1 capital (to average fourth quarter assets) | \$27,583 | 11.1% | \$ 9,988    | 4.0%    | \$12,485  | 5.0%  |

Tier 1 capital consists of common stock, additional paid on capital, and undivided profits. Total capital includes a limited amount of the allowance for loan losses. In calculating risk-weighted assets, specified risk percentages are applied to each category of asset and off-balance sheet items.

Failure to meet the capital requirements could affect the Bank's ability to pay dividends and accept deposits and may significantly affect the operations of the Bank.

In the most recent regulatory report, the Bank was categorized as well capitalized under the prompt corrective action regulations. Management knows of no events or conditions that should change this classification.

### 15. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

GAAP define fair value, establish a framework for measuring fair value, expand disclosures about fair value, and establish a hierarchy for determining fair value measurement. The hierarchy includes three levels and is based upon the valuation techniques used to measure assets and liabilities. The three levels are as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument; and

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value; as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to valuation methodology.

Securities available for sale – If quoted prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within level 1 of the hierarchy. Level 1 includes securities that have quoted prices in an active market for identical assets. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics or discounted cash flows. The Company has categorized its securities available for sale as follows:

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### 15. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (Continued)

|              | Total               | Level 1<br>Inputs   | Level 2<br>Inputs | Level 3<br>Inputs                             |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| 000000000000 | <u>\$ 3,027,700</u> | <u>\$ 3,027,700</u> | <u>\$ -</u>       | <u>\$                                    </u> |

Foreclosed real estate – The Company measures its foreclosed real estate at fair value less cost to sell. As of December 31, 2009, the fair value of foreclosed real estate was based on offers and/or appraisals. Cost to sell the real estate was based on standard market factors. The Company has categorized its foreclosed real estate as level three.

The estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments are summarized below. The fair values of a significant portion of these financial instruments are estimates derived using present value techniques prescribed by the FASB and may not be indicative of the net realizable or liquidation values. Also, the calculation of estimated fair values is based on market conditions at a specific point in time and may not reflect current or future fair values.

The Company does not measure the fair value of any of its other financial assets or liabilities on a recurring or nonrecurring basis. The estimated fair values of the Company's other financial instruments were as follows:

|                               | December 31,  |               |               |               |  |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|
|                               | 20            | 09            | 2008          |               |  |
|                               | Carrying      | Carrying Fair |               | Fair          |  |
|                               | amount        | value         | amount        | value         |  |
| Financial assets              |               |               |               |               |  |
| Cash and due from banks       | \$ 15,988,739 | \$ 15,988,739 | \$ 3,789,925  | \$ 3,789,925  |  |
| Federal funds sold            | 7,015,811     | 7,015,811     | 3,896,890     | 3,896,890     |  |
| Investment securities (total) | 13,091,076    | 13,339,856    | 14,133,613    | 14,509,607    |  |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock  | 2,401,200     | 2,401,200     | 2,494,000     | 2,494,000     |  |
| Loans, net                    | 203,899,678   | 204,083,903   | 214,679,949   | 214,784,949   |  |
| Accrued interest receivable   | 1,450,155     | 1,450,155     | 1,582,688     | 1,582,688     |  |
| Financial liabilitics         |               |               |               |               |  |
| Noninterest-bearing deposits  | \$ 36,951,197 | \$ 36,951,197 | \$ 34,387,604 | \$ 34,387,604 |  |
| Interest-bearing deposits     | 156,299,711   | 160,895,134   | 131,350,969   | 133,996,055   |  |
| Short-term borrowings         | 2,917,339     | 2,917,339     | 12,129,539    | 12,129,539    |  |
| Federal Home Loan             |               |               |               |               |  |
| Bank advances                 | 28,000,000    | 28,457,862    | 43,000,000    | 43,879,670    |  |
| Accrued interest payable      | 439,410       | 439,410       | 441,832       | 441,832       |  |

The fair value of fixed-rate loans is estimated to be the present value of scheduled payments discounted using interest rates currently in effect. The fair value of variable-rate loans, including loans with a demand feature, is estimated to equal the carrying amount. The valuation of loans is adjusted for possible loan losses.

The fair value of interest-bearing checking, savings, and money market deposit accounts is equal to the carrying amount. The fair value of fixed-maturity time deposits and borrowings is estimated based on interest rates currently offered for deposits and borrowings of similar remaining maturities.

It is not practicable to estimate the fair value of outstanding loan commitments, unused lines of credit, and letters of credit.

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#### **Parent Company Financial Information** 16.

