

FIRST FINANCIAL BANKSHARES INC  
Form 10-Q  
May 04, 2015  
[Table of Contents](#)

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

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

**For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2015**

**Commission file number 0-7674**

**FIRST FINANCIAL BANKSHARES, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Texas**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of**  
**incorporation or organization)**

**75-0944023**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**400 Pine Street, Abilene, Texas**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**79601**  
**(Zip Code)**

**(325) 627-7155**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulations S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

**Class**  
**Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share**

**Outstanding at May 4, 2015**  
**64,142,812**

**Table of Contents**

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

**PART I**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Page</b>
1. <u>Financial Statements</u>	3
<u>Consolidated Balance Sheets – Unaudited</u>	4
<u>Consolidated Statements of Earnings – Unaudited</u>	5
<u>Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Earnings – Unaudited</u>	6
<u>Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity – Unaudited</u>	7
<u>Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows – Unaudited</u>	8
<u>Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements – Unaudited</u>	9
2. <u>Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>	30
3. <u>Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk</u>	46
4. <u>Controls and Procedures</u>	46

**PART II**

**OTHER INFORMATION**

1. <u>Legal Proceedings</u>	47
1A. <u>Risk Factors</u>	47
2. <u>Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds</u>	47
3. <u>Defaults Upon Senior Securities</u>	47
4. <u>Mine Safety Disclosures</u>	47
5. <u>Other Information</u>	47
6. <u>Exhibits</u>	48
<u>Signatures</u>	49

**Table of Contents**

**PART I**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Financial Statements.**

The consolidated balance sheets of First Financial Bankshares, Inc. (the Company ) at March 31, 2015 and 2014 and December 31, 2014, and the consolidated statements of earnings, comprehensive earnings, shareholders equity and cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, follow on pages 4 through 8.

Table of Contents**FIRST FINANCIAL BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)**

	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2014
	(Unaudited)		
<b>ASSETS</b>			
CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS	\$ 142,233	\$ 160,469	\$ 190,387
FEDERAL FUNDS SOLD	5,460	3,620	8,760
INTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS IN BANKS	18,275	3,772	54,324
Total cash and cash equivalents	165,968	167,861	253,471
INTEREST-BEARING TIME DEPOSITS IN BANKS	9,170	30,026	17,002
SECURITIES AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE, at fair value	2,689,330	2,163,017	2,415,856
SECURITIES HELD-TO-MATURITY (fair value of \$317, \$591 and \$447 at March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014, respectively)	310	582	441
<b>LOANS:</b>			
Held for investment	2,928,476	2,688,288	2,929,188
Less - allowance for loan losses	(37,828)	(34,693)	(36,824)
Net loans held for investment	2,890,648	2,653,595	2,892,364
Held for sale	10,231	10,429	8,803
Net loans	2,900,879	2,664,024	2,901,167
BANK PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT, net	104,358	95,406	103,000
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	97,192	97,482	97,359
OTHER ASSETS	58,165	62,629	59,906
Total assets	\$ 6,025,372	\$ 5,281,027	\$ 5,848,202
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>			
NONINTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS	\$ 1,600,807	\$ 1,389,331	\$ 1,570,330
INTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS	3,236,200	2,844,950	3,179,925
Total deposits	4,837,007	4,234,281	4,750,255
DIVIDENDS PAYABLE	8,980	8,318	8,972
SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS	401,898	383,220	367,110

<b>OTHER LIABILITIES</b>	71,239	38,642	40,328
Total liabilities	5,319,124	4,664,461	5,166,665
<b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES</b>			
<b>SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY:</b>			
Common stock - (\$0.01 par value, authorized 80,000,000 shares; 64,142,812, 64,039,234, and 64,089,921 shares issued at March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014, respectively)	641	640	641
Capital surplus	306,362	303,875	305,429
Retained earnings	342,995	287,670	327,978
Treasury stock (shares at cost: 527,533, and 537,632 and 529,563 at March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014, respectively)	(6,005)	(5,618)	(5,878)
Deferred compensation	6,005	5,618	5,878
Accumulated other comprehensive earnings	56,250	24,381	47,489
Total shareholders equity	706,248	616,566	681,537
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 6,025,372	\$ 5,281,027	\$ 5,848,202

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents**

**FIRST FINANCIAL BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS - (UNAUDITED)**

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
<b>INTEREST INCOME:</b>		
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 35,061	\$ 33,058
Interest on investment securities:		
Taxable	7,808	7,084
Exempt from federal income tax	9,120	7,980
Interest on federal funds sold and interest-bearing deposits in banks	80	87
<b>Total interest income</b>	<b>52,069</b>	<b>48,209</b>
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE:</b>		
Interest on deposits	928	940
Other	42	96
<b>Total interest expense</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>1,036</b>
Net interest income	51,099	47,173
<b>PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES</b>		
	1,290	1,690
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	49,809	45,483
<b>NONINTEREST INCOME:</b>		
Trust fees	4,731	4,576
Service charges on deposit accounts	3,768	4,047
ATM, interchange and credit card fees	4,969	4,443
Real estate mortgage operations	1,427	1,024
Net gain (loss) on sale of available-for-sale securities (includes \$5 and (\$4) for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, related to accumulated other comprehensive earnings reclassifications)	5	(4)
Net gain (loss) on sale of foreclosed assets	30	452
Other	967	1,867
<b>Total noninterest income</b>	<b>15,897</b>	<b>16,405</b>
<b>NONINTEREST EXPENSE:</b>		
Salaries and employee benefits	18,265	17,414
Net occupancy expense	2,197	2,234
Equipment expense	2,899	2,622

Edgar Filing: FIRST FINANCIAL BANKSHARES INC - Form 10-Q

FDIC insurance premiums	748	659
ATM, interchange and credit card expenses	1,725	1,480
Professional and service fees	1,065	1,080
Printing, stationery and supplies	596	775
Amortization of intangible assets	90	75
Other	6,358	6,109
Total noninterest expense	33,943	32,448
<b>EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>	<b>31,763</b>	<b>29,440</b>
<b>INCOME TAX EXPENSE</b> (includes \$2 and (\$1) for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, related to income tax expense reclassification)	7,766	7,104
<b>NET EARNINGS</b>	<b>\$ 23,997</b>	<b>\$ 22,336</b>
<b>EARNINGS PER SHARE, BASIC</b>	<b>\$ 0.37</b>	<b>\$ 0.35</b>
<b>EARNINGS PER SHARE, ASSUMING DILUTION</b>	<b>\$ 0.37</b>	<b>\$ 0.35</b>
<b>DIVIDENDS PER SHARE</b>	<b>\$ 0.14</b>	<b>\$ 0.13</b>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.



Table of Contents**FIRST FINANCIAL BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS - (UNAUDITED)****(Dollars in thousands)**

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
<b>NET EARNINGS</b>	\$ 23,997	\$ 22,336
<b>OTHER ITEMS OF COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS:</b>		
Change in unrealized gain on investment securities available-for-sale, before income taxes	13,483	21,560
Reclassification adjustment for realized losses (gains) on investment securities included in net earnings, before income taxes	(5)	4
Total other items of comprehensive earnings (losses)	13,478	21,564
Income tax (expense) related to other items of comprehensive earnings	(4,717)	(7,547)
<b>COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS</b>	<b>\$ 32,758</b>	<b>\$ 36,353</b>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

**FIRST FINANCIAL BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY**

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Common Shares	Stock Amount	Capital Surplus	Retained Earnings	Treasury Shares	Stock Amount	Deferred Compensation	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Earnings	Total Shareholders Equity
Balances at December 31, 2013	31,992,497	\$ 320	\$ 302,991	\$ 273,972	(269,467)	\$ (5,490)	\$ 5,490	\$ 10,364	\$ 587,647
Net earnings (unaudited)				22,336					22,336
Stock option exercises (unaudited)	27,120		713						713
Cash dividends declared, \$0.13 per share (unaudited)				(8,318)					(8,318)
Change in unrealized gain in investment securities available-for-sale, net of related income taxes (unaudited)								14,017	14,017
Additional tax benefit related to directors deferred compensation plan (unaudited)			25						25
Shares purchased in connection with directors deferred compensation plan, net (unaudited)					651	(128)	128		
			146						146

Stock option  
expense  
(unaudited)

Two-for-one stock split in the form of a 100% stock dividend (unaudited)	32,019,617	320		(320)	(268,816)					
--	------------	-----	--	-------	-----------	--	--	--	--	--

Balances at  
March 31, 2014  
(unaudited)

64,039,234	\$ 640	\$ 303,875	\$ 287,670	(537,632)	\$ (5,618)	\$ 5,618	\$ 24,381	\$ 616,566
------------	--------	------------	------------	-----------	------------	----------	-----------	------------

Balances at  
December 31,  
2014

64,089,921	\$ 641	\$ 305,429	\$ 327,978	(529,563)	\$ (5,878)	\$ 5,878	\$ 47,489	\$ 681,537
------------	--------	------------	------------	-----------	------------	----------	-----------	------------

Net earnings  
(unaudited)

23,997	23,997
--------	--------

Stock option  
exercises  
(unaudited)

52,891	728	728
--------	-----	-----

Cash dividends  
declared, \$0.14  
per share  
(unaudited)

(8,980)	(8,980)
---------	---------

Change in  
unrealized gain in  
investment  
securities  
available-for-sale,  
net of related  
income taxes  
(unaudited)

8,761	8,761
-------	-------

Additional tax  
benefit related to  
directors deferred  
compensation plan  
(unaudited)

25	25
----	----

Shares purchased  
in connection with  
directors deferred  
compensation  
plan, net  
(unaudited)

