

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 8-K  
May 18, 2016

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): May 17, 2016

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

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

310 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia 31768

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

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

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**Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

On May 17, 2016, Ameris Bancorp (the “Company”) held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “Annual Meeting”) in Moultrie, Georgia. At the Annual Meeting, there were present in person or by proxy 29,108,581 shares of the Company’s common stock, representing 90.09% of the total outstanding eligible votes. At the Annual Meeting, the Company’s shareholders (1) elected three members to the Board of Directors of the Company, (2) ratified the appointment of Crowe Horwath LLP as the Company’s independent auditor for 2016 and (3) approved the Company’s executive compensation on an advisory basis. Each of the foregoing proposals was set forth and described in the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement of the Company dated April 1, 2016. The voting results for each proposal are as follows:

1. The following director nominees were elected by a plurality vote to serve as Class I directors until the annual meeting to be held in 2019:

Nominee	For	Authority Withheld	Broker Non-Votes
Edwin W. Hortman, Jr.	24,770,444	524,723	3,813,414
Daniel B. Jeter	24,365,332	929,835	3,813,414
William H. Stern	24,428,576	866,591	3,813,414

2. Ratification of the appointment of Crowe Horwath LLP, as the Company’s independent auditor for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 by a vote of 29,069,530 for, 26,847 against, 12,204 abstaining and 0 broker non-votes.
3. Approval of the Company’s executive compensation on an advisory basis by a vote of 24,625,969 for, 546,535 against, 122,663 abstaining and 3,813,414 broker non-votes.

**SIGNATURE**

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

**AMERIS BANCORP**

By: /s/ Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 18, 2016