The balance sheets, statements of income, and statements of cash flows for Peoples Bancorp, Inc. (Parent Only) follow:

|   | Decem               | iber 31,            |  |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| Balance Sheets                            | 2009                | 2008                |  |
| Assets                                    |                     |                     |  |
| Cash                                      | \$ 307,239          | \$ 308,309          |  |
| Investment in bank subsidiary             | 27,157,172          | 26,939,481          |  |
| Investment in insurance agency subsidiary | 1,434,757           | 1,201,267           |  |
| Income tax refund receivable              | 7,395               | 5,979               |  |
| Total assets                              | <u>\$28,906,563</u> | <u>\$28,455,036</u> |  |
| Liabilities and Stockhol                  | olders' Equity      |                     |  |
| Other liebilities                         | \$ 16.815           | \$ 12.112           |  |

| Other liabilities                          | <u>\$ 16,815</u>    | <u>\$ 12,112</u>    |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Stockholders' equity                       |                     |                     |
| Common stock                               | 7,795,120           | 7,795,120           |
| Additional paid-in capital                 | 2,920,866           | 2,920,866           |
| Retained earnings                          | 18,865,399          | 18,370,797          |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income     | (691,637)           | (643,859)           |
| Total stockholders' equity                 | 28,889,748          | 28,442,924          |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | <u>\$28,906,563</u> | <u>\$28,455,036</u> |

| Statements of Income  | Years Ended December 31,           2009         2008 |                     |
|---|--|---------------------|
| Interest revenue  | \$ 5,482   | \$ 7,883            |
| Dividends from bank subsidiary                                | 1,405,326  | 1,859,367           |
| Equity in undistributed income of insurance agency subsidiary | 233,490  | 110,250             |
| Equity in undistributed income of bank subsidiary             | 265,468  | 204,867             |
|   | 1,909,766  | 2,182,367           |
| Expenses  |  |                     |
| Professional fees   | 21,750   | 23,115              |
| Other   | 5,483  | 2,354               |
|   | 27,233   | 25,469              |
| Income before income taxes                                    | 1,882,533  | 2,156,898           |
| Income tax expense (benefit)                                  | (7,395)  | (5,979)             |
| Net income  | <u>\$ 1,889,928</u>                                  | <u>\$ 2,162,877</u> |

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 16. Parent Company Financial Information (Continued)

|   | Years Ended December 31, |                     |  |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Statements of Cash Flows                            | 2009                     | 2008                |  |
| Cash flows from operating activities                |                          |                     |  |
| Interest and dividends received                     | \$ 1,410,808             | \$ 1,867,250        |  |
| Income taxes refunded                               | 5,979                    | 3,172               |  |
| Cash paid for operating expenses                    | (22,531)                 | (24,921)            |  |
|   | 1,394,256                | 1,845,501           |  |
| Cash flows from investing activities                |                          |                     |  |
| Acquisition of insurance agency                     |                          |                     |  |
| Cash flows from financing activities                |                          |                     |  |
| Dividends paid                                      | (1,395,326)              | (1,369,366)         |  |
| Repurchase of stock                                 | -                        | (1,20),500)         |  |
|   | (1,395,326)              | (1,849,366)         |  |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash                     | (1,070)                  | (3,865)             |  |
| Cash at beginning of year                           | 308,309                  | 312,174             |  |
| Cash at end of year                                 | \$ 307,239               | \$ 308,309          |  |
| Reconciliation of net income to net cash            |                          |                     |  |
| provided by operating activities                    |                          |                     |  |
| Net income  | \$ 1,889,928             | \$ 2,162,877        |  |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash     |                          |                     |  |
| provided by operating activities                    |                          |                     |  |
| Undistributed net income of subsidiaries            | (498,958)                | (315,117)           |  |
| Increase (decrease) in other liabilities            | 4,702                    | 548                 |  |
| (Increase) decrease in income tax refund receivable | (1,416)                  | (2,807)             |  |
|   | <u>\$ 1,394,256</u>      | <u>\$ 1,845,501</u> |  |

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#### 17. Quarterly Results of Operations (Unaudited)

|                              | Three Months Ended |               |          |           |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| (in thousands)               | December 31,       | September 30, | June 30, | March 31, |
| except per share information |                    |               |          |           |
| <u>2009</u>                  |                    |               |          |           |
| Interest revenue             | \$ 3,342           | \$ 3,440      | \$ 3,527 | \$ 3,597  |
| Interest expense             | 1,082              | 1,156         | 1,177    | 1,192     |
| Net interest income          | 2,260              | 2,284         | 2,350    | 2,405     |
| Provision for loan losses    | 555                | 316           | 425      | 430       |
| Net income                   | 395                | 470           | 382      | 643       |
| Comprehensive income         | 393                | 462           | 368      | 619       |
| Earnings per share           | \$0.50             | \$0.60        | \$0.49   | \$0.83    |
| 2008                         |                    |               |          |           |
| Interest revenue             | \$ 3,536           | \$ 3,933      | \$ 3,923 | \$ 4,165  |
| Interest expense             | 1,332              | 1,426         | 1,484    | 1,650     |
| Net interest income          | 2,204              | 2,507         | 2,439    | 2,515     |
| Provision for loan losses    | 675                | 440           | 480      | 120       |
| Net income                   | 183                | 587           | 483      | 910       |
| Comprehensive income         | 275                | 576           | 448      | 953       |
| Earnings per share           | \$0.23             | \$0.75        | \$0.62   | \$1.16    |

### 18. Insurance Subsidiary Acquisition

On January 2, 2007, Peoples Bancorp, Inc. purchased all of the outstanding stock of the Insurance Subsidiary, such that the Insurance Subsidiary is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Peoples Bancorp, Inc. The person from whom Peoples Bancorp, Inc. purchased the stock of the Insurance Subsidiary agreed to a two-year consulting agreement as part of the acquisition.