2,030	(127)	127
-------	-------	-----

Stock option  
expense

180	180
-----	-----

(unaudited)

Balances at March 31, 2015 (unaudited)	64,142,812	\$ 641	\$ 306,362	\$ 342,995	(527,533)	\$(6,005)	\$ 6,005	\$ 56,250	\$ 706,248
--	------------	--------	------------	------------	-----------	-----------	----------	-----------	------------

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents**

**FIRST FINANCIAL BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - (UNAUDITED)**

(Dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net earnings	\$ 23,997	\$ 22,336
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	2,473	2,316
Provision for loan losses	1,290	1,690
Securities premium amortization (discount accretion), net	6,028	4,652
Gain on sale of assets, net	(40)	(451)
Deferred federal income tax benefit		
Change in loans held for sale	(1,428)	(3,174)
Change in other assets	1,083	8,174
Change in other liabilities	7,002	7,842
Total adjustments	16,408	21,049
Net cash provided by operating activities	40,405	43,385
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net decrease in interest-bearing time deposits in banks	7,832	1,891
Activity in available-for-sale securities:		
Sales	1,129	904
Maturities	46,774	49,491
Purchases	(294,523)	(142,638)
Activity in held-to-maturity securities - maturities	131	102
Net increase in loans	329	(7,150)
Purchases of bank premises and equipment and other assets	(3,087)	(1,909)
Proceeds from sale of other assets	212	839
Net cash used in investing activities	(241,203)	(98,470)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net increase in noninterest-bearing deposits	30,476	27,147
Net increase in interest-bearing deposits	56,275	72,059
Net increase (decrease) in short-term borrowings	34,788	(80,668)
Common stock transactions:		
Proceeds from stock issuances	728	714
Dividends paid	(8,972)	(8,318)

Net cash provided by financing activities	113,295	10,934
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(87,503)</b>	<b>(44,151)</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period</b>	<b>253,471</b>	<b>212,012</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 165,968</b>	<b>\$ 167,861</b>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND NONCASH TRANSACTIONS:</b>		
Interest paid	\$ 971	\$ 1,055
Federal income tax paid		
Transfer of loans to foreclosed assets	97	158
Investment securities purchased but not settled	20,639	3,387
See notes to consolidated financial statements.		

**Table of Contents**

**FIRST FINANCIAL BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)**

**Note 1 - Basis of Presentation**

The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, a Texas corporation and a financial holding company registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, or BHCA, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries: First Financial Bank, National Association, Abilene, Texas; First Technology Services, Inc.; First Financial Trust & Asset Management Company, National Association; First Financial Investments, Inc.; and First Financial Insurance Agency, Inc.

Through our subsidiary bank, we conduct a full-service commercial banking business. Our banking centers are located primarily in Central, North Central, Southeast and West Texas. As of March 31, 2015, we had 62 financial centers across Texas, with eleven locations in Abilene, three locations in San Angelo and Weatherford, two locations in Cleburne, Stephenville and Granbury, and one location each in Acton, Albany, Aledo, Alvarado, Beaumont, Boyd, Bridgeport, Brock, Burseson, Cisco, Clyde, Decatur, Eastland, Fort Worth, Glen Rose, Grapevine, Hereford, Huntsville, Keller, Mauriceville, Merkel, Midlothian, Mineral Wells, Moran, New Waverly, Newton, Odessa, Orange, Port Arthur, Ranger, Rising Star, Roby, Southlake, Sweetwater, Trent, Trophy Club, Vidor, Waxahachie, and Willow Park. Our trust subsidiary has eight locations which are located in Abilene, Fort Worth, Lubbock, Odessa, Orange, San Angelo, Stephenville and Sweetwater, all in Texas.

In the opinion of management, the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the Company's financial position and unaudited results of operations and should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements, and notes thereto in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2014. All adjustments were of a normal recurring nature. However, the results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2015, are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the year ending December 31, 2015, due to seasonality, changes in economic conditions and loan credit quality, interest rate fluctuations, regulatory and legislative changes and other factors. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ) require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the financial statement date. Actual results could vary. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted under U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) rules and regulations. The Company evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and/or disclosure through the date the consolidated financial statements were issued.

On April 28, 2015, the Company's shareholders approved an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation to increase the number of authorized common shares to 120,000,000.

On October 28, 2014, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 1,500,000 common shares through September 30, 2017. The stock buyback plan authorizes management to repurchase the stock at such time as repurchases are considered beneficial to shareholders. Any repurchase of stock will be made through the open market, block trades or in privately negotiated transactions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Under the repurchase plan, there is no minimum number of shares that the Company is required to repurchase. Through March 31, 2015, no shares were repurchased under this authorization.

Goodwill and other intangible assets are evaluated annually for impairment as of the end of the second quarter. No such impairment has been noted in connection with the current or any prior evaluations.





**Table of Contents**

**Note 2 - Stock Split**

On April 22, 2014, the Company's Board of Directors declared a two-for-one stock split in the form of a 100% stock dividend effective for shareholders of record on May 15, 2014 that was distributed on June 2, 2014. All per share amounts in this report have been restated to reflect this stock split. An amount equal to the par value of the additional common shares issued pursuant to the stock split was reflected as a transfer from retained earnings to common stock on the consolidated financial statements as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

**Note 3 - Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per common share is computed by dividing net income available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the periods presented. In computing diluted earnings per common share for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company assumes that all dilutive outstanding options to purchase common stock have been exercised at the beginning of the period (or the time of issuance, if later). The dilutive effect of the outstanding options is reflected by application of the treasury stock method, whereby the proceeds from the exercised options are assumed to be used to purchase common stock at the average market price during the respective periods. The weighted average common shares outstanding used in computing basic earnings per common share for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 were 64,122,965 and 64,010,076 shares, respectively. The weighted average common shares outstanding used in computing fully diluted earnings per common share for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 were 64,298,896 and 64,212,018 shares, respectively.

**Note 4 - Interest-bearing Time Deposits in Banks and Securities**

Interest-bearing time deposits in banks totaled \$9,170,000 and \$17,002,000 at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, and have original maturities generally ranging from one to four years. Of these amounts, \$983,000 and \$3,195,000 are time deposits with balances greater than \$250,000, the FDIC insured limit, at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

Management classifies debt and equity securities as held-to-maturity, available-for-sale, or trading based on its intent. Debt securities that management has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as held-to-maturity and recorded at cost, adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts, which are recognized as adjustments to interest income using the interest method. Securities not classified as held-to-maturity or trading are classified as available-for-sale and recorded at fair value, with all unrealized gains and unrealized losses judged to be temporary, net of deferred income taxes, excluded from earnings and reported in the consolidated statements of comprehensive earnings. Available-for-sale securities that have unrealized losses that are judged other-than-temporary are included in gain (loss) on sale of securities and a new cost basis is established. Securities classified as trading are recorded at fair value with unrealized gains and losses included in earnings.

The Company records its available-for-sale and trading securities portfolio at fair value. Fair values of these securities are determined based on methodologies in accordance with current authoritative accounting guidance. Fair values are volatile and may be influenced by a number of factors, including market interest rates, prepayment speeds, discount rates, credit ratings and yield curves. Fair values for investment securities are based on quoted market prices, where available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on the quoted prices of similar instruments or an estimate of fair value by using a range of fair value estimates in the market place as a result of the illiquid market specific to the type of security.



**Table of Contents**

When the fair value of a security is below its amortized cost, and depending on the length of time the condition exists and the extent the fair value is below amortized cost, additional analysis is performed to determine whether an other-than-temporary impairment condition exists. Available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities are analyzed quarterly for possible other-than-temporary impairment. The analysis considers (i) whether we have the intent to sell our securities prior to recovery and/or maturity, (ii) whether it is more likely than not that we will have to sell our securities prior to recovery and/or maturity, (iii) the length of time and extent to which the fair value has been less than amortized cost, and (iv) the financial condition of the issuer. Often, the information available to conduct these assessments is limited and rapidly changing, making estimates of fair value subject to judgment. If actual information or conditions are different than estimated, the extent of the impairment of the security may be different than previously estimated, which could have a material effect on the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

The Company's investment portfolio consists of U.S. Treasury securities, obligations of U. S. government sponsored enterprises and agencies, obligations of state and political subdivisions, mortgage pass-through securities, corporate bonds and general obligation or revenue based municipal bonds. Pricing for such securities is generally readily available and transparent in the market. The Company utilizes independent third party pricing services to value its investment securities, which the Company reviews as well as the underlying pricing methodologies for reasonableness and to ensure such prices are aligned with pricing matrices. The Company validates quarterly, on a sample basis, prices supplied by the independent pricing services by comparison to prices obtained from other third party sources.

**Table of Contents**

A summary of the Company's available-for-sale securities follows (in thousands):

	March 31, 2015			
	Amortized Cost Basis	Gross Unrealized Holding Gains	Gross Unrealized Holding Losses	Estimated Fair Value
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 10,899	\$ 84	\$	\$ 10,983
Obligations of U.S. government sponsored enterprises and agencies	173,777	1,340		175,117
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	1,238,354	65,922	(784)	1,303,492
Corporate bonds and other	95,044	3,089		98,133
Residential mortgage-backed securities	900,831	20,752	(1,217)	920,366
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	179,773	1,575	(109)	181,239
<b>Total securities available-for-sale</b>	<b>\$ 2,598,678</b>	<b>\$ 92,762</b>	<b>\$ (2,110)</b>	<b>\$ 2,689,330</b>

	December 31, 2014			
	Amortized Cost Basis	Gross Unrealized Holding Gains	Gross Unrealized Holding Losses	Estimated Fair Value
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 518	\$ 2	\$	\$ 520
Obligations of U.S. government sponsored enterprises and agencies	128,919	864	(28)	129,755
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	1,107,795	60,083	(250)	1,167,628
Corporate bonds and other	95,864	2,894		98,758
Residential mortgage-backed securities	871,265	16,804	(2,858)	885,211
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	134,322	555	(893)	133,984
<b>Total securities available-for-sale</b>	<b>\$ 2,338,683</b>	<b>\$ 81,202</b>	<b>\$ (4,029)</b>	<b>\$ 2,415,856</b>

Disclosures related to the Company's held-to-maturity securities, which totaled \$310,000 and \$441,000 at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, have not been presented due to insignificance.

