

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 8-K  
May 23, 2013

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): May 21, 2013**

**Ameris Bancorp**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

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

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

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

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

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

**31768**

**(Zip Code)**

**(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 21, 2013, 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 17,603,664 shares of the Company's common stock, representing 73.71% 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 Porter Keadle Moore, LLP as the Company's independent auditor for 2013 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 5, 2013. The voting results for each proposal are as follows:

- The following director nominees were elected by a plurality vote to serve as Class I directors until the annual meeting to be held in 2016:

| Nominee               | For        | Authority Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Edwin W. Hortman, Jr. | 14,358,111 | 211,272            | 3,034,281        |
| Daniel B. Jeter       | 14,372,023 | 197,360            | 3,034,281        |

The following director nominee was elected by a plurality vote to serve as a Class III director until the annual meeting to be held in 2015:

| Nominee     | For        | Authority Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Leo J. Hill | 14,392,863 | 176,520            | 3,034,281        |

- Ratification of the appointment of Porter Keadle Moore, LLP, as the Company's independent auditor for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 by a vote of 17,583,386 for, 5,057 against, 15,221 abstaining and 0 broker non-votes.
- Approval of the Company's executive compensation on an advisory basis by a vote of 14,460,255 for, 83,719 against, 25,409 abstaining and 3,034,281 broker non-votes.

**SIGNATURE**

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

AMERIS BANCORP

By: /s/ Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Dennis J. Zember Jr.

Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer

(principal accounting and financial officer)

Dated: May 23, 2013