The purchase price of approximately \$1,000,000 was paid in cash. The Company recorded approximately \$273,000 of goodwill and approximately \$550,000 of other intangible assets as a result of the acquisition. The goodwill will not be amortized for financial statement purposes but will be reviewed annually for impairment. The intangible assets will be amortized over 10 years for financial statement purposes. The goodwill and intangible assets will be amortized over 15 years for income tax purposes.

The consolidated financial statements include the results of operations of the Insurance Subsidiary since the date of purchase.

### 19. Segment Reporting

The Company operates two primary businesses: community banking and insurance products and services. Through the community banking business, the Company provides services to consumers and small businesses on the upper Eastern Shore of Maryland through its seven branches. Community banking activities include serving the deposit needs of small business and individual consumers by providing banking products and services to fit their needs. Loan products available to consumers include mortgage, home equity, automobile, marine, and installment loans and other secured and unsecured personal lines of credit. Small business lending includes commercial mortgages, real estate development loans, equipment and operating loans, as well as secured and unsecured lines of credit, accounts receivable financing arrangements, and merchant card services.

Through the insurance products and services business, the Company provides a full range of insurance products and services to businesses and consumers in the Company's market areas. Products include property and casualty, life, marine, individual health and long-term care insurance.

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Selected financial information by line of business for the year ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, are included in the following table:

| 2009   | Community<br>banking           | Insurance<br>products<br>and<br>services | Intersegment<br>transactions | Consolidated<br>total          |
|--|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Net interest income<br>Provision for loan losses | \$    9,303,236<br>(1,726,000) | \$ (4,352)                               | <b>\$</b> -                  | \$    9,298,884<br>(1,726,000) |
| Trovision for four fosses                        | (1,720,000)                    |  |                              | (1,720,000)                    |
| Net interest income after provision              | 7,577,236                      | (4,352)                                  | -                            | 7,572,884                      |
| Noninterest revenue                              | 1,275,479                      | 1,353,161                                | -                            | 2,628,640                      |
| Noninterest expense                              | (6,274,402)                    | (959,367)                                | <u> </u>                     | <u>(7,233,769</u> )            |
| Income before income taxes                       | 2,578,313                      | 389,442                                  | -                            | 2,967,755                      |
| Income taxes                                     | (921,874)                      | (155,953)                                | <u> </u>                     | (1,077,827)                    |
| Net income                                       | <u>\$ 1,656,439</u>            | <u>\$ 233,489</u>                        | <u>\$</u>                    | <u>\$ 1,889,928</u>            |
| Average assets                                   | <u>\$ 251,003,285</u>          | <u>\$ 1,710,257</u>                      | <u>\$ (610,901</u> )         | <u>\$ 252,102,641</u>          |
| 2008   | Community<br>banking           | Insurance<br>products<br>and<br>services | Intersegment<br>transactions | Consolidated<br>total          |
|  |                                |  |                              |                                |
| Net interest income                              | \$ 9,676,667                   | \$ (11,390)                              | \$ -                         | \$ 9,665,277                   |
| Provision for loan losses                        | (1,715,000)                    |  |                              | (1,715,000)                    |
| Net interest income after provision              | 7,961,667                      | (11,390)                                 | -                            | 7,950,277                      |
| Noninterest revenue                              | 1,287,091                      | 1,244,076                                | -                            | 2,531,167                      |
| Noninterest expense                              | (6,001,527)                    | (1,047,030)                              | <u> </u>                     | (7,048,557)                    |
|  |                                |  |                              |                                |
| Income before income taxes<br>Income taxes       | 3,247,231                      | 185,656                                  | -                            | 3,432,887                      |
| meonic taxes                                     | (1,194,604)                    | (75,406)                                 |                              | (1,270,010)                    |
| NT - 1   |                                |  |                              |                                |

Average assets \$ 253,493,543 <u>\$1,526,739</u> (271,433) <u>\$</u>

<u>\$ 2,052,627</u>

Net income

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#### **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors and Stockholders Peoples Bancorp, Inc. Chestertown, Maryland

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Peoples Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the two year period ended December 31, 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Peoples Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the two year period ended December 31, 2009 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Baltimore, Maryland March 17, 2010

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