**Table of Contents**

The Company invests in mortgage-backed securities that have expected maturities that differ from their contractual maturities. These differences arise because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without a prepayment penalty. These securities include collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs) and other asset backed securities. The expected maturities of these securities at March 31, 2015 were computed by using scheduled amortization of balances and historical prepayment rates. At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company did not hold CMOs that entail higher risks than standard mortgage-backed securities.

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of available-for-sale securities at March 31, 2015, by contractual and expected maturity, are shown below (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost Basis	Estimated Fair Value
Due within one year	\$ 126,240	\$ 127,500
Due after one year through five years	725,601	760,706
Due after five years through ten years	657,355	689,777
Due after ten years	8,878	9,742
Mortgage-backed securities	1,080,604	1,101,605
Total	\$ 2,598,678	\$ 2,689,330

The following tables disclose, as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company's investment securities that have been in a continuous unrealized-loss position for less than 12 months and for 12 or more months (in thousands):

	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or Longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
<b>March 31, 2015</b>						
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	\$ 84,444	\$ 748	\$ 2,570	\$ 36	\$ 87,014	\$ 784
Residential mortgage-backed securities	12,917	13	67,164	1,204	80,081	1,217
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	19,842	57	9,564	52	29,406	109
Total	\$ 117,203	\$ 818	\$ 79,298	\$ 1,292	\$ 196,501	\$ 2,110

	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or Longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
<b>December 31, 2014</b>						
Obligations of U.S. government sponsored enterprises and agencies	\$ 25,480	\$ 28	\$	\$	\$ 25,480	\$ 28
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	15,128	60	21,249	190	36,377	250
Residential mortgage-backed securities	76,350	148	128,368	2,710	204,718	2,858

Edgar Filing: FIRST FINANCIAL BANKSHARES INC - Form 10-Q

Commercial mortgage-backed securities	48,399	273	55,065	620	103,464	893
Total	\$ 165,357	\$ 509	\$ 204,682	\$ 3,520	\$ 370,039	\$ 4,029

**Table of Contents**

The number of investments in an unrealized loss position totaled 76 at March 31, 2015. We do not believe these unrealized losses are other-than-temporary as (i) we do not have the intent to sell our securities prior to recovery and/or maturity and (ii) it is more likely than not that we will not have to sell our securities prior to recovery and/or maturity. In making this determination, we also consider the length of time and extent to which fair value has been less than cost and the financial condition of the issuer. The unrealized losses noted are interest rate related due to the level of interest rates at March 31, 2015 compared to the time of purchase. We have reviewed the ratings of the issuers and have not identified any issues related to the ultimate repayment of principal as a result of credit concerns on these securities. Our mortgage related securities are backed by GNMA, FNMA and FHLMC or are collateralized by securities backed by these agencies.

At March 31, 2015, \$1,602,606,000 of the Company's securities were pledged as collateral for public or trust fund deposits, repurchase agreements and for other purposes required or permitted by law.

During the quarters ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, sales of investment securities that were classified as available-for-sale totaled \$1,129,000 and \$904,000, respectively. Gross realized gains from security sales during the first quarter of 2015 and 2014 totaled \$5,000 and \$1,000, respectively. Gross realized losses from security sales during the first quarter of 2014 totaled \$5,000. There were no gross realized losses from security sales during the first quarter of 2015. The specific identification method was used to determine cost in order to compute the realized gains and losses.

**Note 5 - Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses**

Loans held for investment are stated at the amount of unpaid principal, reduced by unearned income and an allowance for loan losses. Interest on loans is calculated by using the simple interest method on daily balances of the principal amounts outstanding. The Company defers and amortizes net loan origination fees and costs as an adjustment to yield. The allowance for loan losses is established through a provision for loan losses charged to expense. Loans are charged against the allowance for loan losses when management believes the collectability of the principal is unlikely.

The Company has certain lending policies and procedures in place that are designed to maximize loan income with an acceptable level of risk. Management reviews and approves these policies and procedures on an annual basis and makes changes as appropriate. Management receives and reviews monthly reports related to loan originations, quality, concentrations, delinquencies, nonperforming and potential problem loans. Diversification in the loan portfolio is a means of managing risk associated with fluctuations in economic conditions, both by type of loan and geographic location.

Commercial loans are underwritten after evaluating and understanding the borrower's ability to operate profitably and effectively. Underwriting standards are designed to determine whether the borrower possesses sound business ethics and practices and to evaluate current and projected cash flows to determine the ability of the borrower to repay their obligations as agreed. Commercial loans are primarily made based on the identified cash flows of the borrower and, secondarily, on the underlying collateral provided by the borrower. Most commercial loans are secured by the assets being financed or other business assets, such as accounts receivable or inventory, and include personal guarantees.

## **Table of Contents**

Agricultural loans are subject to underwriting standards and processes similar to commercial loans. These agricultural loans are based primarily on the identified cash flows of the borrower and secondarily on the underlying collateral provided by the borrower. Most agricultural loans are secured by the agriculture related assets being financed, such as farm land, cattle or equipment, and include personal guarantees.

Real estate loans are also subject to underwriting standards and processes similar to commercial and agricultural loans. These loans are underwritten primarily based on projected cash flows and, secondarily, as loans secured by real estate. The repayment of real estate loans is generally largely dependent on the successful operation of the property securing the loans or the business conducted on the property securing the loan. Real estate loans may be more adversely affected by conditions in the real estate markets or in the general economy. The properties securing the Company's real estate portfolio are generally diverse in terms of type and geographic location within Texas. This diversity helps reduce the exposure to adverse economic events that affect any single market or industry. Generally, real estate loans are owner occupied which further reduces the Company's risk.

Consumer loan underwriting utilizes methodical credit standards and analysis to supplement the Company's underwriting policies and procedures. The Company's loan policy addresses types of consumer loans that may be originated and the collateral, if secured, which must be perfected. The relatively smaller individual dollar amounts of consumer loans that are spread over numerous individual borrowers also minimize the Company's risk.

The allowance for loan losses is an amount which represents management's best estimate of probable losses that are inherent in the Company's loan portfolio as of the balance sheet date. The allowance for loan losses is comprised of three elements: (i) specific reserves determined based on probable losses on specific classified loans; (ii) a historical valuation reserve component that considers historical loss rates; and (iii) qualitative reserves based upon general economic conditions and other qualitative risk factors both internal and external to the Company. The allowance for loan losses is increased by charges to income and decreased by charge-offs (net of recoveries). Management's periodic evaluation of the appropriateness of the allowance is based on general economic conditions, the financial condition of borrowers, the value and liquidity of collateral, delinquency, prior loan loss experience, and the results of periodic reviews of the portfolio. For purposes of determining our historical valuation reserve, the loan portfolio, less cash secured loans, government guaranteed loans and classified loans, is multiplied by the Company's historical loss rate. Specific allocations are increased or decreased in accordance with deterioration or improvement in credit quality and a corresponding increase or decrease in risk of loss on a particular loan. In addition, we adjust our allowance for qualitative factors such as current local economic conditions and trends, including, without limitations, unemployment, oil and gas prices, drought conditions, changes in lending staff, policies and procedures, changes in credit concentrations, changes in the trends and severity of problem loans and changes in trends in volume and terms of loans. This qualitative reserve serves to estimate for additional areas of losses inherent in our portfolio that are not reflected in our historic loss factors.

Although we believe we use the best information available to make loan loss allowance determinations, future adjustments could be necessary if circumstances or economic conditions differ substantially from the assumptions used in making our initial determinations. A downturn in the economy and employment could result in increased levels of non-performing assets and charge-offs, increased loan provisions and reductions in income. Additionally, bank regulatory agencies periodically review our allowance for loan losses and methodology and could require, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, additional provisions to the allowance for loan losses based on their judgment of information available to them at the time of their examination as well as changes to our methodology.





## **Table of Contents**

Accrual of interest is discontinued on a loan and payments are applied to principal when management believes, after considering economic and business conditions and collection efforts, the borrower's financial condition is such that collection of interest is doubtful. Except consumer loans, generally all loans past due greater than 90 days, based on contractual terms, are placed on non-accrual. Loans are returned to accrual status when all the principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current and future payments are reasonably assured. Consumer loans are generally charged-off when a loan becomes past due 90 days. For other loans in the portfolio, facts and circumstances are evaluated in making charge-off decisions.

Loans are considered impaired when, based on current information and events, management determines that it is probable we will be unable to collect all amounts due in accordance with the loan agreement, including scheduled principal and interest payments. If a loan is impaired, a specific valuation allowance is allocated, if necessary. Interest payments on impaired loans are typically applied to principal unless collectability of the principal amount is reasonably assured, in which case interest is recognized on a cash basis. Impaired loans, or portions thereof, are charged off when deemed uncollectable.

The Company's policy requires measurement of the allowance for an impaired, collateral dependent loan based on the fair value of the collateral. Other loan impairments for non-collateral dependent loans are measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows or the loan's observable market price. At March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014, all significant impaired loans have been determined to be collateral dependent and the allowance for loss has been measured utilizing the estimated fair value of the collateral.

From time to time, the Company modifies its loan agreement with a borrower. A modified loan is considered a troubled debt restructuring when two conditions are met: (i) the borrower is experiencing financial difficulty and (ii) concessions are made by the Company that would not otherwise be considered for a borrower with similar credit risk characteristics. Modifications to loan terms may include a lower interest rate, a reduction of principal, or a longer term to maturity. For all impaired loans, including the Company's troubled debt restructurings, the Company performs a periodic, well-documented credit evaluation of the borrower's financial condition and prospects for repayment to assess the likelihood that all principal and interest payments required under the terms of the agreement will be collected in full. When doubt exists about the ultimate collectability of principal and interest, the troubled debt restructuring remains on non-accrual status and payments received are applied to reduce principal to the extent necessary to eliminate such doubt. This determination of accrual status is judgmental and is based on facts and circumstances related to each troubled debt restructuring. Each of these loans is individually evaluated for impairment and a specific reserve is recorded based on probable losses, taking into consideration the related collateral, modified loan terms and cash flow. As of March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014, substantially all of the Company's troubled debt restructured loans are included in the non-accrual totals.

The Company originates certain mortgage loans for sale in the secondary market. Accordingly, these loans are classified as held-for-sale and are carried at the lower of cost or fair value on an aggregate basis. The mortgage loan sales contracts contain indemnification clauses should the loans default, generally in the first three to six months, or if documentation is determined not to be in compliance with regulations. The Company's historic losses as a result of these indemnities have been insignificant.

Loans acquired, including loans acquired in a business combination, are initially recorded at fair value with no valuation allowance. Acquired loans are segregated between those considered to be credit impaired and those deemed performing. To make this determination, management considers such factors as past due status, non-accrual status and credit risk ratings. The fair value of acquired performing loans is determined by discounting expected cash flows, both principal and interest, at prevailing market interest rates. The difference between the fair value and principal balances at acquisition date, the fair value discount, is accreted into interest income over the estimated life of each loan.



**Table of Contents**

Purchased credit impaired loans are those loans that showed evidence of deterioration of credit quality since origination and for which it is probable, at acquisition, that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts contractually owed. Their acquisition fair value, which includes a credit component at the acquisition date, was based on the estimate of cash flows, both principal and interest, expected to be collected or estimated collateral values if cash flows are not estimable, discounted at prevailing market rates of interest. The difference between the discounted cash flows expected at acquisition and the investment in the loan is recognized as interest income on a level-yield method over the life of the loan, unless management was unable to reasonably forecast cash flows in which case the loans were placed on nonaccrual. Contractually required payments for interest and principal that exceed the cash flows expected at acquisition are not recognized as a yield adjustment. Increases in expected cash flows subsequent to the initial investment are recognized prospectively through adjustment of the yield on the loan over its remaining life. Decreases in expected cash flows subsequent to acquisition are recognized as impairment. Valuation allowances on these impaired loans reflect only losses incurred after the acquisition. The carrying amount of purchased credit impaired loans at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 was \$2,037,000 and \$2,151,000, respectively, compared to a contractual balance of \$2,817,000, and \$3,275,000, respectively. Other purchased credit impaired loan disclosures were omitted due to immateriality.

Loans held-for-investment by class of financing receivables are as follows (in thousands):

	March 31,		December 31,
	2015	2014	2014
Commercial	\$ 651,723	\$ 607,281	\$ 639,954
Agricultural	90,610	65,121	105,694
Real estate	1,826,579	1,680,807	1,822,854
Consumer	359,564	335,079	360,686
<b>Total loans held-for-investment</b>	<b>\$ 2,928,476</b>	<b>\$ 2,688,288</b>	<b>\$ 2,929,188</b>

Loans held for sale totaled \$10,231,000, \$10,429,000 and \$8,803,000 at March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014, respectively, which were recorded at cost as fair value exceeded cost.

The Company's non-accrual loans, loans still accruing and past due 90 days or more and restructured loans are as follows (in thousands):

	March 31,		December 31,
	2015	2014	2014
Non-accrual loans*	\$ 18,935	\$ 24,710	\$ 20,194
Loans still accruing and past due 90 days or more	184	30	261
Troubled debt restructured loans**	177		226
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,296</b>	<b>\$ 24,740</b>	<b>\$ 20,681</b>

Edgar Filing: FIRST FINANCIAL BANKSHARES INC - Form 10-Q

- \* Includes \$2,037,000, \$2,605,000 and \$2,151,000 of purchased credit impaired loans as of March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014, respectively.
- \*\* Troubled debt restructured loans of \$8,431,000, \$11,449,000 and \$9,073,000, whose interest collection, after considering economic and business conditions and collection efforts, is doubtful are included in non-accrual loans at March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014, respectively.

**Table of Contents**

The Company's recorded investment in impaired loans and the related valuation allowance are as follows (in thousands):

March 31, 2015		March 31, 2014		December 31, 2014	
Recorded Investment	Valuation Allowance	Recorded Investment	Valuation Allowance	Recorded Investment	Valuation Allowance
\$ 18,935	\$ 3,860	\$ 24,710	\$ 5,283	\$ 20,194	\$ 4,213

The average recorded investment in impaired loans for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, and the year ended December 31, 2014 was approximately \$20,263,000, \$26,770,000 and \$24,497,000, respectively. The Company had \$20,377,000, \$27,553,000 and \$21,716,000 in non-accrual, past due 90 days or more and still accruing and restructured loans and foreclosed assets at March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014, respectively. Non-accrual loans at March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014, consisted of the following by class of financing receivables (in thousands):

	March 31,		December 31,
	2015	2014	2014
Commercial	\$ 3,098	\$ 2,809	\$ 3,193
Agricultural	197	109	165
Real estate	14,983	20,921	16,218
Consumer	657	871	618
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,935</b>	<b>\$ 24,710</b>	<b>\$ 20,194</b>

No significant additional funds are committed to be advanced in connection with impaired loans as of March 31, 2015.

The Company's impaired loans and related allowance as of March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014, are summarized in the following tables by class of financing receivables (in thousands). No interest income was recognized on impaired loans subsequent to their classification as impaired.

	Unpaid Contractual Principal Balance	Recorded Investment With No Allowance*	Recorded Investment With Allowance	Total Recorded Investment	Related Allowance	Average Recorded Investment
March 31, 2015						
Commercial	\$ 3,696	\$ 373	\$ 2,725	\$ 3,098	\$ 1,079	\$ 3,200
Agricultural	213		197	197	55	207
Real Estate	20,865	4,519	10,464	14,983	2,617	16,179
Consumer	870	406	251	657	109	677
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,644</b>	<b>\$ 5,298</b>	<b>\$ 13,637</b>	<b>\$ 18,935</b>	<b>\$ 3,860</b>	<b>\$ 20,263</b>

\* Includes \$2,037,000 of purchased credit impaired loans.

	Unpaid Contractual Principal Balance	Recorded Investment With No Allowance*	Recorded Investment With Allowance	Total Recorded Investment	Related Allowance	Average Recorded Investment
March 31, 2014						
Commercial	\$ 3,250	\$ 258	\$ 2,551	\$ 2,809	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,956
Agricultural	123	15	94	109	36	111
Real Estate	28,028	5,387	15,534	20,921	3,865	22,764
Consumer	1,062	494	377	871	182	939
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 32,463</b>	<b>\$ 6,154</b>	<b>\$ 18,556</b>	<b>\$ 24,710</b>	<b>\$ 5,283</b>	<b>\$ 26,770</b>

\* Includes \$2,605,000 of purchased credit impaired loans.

**Table of Contents**

December 31, 2014	Unpaid Contractual Principal Balance	Recorded Investment No Allowance*	Recorded With Investment Allowance	Total Recorded Investment	Related Allowance	Average Recorded Investment
Commercial	\$ 3,749	\$ 287	\$ 2,906	\$ 3,193	\$ 1,171	\$ 3,698
Agricultural	177		165	165	57	179
Real Estate	22,177	4,859	11,359	16,218	2,867	19,837
Consumer	838	420	198	618	118	783
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 26,941</b>	<b>\$ 5,566</b>	<b>\$ 14,628</b>	<b>\$ 20,194</b>	<b>\$ 4,213</b>	<b>\$ 24,497</b>

\* Includes \$2,151,000 of purchased credit impaired loans.

The Company recognized interest income on impaired loans prior to being classified as impaired of approximately \$162,000 during the year ended December 31, 2014. Such amounts for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 were not significant.

From a credit risk standpoint, the Company rates its loans in one of four categories: (i) pass, (ii) special mention, (iii) substandard or (iv) doubtful. Loans rated as loss are charged-off.

The ratings of loans reflect a judgment about the risks of default and loss associated with the loan. The Company reviews the ratings on our credits as part of our on-going monitoring of the credit quality of our loan portfolio. Ratings are adjusted to reflect the degree of risk and loss that are felt to be inherent in each credit as of each reporting period. Our methodology is structured so that specific allocations are increased in accordance with deterioration in credit quality (and a corresponding increase in risk and loss) or decreased in accordance with improvement in credit quality (and a corresponding decrease in risk and loss).

Credits rated special mention show clear signs of financial weakness or deterioration in credit worthiness, however, such concerns are not so pronounced that the Company generally expects to experience significant loss within the short-term. Such credits typically maintain the ability to perform within standard credit terms and credit exposure is not as prominent as credits rated more harshly.

Credits rated substandard are those in which the normal repayment of principal and interest may be, or has been, jeopardized by reason of adverse trends or developments of a financial, managerial, economic or political nature, or important weaknesses exist in collateral. A protracted workout on these credits is a distinct possibility. Prompt corrective action is therefore required to strengthen the Company's position, and/or to reduce exposure and to assure that adequate remedial measures are taken by the borrower. Credit exposure becomes more likely in such credits and a serious evaluation of the secondary support to the credit is performed.

Credits rated doubtful are those in which full collection of principal appears highly questionable, and which some degree of loss is anticipated, even though the ultimate amount of loss may not yet be certain and/or other factors exist which could affect collection of debt. Based upon available information, positive action by the Company is required to avert or minimize loss. Credits rated doubtful are generally also placed on non-accrual.

The following summarizes the Company's internal ratings of its loans held-for-investment by class of financing receivables and portfolio segments, which are the same, at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 (in thousands):



March 31, 2015	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Total
Commercial	\$ 631,100	\$ 9,384	\$ 11,239	\$	\$ 651,723
Agricultural	90,030	164	416		90,610
Real Estate	1,771,889	20,809	33,782	99	1,826,579
Consumer	357,709	517	1,338		359,564
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,850,728</b>	<b>\$ 30,874</b>	<b>\$ 46,775</b>	<b>\$ 99</b>	<b>\$ 2,928,476</b>

**Table of Contents**

December 31, 2014	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Total
Commercial	\$ 626,266	\$ 3,853	\$ 9,835	\$	\$ 639,954
Agricultural	105,101	91	502		105,694
Real Estate	1,765,886	15,106	41,722	140	1,822,854
Consumer	358,953	403	1,329	1	360,686
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,856,206</b>	<b>\$ 19,453</b>	<b>\$ 53,388</b>	<b>\$ 141</b>	<b>\$ 2,929,188</b>

At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company's past due loans are as follows (in thousands):

March 31, 2015	15-59 Days Past Due*	60-89 Days Past Due	Greater Than 90 Days	Total Past Due	Current	Total Loans	90 Days Past Due Still Accruing
Commercial	\$ 4,514	\$ 283	\$ 208	\$ 5,005	\$ 646,718	\$ 651,723	\$
Agricultural	485	35		520	90,090	90,610	
Real Estate	13,077	1,116	1,368	15,561	1,811,018	1,826,579	144
Consumer	1,679	390	218	2,287	357,277	359,564	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,755</b>	<b>\$ 1,824</b>	<b>\$ 1,794</b>	<b>\$ 23,373</b>	<b>\$ 2,905,103</b>	<b>\$ 2,928,476</b>	<b>\$ 184</b>

December 31, 2014	15-59 Days Past Due*	60-89 Days Past Due	Greater Than 90 Days	Total Past Due	Current	Total Loans	90 Days Past Due Still Accruing
Commercial	\$ 4,611	\$ 94	\$ 175	\$ 4,880	\$ 635,074	\$ 639,954	\$ 24
Agricultural	437	42		479	105,215	105,694	
Real Estate	12,002	707	1,868	14,577	1,808,277	1,822,854	207
Consumer	2,322	496	134	2,952	357,734	360,686	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,372</b>	<b>\$ 1,339</b>	<b>\$ 2,177</b>	<b>\$ 22,888</b>	<b>\$ 2,906,300</b>	<b>\$ 2,929,188</b>	<b>\$ 261</b>

\* The Company monitors commercial, agricultural and real estate loans after such loans are 15 days past due.

Consumer loans are monitored after such loans are 30 days past due.

The following table details the allowance for loan losses at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 by portfolio segment (in thousands). There were no allowances for purchased credit impaired loans at March 31, 2015 or December 31, 2014. Allocation of a portion of the allowance to one category of loans does not preclude its availability

to absorb losses in other categories.

March 31, 2015	Commercial	Agricultural	Real Estate	Consumer	Total
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 1,079	\$ 55	\$ 2,617	\$ 109	\$ 3,860
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	9,296	418	22,622	1,632	33,968
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,375</b>	<b>\$ 473</b>	<b>\$ 25,239</b>	<b>\$ 1,741</b>	<b>\$ 37,828</b>

**Table of Contents**

December 31, 2014	Commercial	Agricultural	Real Estate	Consumer	Total
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 1,171	\$ 57	\$ 2,867	\$ 118	\$ 4,213
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	6,819	470	23,790	1,532	32,611
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,990</b>	<b>\$ 527</b>	<b>\$ 26,657</b>	<b>\$ 1,650</b>	<b>\$ 36,824</b>

The table above for 2014 has been changed to conform to the 2015 presentation.

Changes in the allowance for loan losses for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 are summarized as follows by portfolio segment (in thousands):

## Three months ended

March 31, 2015	Commercial	Agricultural	Real Estate	Consumer	Total
Beginning balance	\$ 7,990	\$ 527	\$ 26,657	\$ 1,650	\$ 36,824
Provision for loan losses	2,465	(32)	(1,467)	324	1,290
Recoveries	80	2	71	71	224
Charge-offs	(160)	(24)	(22)	(304)	(510)
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 10,375</b>	<b>\$ 473</b>	<b>\$ 25,239</b>	<b>\$ 1,741</b>	<b>\$ 37,828</b>

## Three months ended

March 31, 2014	Commercial	Agricultural	Real Estate	Consumer	Total
Beginning balance	\$ 6,440	\$ 383	\$ 24,940	\$ 2,137	\$ 33,900
Provision for loan losses	335	(99)	1,233	221	1,690
Recoveries	88	3	187	122	400
Charge-offs	(218)	(2)	(731)	(346)	(1,297)
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 6,645</b>	<b>\$ 285</b>	<b>\$ 25,629</b>	<b>\$ 2,134</b>	<b>\$ 34,693</b>

The Company's recorded investment in loans as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 related to the balance in the allowance for loan losses on the basis of the Company's impairment methodology was as follows (in thousands). Purchased credit impaired loans of \$2,037,000 and \$2,151,000 at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, are included in loans individually evaluated for impairment.

Edgar Filing: FIRST FINANCIAL BANKSHARES INC - Form 10-Q

March 31, 2015	Commercial	Agricultural	Real Estate	Consumer	Total
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 3,098	\$ 197	\$ 14,983	\$ 657	\$ 18,935
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	648,625	90,413	1,811,596	358,907	2,909,541
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 651,723</b>	<b>\$ 90,610</b>	<b>\$ 1,826,579</b>	<b>\$ 359,564</b>	<b>\$ 2,928,476</b>

December 31, 2014	Commercial	Agricultural	Real Estate	Consumer	Total
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 3,193	\$ 165	\$ 16,218	\$ 618	\$ 20,194
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	636,761	105,529	1,806,636	360,068	2,908,994
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 639,954</b>	<b>\$ 105,694</b>	<b>\$ 1,822,854</b>	<b>\$ 360,686</b>	<b>\$ 2,929,188</b>

The table above for 2014 has been changed to conform to the 2015 presentation.

**Table of Contents**

The Company's loans that were modified in the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 and considered troubled debt restructurings are as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015			Three Months Ended March 31, 2014		
	Pre- Modification Recorded Number	Post- Modification Recorded Investment	Post- Modification Recorded Investment	Pre- Modification Recorded Number	Post- Modification Recorded Investment	Post- Modification Recorded Investment
Commercial	3	\$ 128	\$ 128	4	\$ 97	\$ 97
Agricultural						
Real Estate				1	76	76
Consumer	1	24	24	3	11	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$ 152</b>	<b>\$ 152</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$ 184</b>	<b>\$ 184</b>

The balances below provide information as to how the loans were modified as troubled debt restructured loans during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015			Three Months Ended March 31, 2014		
	Adjusted Interest Rate	Extended Maturity	Combined Rate and Maturity	Adjusted Interest Rate	Extended Maturity	Combined Rate and Maturity
Commercial	\$	\$ 128	\$	\$	\$ 97	\$
Agricultural						
Real Estate					76	
Consumer			24		8	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 128</b>	<b>\$ 24</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 181</b>	<b>\$ 3</b>

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, one loan was modified as troubled debt restructured loan within the previous 12 months and for which there was a payment default. There were no such defaults in the three months ended March 31, 2014. A default for purposes of this disclosure is a troubled debt restructured loan in which the borrower is 90 days past due or more or results in the foreclosure and repossession of the applicable collateral. The loans with payment default are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015	
	Number	Balance
Commercial	1	\$ 111
Agriculture		
Real Estate		

Consumer

Total	1	\$	111
-------	---	----	-----

As of March 31, 2015, the Company has no commitments to lend additional funds to loan customers whose terms have been modified in troubled debt restructurings.

Our subsidiary bank has established a line of credit with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB) to provide liquidity and meet pledging requirements for those customers eligible to have securities pledged to secure certain uninsured deposits. At March 31, 2015, \$1,724,000,000 in loans held by our bank subsidiary were subject to blanket liens as security for this line of credit. At March 31, 2015, \$15,983,000 in advances and \$5,000,000 in letters of credit were outstanding under this line of credit. The letters of credit were pledged as collateral for public funds held by our bank subsidiary.

**Table of Contents****Note 6 Short-Term Borrowings**

Short-Term borrowings at March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014 consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	March 31,		December 31,
	2015	2014	2014
Securities sold under agreements with customers to repurchase	\$ 366,140	\$ 301,628	\$ 357,400
Federal funds purchased	19,775	5,500	8,700
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas	15,983	76,092	1,010
Total	\$ 401,898	\$ 383,220	\$ 367,110

Securities sold under repurchase agreements are generally with significant customers of the Company that require short-term liquidity for their funds for which the Company pledges certain securities that have a fair value equal to at least the amount of the short-term borrowings. The agreements mature daily and therefore the risk arising from a decline in the fair value of the collateral pledged is minimal. The securities pledged are mortgage-backed securities. These agreements do not include right of set-off provisions and therefore the Company does not offset such agreements for financial reporting purposes.

**Note 7 - Income Taxes**

Income tax expense was \$7,766,000 for the first quarter of 2015 as compared to \$7,104,000 for the same period in 2014. The Company's effective tax rates on pretax income were 24.45% and 24.13% for the first quarters of 2015 and 2014, respectively. The effective tax rates differ from the statutory federal tax rate of 35% primarily due to tax exempt interest income earned on certain investment securities and loans, the deductibility of dividends paid to our employee stock ownership plan and the settlement of a bank owned life insurance contract.

**Note 8 - Stock Based Compensation**

The Company grants incentive stock options for a fixed number of shares with an exercise price equal to the fair value of the shares at the date of grant to employees. Through March 31, 2015, no options have been granted in 2015 and no options were granted in 2014. The Company recorded stock option expense totaling \$180,000 and \$146,000 for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The additional disclosure requirements under authoritative accounting guidance have been omitted due to immateriality.

**Note 9 - Pension Plan**

The Company's defined benefit pension plan was frozen effective January 1, 2004, whereby no new participants will be added to the plan and no additional years of service will accrue to participants, unless the pension plan is reinstated at a future date. The pension plan covered substantially all of the Company's employees at the time. The benefits for each employee were based on years of service and a percentage of the employee's qualifying compensation during the final years of employment. The Company's funding policy was and is to contribute annually the amount necessary to satisfy the Internal Revenue Service's funding standards. Contributions to the pension plan, prior to freezing the plan,



were intended to provide not only for benefits attributed to service to date but also for those expected to be earned in the future. As a result of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (the Protection Act ), the Company will be required to contribute amounts in future years to fund any shortfalls. The Company has evaluated the provisions of the Protection Act as well as the Internal Revenue Service's funding standards to develop a plan for funding in future years. The Company made a contribution totaling \$250,000 in 2014 and has to date made no contributions in 2015.

---

**Table of Contents**

During the fourth quarter of 2014, as permitted by the Internal Revenue Service, the Company offered settlement of a portion of its pension obligations to those plan participants who no longer were employed by the Company. As a result of the partial settlement of the plan, the Company recognized in the fourth quarter of 2014 \$2,909,000, before income tax, in pension expense, a component of noninterest expense. The effect of this transaction was relatively neutral to shareholders' equity since the recorded pension obligation associated with the plan participants who accepted the settlement closely approximated the amount offered to such plan participants and the amount recognized in pension expense had been previously recognized as unrealized losses in other comprehensive earnings. As a result, the Company paid \$10,626,000 out of pension plan assets, or approximately 43% of the total outstanding obligation balance, to plan participants and the number of participants was reduced by 335, or 44%. The Company's investment risk and administrative expense associated with the Company's pension plan should be significantly reduced going forward.

Net periodic benefit costs totaling \$75,000 and \$130,000 were recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

**Note 10 - Fair Value Disclosures**

The authoritative accounting guidance for fair value measurements defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The price in the principal (or most advantageous) market used to measure the fair value of the asset or liability shall not be adjusted for transaction costs. An orderly transaction is a transaction that assumes exposure to the market for a period prior to the measurement date to allow for marketing activities that are usual and customary for transactions involving such assets and liabilities; it is not a forced transaction. Market participants are buyers and sellers in the principal market that are (i) independent, (ii) knowledgeable, (iii) able to transact, and (iv) willing to transact.

The authoritative accounting guidance requires the use of valuation techniques that are consistent with the market approach, the income approach and/or the cost approach. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets and liabilities. The income approach uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts, such as cash flows or earnings, to a single present amount on a discounted basis. The cost approach is based on the amount that currently would be required to replace the service capacity of an asset (replacement costs). Valuation techniques should be consistently applied. Inputs to valuation techniques refer to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Inputs may be observable, meaning those that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from independent sources, or unobservable, meaning those that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. In that regard, the authoritative guidance establishes a fair value hierarchy for valuation inputs that gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The fair value hierarchy is as follows:

Level 1 Inputs Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

**Level 2 Inputs** Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (for example, interest rates, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks and default rates) or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

**Level 3 Inputs** Significant unobservable inputs that reflect an entity's own assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the assets or liabilities.

**Table of Contents**

A description of the valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy, is set forth below.

In general, fair value is based upon quoted market prices, where available. If such quoted market prices are not available, fair value is based upon internally developed models that primarily use, as inputs, observable market-based parameters. Valuation adjustments may be made to ensure that financial instruments are recorded at fair value. While management believes the Company's valuation methodologies are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

Securities classified as available-for-sale and trading are reported at fair value utilizing Level 1 and Level 2 inputs. For these securities, the Company obtains fair value measurements from an independent pricing service. The fair value measurements consider observable data that may include market spreads, cash flows, the United States Treasury yield curve, live trading levels, trade execution data, dealer quotes, market consensus prepayments speeds, credit information and the security's terms and conditions, among other items.

There were no transfers between Level 2 and Level 3 during the three months ended March 31, 2015 or 2014.

The following table summarizes financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, segregated by the level of the valuation inputs within the fair value hierarchy utilized to measure fair value (dollars in thousands):

	Level 1 Inputs	Level 2 Inputs	Level 3 Inputs	Total Fair Value
<b>March 31, 2015</b>				
Available-for-sale investment securities:				
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 10,983	\$	\$	\$ 10,983
Obligations of U.S. government sponsored-enterprises and agencies		175,117		175,117
Obligations of states and political subdivisions		1,303,492		1,303,492
Corporate bonds		93,158		93,158
Residential mortgage-backed securities		920,366		920,366
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		181,239		181,239
Other securities	4,975			4,975
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,958</b>	<b>\$ 2,673,372</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 2,689,330</b>

**Table of Contents**

<b>December 31, 2014</b>	Level 1 Inputs	Level 2 Inputs	Level 3 Inputs	Total Fair Value
<b>Available-for-sale investment securities:</b>				
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 520	\$	\$	\$ 520
Obligations of U.S. government sponsored-enterprises and agencies		129,755		129,755
Obligations of states and political subdivisions		1,167,628		1,167,628
Corporate bonds		94,065		94,065
Residential mortgage-backed securities		885,211		885,211
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		133,984		133,984
Other securities	4,693			4,693
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,213</b>	<b>\$ 2,410,643</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 2,415,856</b>

The table above for 2014 has been changed to conform to the 2015 presentation.

Certain financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis, that is, the instruments are not measured at fair value on an ongoing basis but are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances (for example, when there is evidence of impairment). Financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis include the following at March 31, 2015:

**Impaired Loans** Impaired loans are reported at the fair value of the underlying collateral if repayment is expected solely from the collateral. Collateral values are estimated using Level 2 inputs based on observable market data. At March 31, 2015, impaired loans with a carrying value of \$18,935,000 were reduced by specific valuation reserves totaling \$3,860,000 resulting in a net fair value of \$15,075,000.

**Loans Held-for-Sale** Loans held-for-sale are reported at the lower of cost or fair value. In determining whether the fair value of loans held-for-sale is less than cost when quoted market prices are not available, the Company considers investor commitments/contracts. These loans are considered Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. At March 31, 2015, the Company's mortgage loans held-for-sale were recorded at cost as fair value exceeded cost.

Certain non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis include other real estate owned, goodwill and other intangible assets and other non-financial long-lived assets. Non-financial assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 include other real estate owned which, subsequent to their initial transfer to other real estate owned from loans, were re-measured at fair value through a write-down included in gain (loss) on sale of foreclosed assets. During the reported periods, all fair value measurements for foreclosed assets utilized Level 2 inputs based on observable market data, generally third-party appraisals, or Level 3 inputs based on customized discounting criteria. These appraisals are evaluated individually and discounted as necessary due to the age of the appraisal, lack of comparable sales, expected holding periods of property or special use type of the property. Such discounts vary by appraisal based on the above factors but generally range from 5% to 25% of the appraised value. Reevaluation of other real estate owned is performed at least annually as required by regulatory guidelines or more often if particular circumstances arise. The following table presents other real estate owned that were re-measured subsequent to their initial transfer to other real estate owned (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Carrying value of other real estate owned prior to remeasurement	\$ 10	\$
Write-downs included in gain (loss) on sale of other real estate owned	(10)	
Fair value	\$	\$

**Table of Contents**

At March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014, other real estate owned totaled \$863,000, \$2,682,000 and \$943,000, respectively.

The Company is required under current authoritative accounting guidance to disclose the estimated fair value of their financial instrument assets and liabilities including those subject to the requirements discussed above. For the Company, as for most financial institutions, substantially all of its assets and liabilities are considered financial instruments. Many of the Company's financial instruments, however, lack an available trading market as characterized by a willing buyer and willing seller engaging in an exchange transaction.

The estimated fair value amounts of financial instruments have been determined by the Company using available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. However, considerable judgment is required to interpret data to develop the estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the amounts the Company could realize in a current market exchange. The use of different market assumptions and/or estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts.

In addition, reasonable comparability between financial institutions may not be likely due to the wide range of permitted valuation techniques and numerous estimates that must be made given the absence of active secondary markets for many of the financial instruments. This lack of uniform valuation methodologies also introduces a greater degree of subjectivity to these estimated fair values.

Cash and due from banks, federal funds sold, interest-bearing deposits and time deposits in banks and accrued interest receivable and payable are liquid in nature and considered Levels 1 or 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Financial instruments with stated maturities have been valued using a present value discounted cash flow with a discount rate approximating current market for similar assets and liabilities and are considered Levels 2 and 3 of the fair value hierarchy. Financial instrument liabilities with no stated maturities have an estimated fair value equal to both the amount payable on demand and the carrying value and are considered Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

The carrying value and the estimated fair value of the Company's contractual off-balance-sheet unfunded lines of credit, loan commitments and letters of credit, which are generally priced at market at the time of funding, are not material.

**Table of Contents**

The estimated fair values and carrying values of all financial instruments under current authoritative guidance at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, were as follows (in thousands):

	March 31, 2015		December 31, 2014		Fair Value Hierarchy
	Carrying Value	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Value	Estimated Fair Value	
Cash and due from banks	\$ 142,233	\$ 142,233	\$ 190,387	\$ 190,387	Level 1
Federal funds sold	5,460	5,460	8,760	8,760	Level 1
Interest-bearing deposits in banks	18,275	18,275	54,324	54,324	Level 1
Interest-bearing time deposits in banks	9,170	9,185	17,002	17,032	Level 2
Available-for-sale securities	2,689,330	2,689,330	2,415,856	2,415,856	Levels 1 and 2
Held-to-maturity securities	310	317	441	447	Level 2
Loans	2,900,879	2,907,114	2,901,167	2,906,399	Level 3
Accrued interest receivable	25,238	25,238	28,998	28,998	Level 2
Deposits with stated maturities	623,108	624,926	648,992	650,893	Level 2
Deposits with no stated maturities	4,213,899	4,213,899	4,101,263	4,101,263	Level 1
Short term borrowings	401,898	401,898	367,110	367,110	Level 2
Accrued interest payable	235	235	237	237	Level 2

**Note 11 - Recently Issued Authoritative Accounting Guidance**

In 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the FASB) amended its authoritative guidance related to residential real estate to clarify that an in substance repossession or foreclosure occurs, and a creditor is considered to have received physical possession of residential real estate property collateralizing a consumer mortgage loan, upon either (1) the creditor obtaining legal title to the residential real estate property upon completion of a foreclosure or (2) the borrower conveying all interest in the residential real estate property to the creditor to satisfy that loan through completion of a deed in lieu of foreclosure or through a similar legal agreement. Additionally, the amendment requires interim and annual disclosure of both (1) the amount of foreclosed residential real estate property held by the creditor and (2) the recorded investment in consumer mortgage loans collateralized by residential real estate property that are in the process of foreclosure according to local requirements of the applicable jurisdiction. The new guidance was effective for the Company on January 1, 2015 and did not have a significant impact to the Company's financial statements.

In 2014, the FASB issued a comprehensive new revenue recognition standard that will supersede substantially all existing revenue recognition guidance. The new standard's core principle is that a company will recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In doing so, companies will need to use more judgment and make more estimates than under existing guidance. These may include identifying performance obligations in the contract, estimating the amount of variable consideration to include in the transaction price and allocating the transaction price to each separate performance obligation. The new standard will be effective in the first quarter of 2017. The Company is continuing to evaluate the potential impact to the Company's financial statements.





## **Table of Contents**

In 2014, the FASB amended its authoritative guidance related to repurchase-to-maturity transactions to require that repurchase-to-maturity transactions be accounted for as secured borrowings consistent with the accounting for other repurchase agreements. In addition, the amendment requires separate accounting for repurchase financings, which entails the transfer of a financial asset executed contemporaneously with a repurchase agreement with the same counterparty. The amendment requires entities to disclose certain information about transfers accounted for as sales in transactions that are economically similar to repurchase agreements. In addition, the amendment requires disclosures related to collateral, remaining contractual term and of the potential risks associated with repurchase agreements, securities lending transactions and repurchase-to-maturity transactions. The amendment was effective for the Company on January 1, 2015 and did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

In 2015, the FASB eliminated from U.S. GAAP the concept of extraordinary items, which, among other things, required an entity to show the item separately in the income statement, net of tax, after income from continuing operations. The new guidance is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2016, though early adoption is permitted, and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

### **Note 12 Acquisition Definitive Agreement Signed**

On April 1, 2015, the Company announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire FBC Bancshares, Inc. and its wholly owned bank subsidiary, First Bank, N.A., Conroe, Texas for an expected stock purchase price of approximately \$59,000,000. At March 31, 2015, First Bank, N.A. had gross loans totaling \$264,432,000, total deposits of \$352,164,000 and total assets of \$383,869,000. Pending regulatory and shareholder approval, the acquisition is expected to be finalized at the end of the second quarter of 2015.

On April 8, 2015, the Company announced that it has entered into an asset purchase agreement with 4Trust Mortgage, Inc. for a cash purchase price of \$1,900,000. The acquisition is expected to be finalized by May 2015.

### **Note 13 Opt-Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income**

Pursuant to the Basel III Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted by the federal bank regulatory agencies in July 2013, community banks were given one time election in their March 31, 2015 quarterly financial filings with the appropriate federal regulator to opt-out of the requirement to include most accumulated other comprehensive income ( AOCI ) components in the calculation of Common Equity Tier 1 capital and, in effect, retain the AOCI treatment under the current capital rules. The Company made the election to continue to exclude AOCI from capital in connection with its March 31, 2015 quarterly financial filing.

**Table of Contents**

**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**  
**Forward-Looking Statements**

This Form 10-Q contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. When used in this Form 10-Q, words such as anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, predict, project, and similar expressions, as they relate to us or our management, identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on information currently available to our management. Actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including, but not limited, to those listed in Item 1A- Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and the following:

general economic conditions, including our local, state and national real estate markets and employment trends;

volatility and disruption in national and international financial markets;

government intervention in the U.S. financial system including the effects of recent legislative, tax, accounting and regulatory actions and reforms, including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act), the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the capital ratios of Basel III as adopted by the federal banking authorities;

political instability;

the ability of the Federal government to address the national economy and the fiscal cliff;

competition from other financial institutions and financial holding companies;

the effects of and changes in trade, monetary and fiscal policies and laws, including interest rate policies of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Federal Reserve Board);

changes in the demand for loans;

fluctuations in the value of collateral securing our loan portfolio and in the level of the allowance for loan losses;

the accuracy of our estimates of future loan losses;

the accuracy of our estimates and assumptions regarding the performance of our securities portfolio;

soundness of other financial institutions with which we have transactions;

inflation, interest rate, market and monetary fluctuations;

changes in consumer spending, borrowing and savings habits;

changes in commodity prices (ie. oil and gas, cattle and wind energy);

our ability to attract deposits;

changes in our liquidity position;

changes in the reliability of our vendors, internal control system or information systems;

our ability to attract and retain qualified employees;

acquisitions and integration of acquired businesses;

the possible impairment of goodwill associated with our acquisitions;

consequences of continued bank mergers and acquisitions in our market area, resulting in fewer but much larger and stronger competitors;

expansion of operations, including branch openings, new product offerings and expansion into new markets;

changes in compensation and benefit plans; and

acts of God or of war or terrorism.

## **Table of Contents**

Such forward-looking statements reflect the current views of our management with respect to future events and are subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to our operations, results of operations, growth strategy and liquidity. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this paragraph. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise (except as required by law).

## **Introduction**

As a financial holding company, we generate most of our revenue from interest on loans and investments, trust fees, and service charges. Our primary source of funding for our loans and investments are deposits held by our subsidiary, First Financial Bank, National Association, Abilene, Texas. Our largest expenses are interest on these deposits, salaries and related employee benefits. We usually measure our performance by calculating our return on average assets, return on average equity, our regulatory leverage and risk based capital ratios and our efficiency ratio, which is calculated by dividing noninterest expense by the sum of net interest income on a tax equivalent basis and noninterest income.

The following discussion and analysis of operations and financial condition should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and accompanying footnotes included in Item 1 of this Form 10-Q as well as those included in the Company's 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## **Critical Accounting Policies**

We prepare consolidated financial statements based on generally accepted accounting principles and customary practices in the banking industry. These policies, in certain areas, require us to make significant estimates and assumptions.

We deem a policy critical if (1) the accounting estimate required us to make assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time we make the accounting estimate; and (2) different estimates that reasonably could have been used in the current period, or changes in the accounting estimate that are reasonably likely to occur from period to period, would have a material impact on the financial statements.

We deem our most critical accounting policies to be (1) our allowance for loan losses and our provision for loan losses and (2) our valuation of securities. We have other significant accounting policies and continue to evaluate the materiality of their impact on our consolidated financial statements, but we believe these other policies either do not generally require us to make estimates and judgments that are difficult or subjective, or it is less likely they would have a material impact on our reported results for a given period. A discussion of (1) our allowance for loan losses and our provision for loan losses and (2) our valuation of securities is included in note 5 and note 4, respectively, to our notes to consolidated financial statements (unaudited) which begins on page 9.

## **Stock Split**

On April 22, 2014, the Company's Board of Directors declared a two-for-one stock split in the form of a 100% stock dividend effective for shareholders of record on May 15, 2014 that was distributed on June 2, 2014. All share and per share amounts in this report have been restated to reflect this stock split. An amount equal to the par value of the additional common shares issued pursuant to the stock split was reflected as a transfer from retained earnings to common stock on the consolidated financial statements as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2014.



**Table of Contents**

**Results of Operations**

*Performance Summary.* Net earnings for the first quarter of 2015 were \$24.00 million compared to \$22.34 million for the same quarter in 2014, or a 7.44% increase.

Basic earnings per share for the first quarter of 2015 were \$0.37 compared to \$0.35 for the same quarter last year. The return on average assets was 1.64% for the first quarter of 2015, as compared to 1.74% for the same quarter of 2014. The return on average equity was 14.00% for the first quarter of 2015 as compared to 15.02% for the same quarter a year ago.

*Net Interest Income.* Net interest income is the difference between interest income on earning assets and interest expense on liabilities incurred to fund those assets. Our earning assets consist primarily of loans and investment securities. Our liabilities to fund those assets consist primarily of noninterest-bearing and interest-bearing deposits.

Tax-equivalent net interest income was \$56.31 million for the first quarter of 2015, as compared to \$51.80 million for the same period last year. The increase in 2015 compared to 2014 was largely attributable to the increase in volume of interest earning assets. Average earning assets increased \$695.07 million for the first quarter of 2015 over the same period in 2014. Average loans, taxable securities and tax exempt securities increased \$242.33 million, \$211.78 million and \$198.83 million, respectively, for the first quarter of 2015 over the first quarter of 2014. Average interest bearing liabilities increased \$366.38 million for the first quarter of 2015, as compared to the same period in 2014. The yield on earning assets decreased 23 basis points during the first quarter of 2015, whereas the rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities decreased 2 basis points in the first quarter of 2015 primarily due to the effects of lower interest rates.

**Table of Contents**

Table 1 allocates the change in tax-equivalent net interest income between the amount of change attributable to volume and to rate.

**Table 1 - Changes in Interest Income and Interest Expense (in thousands):**

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2014</b>		
	<b>Change Attributable to Volume</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Total Change</b>
Short-term investments	\$ 69	\$ (76)	\$ (7)
Taxable investment securities	1,338	(614)	724
Tax-exempt investment securities (1)	2,447	(692)	1,755
Loans (1) (2)	3,014	(1,044)	1,970
<b>Interest income</b>	<b>6,868</b>	<b>(2,426)</b>	<b>4,442</b>
Interest-bearing deposits	135	(149)	(14)
Short-term borrowings	(9)	(45)	(54)
<b>Interest expense</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>(194)</b>	<b>(68)</b>
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>\$ 6,742</b>	<b>\$ (2,232)</b>	<b>\$ 4,510</b>

(1) Computed on a tax-equivalent basis assuming a marginal tax rate of 35%.

(2) Non-accrual loans are included in loans.

The net interest margin for the first quarter of 2015 was 4.11%, a decrease of 21 basis points from the same period in 2014. We expect interest rates to remain at the current low levels based on comments made by the Federal Reserve, which will continue the downward pressure on our interest margin.



**Table of Contents**

The net interest margin, which measures tax-equivalent net interest income as a percentage of average earning assets, is illustrated in Table 2.

**Table 2 - Average Balances and Average Yields and Rates (in thousands, except percentages):**

	Three Months Ended March 31,					
	2015			2014		
	Average Balance	Income/Expense	Yield/Rate	Average Balance	Income/Expense	Yield/Rate
<b>Assets</b>						
Short-term investments (1)	\$ 96,565	\$ 80	0.34%	\$ 54,426	\$ 87	0.68%
Taxable investment securities (2)	1,333,073	7,808	2.34	1,121,296	7,084	2.53
Tax-exempt investment securities (2)(3)	1,191,772	13,973	4.69	992,947	12,218	4.92
Loans (3)(4)	2,931,805	35,420	4.90	2,689,474	33,450	5.04
Total earning assets	5,553,215	57,281	4.18%	4,858,143	52,839	4.41%
Cash and due from banks	153,348			147,583		
Bank premises and equipment, net	104,008			95,702		
Other assets	45,862			44,969		
Goodwill and other intangible assets, net	97,314			97,493		
Allowance for loan losses	(37,321)			(34,438)		
Total assets	\$ 5,916,426			\$ 5,209,452		
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders Equity</b>						
Interest-bearing deposits	\$ 3,221,552	\$ 927	0.12%	\$ 2,817,181	\$ 941	0.14%
Short-term borrowings	388,213	42	0.04	426,204	96	0.09
Total interest-bearing liabilities	3,609,765	969	0.11%	3,243,385	1,037	0.13%
Noninterest-bearing deposits	1,559,916			1,329,103		
Other liabilities	51,514			33,749		
Total liabilities	5,221,195			4,606,237		
Shareholders equity	695,231			603,215		
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 5,916,426			\$ 5,209,452		
Net interest income		\$ 56,312			\$ 51,802	
<b>Rate Analysis:</b>						
Interest income/earning assets			4.18%			4.41%
Interest expense/earning assets			0.07			0.09
Net yield on earning assets			4.11%			4.32%

- (1) Short-term investments are comprised of Fed Funds sold, interest-bearing deposits in banks and interest-bearing time deposits in banks.
- (2) Average balances include unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities.
- (3) Computed on a tax-equivalent basis assuming a marginal tax rate of 35%.
- (4) Non-accrual loans are included in loans.

*Noninterest Income.* Noninterest income for the first quarter of 2015 was \$15.90 million, a decrease of \$508 thousand compared to the same period in 2014. Trust fees increased \$155 thousand, ATM, interchange and credit card fees increased \$526 thousand and real estate mortgage fees increased \$403 thousand in the first quarter of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. The increase in trust fees resulted from an increase in assets under management over the prior year offsetting the effect of the decline in oil and gas prices that reduced related Trust fees by \$241 thousand over the prior year. The fair value of our trust assets managed, which are not reflected in our consolidated balance sheets, totaled \$3.85 billion at March 31, 2015 as compared to \$3.47 billion a year ago. The increases in ATM, interchange and credit card fees are primarily a result of increases in the number of net new accounts and debit cards. The increase in real estate mortgage fees resulted from an increase in total loans originated in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014.

Offsetting these increases was a decrease in net gains on sales of foreclosed assets of \$422 thousand. In addition, noninterest income in the first quarter of 2014 included a \$605 thousand gain from the settlement of a bank owned life insurance contract.

**Table of Contents****Table 3 - Noninterest Income (in thousands):**

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>March 31, Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>2014</b>
Trust fees	\$ 4,731	\$ 155	\$ 4,576
Service charges on deposit accounts	3,768	(279)	4,047
ATM, interchange and credit card fees	4,969	526	4,443
Real estate mortgage operations	1,427	403	1,024
Net gain (loss) on sale of available-for-sale securities	5	9	(4)
Net gain on sale of foreclosed assets	30	(422)	452
<b>Other:</b>			
Check printing fees	58	1	57
Safe deposit rental fees	187	(3)	190
Credit life and debt protection fees	135	109	26
Brokerage commissions	180	(49)	229
Interest on loan recoveries	108	(173)	281
Gain on sale of assets	5	2	3
Miscellaneous income	294	(787)	1,081
<b>Total other</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>(900)</b>	<b>1,867</b>
<b>Total Noninterest Income</b>	<b>\$ 15,897</b>	<b>\$ (508)</b>	<b>\$ 16,405</b>

*Noninterest Expense.* Total noninterest expense for the first quarter of 2015 was \$33.94 million, an increase of \$1.50 million, or 4.61%, as compared to the same period in 2014. An important measure in determining whether a financial institution effectively manages noninterest expense is the efficiency ratio, which is calculated by dividing noninterest expense by the sum of net interest income on a tax-equivalent basis and noninterest income. Lower ratios indicate better efficiency since more income is generated with a lower noninterest expense total. Our efficiency ratio for the first quarter of 2015 was 47.01%, compared to 47.57% from the same period in 2014.

Salaries and employee benefits for the first quarter of 2015 totaled \$18.27 million, an increase of \$851 thousand compared to 2014. The increase was largely the result of the addition of employees to staff new branches, compliance-related areas and annual pay increases.

All other categories of noninterest expense for the first quarter of 2015 totaled \$15.68 million, an increase of \$644 thousand, or 4.28%, as compared to the same period in 2014. The largest contributor to the increase was legal expenses increasing \$430 thousand due primarily to acquisition related legal costs.

**Table of Contents****Table 4 - Noninterest Expense (in thousands):**

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>March 31, Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>2014</b>
Salaries	\$ 13,866	\$ 1,010	\$ 12,856
Medical	1,236	(254)	1,490
Profit sharing	1,242	25	1,217
Pension	75	(55)	130
401(k) match expense	482	52	430
Payroll taxes	1,184	39	1,145
Stock option expense	180	34	146
<b>Total salaries and employee benefits</b>	<b>18,265</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>17,414</b>
Net occupancy expense	2,197	(37)	2,234
Equipment expense	2,899	277	2,622
FDIC assessment fees	748	89	659
ATM, interchange and credit card expense	1,725	245	1,480
Professional and service fees	1,065	(15)	1,080
Printing, stationery and supplies	596	(179)	775
Amortization of intangible assets	90	15	75
<b>Other:</b>			
Data processing fees	94	20	74
Postage	419	6	413
Advertising	759	(89)	848
Correspondent bank service charges	222	(6)	228
Telephone	486	(63)	549
Public relations and business development	594	67	527
Directors fees	259	25	234
Audit and accounting fees	425	21	404
Legal fees	588	430	158
Regulatory exam fees	259	32	227
Travel	208	10	198
Courier expense	206	54	152
Operational and other losses	227	(221)	448
Other real estate	26	(27)	53
Other miscellaneous expense	1,586	(10)	1,596
<b>Total other</b>	<b>6,358</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>6,109</b>
<b>Total Noninterest Expense</b>	<b>\$ 33,943</b>	<b>\$ 1,495</b>	<b>\$ 32,448</b>



**Table of Contents****Balance Sheet Review**

*Loans.* Our portfolio is comprised of loans made to businesses, professionals, individuals, and farm and ranch operations located in the primary trade areas served by our subsidiary bank. Real estate loans represent loans primarily for 1-4 family residences and owner-occupied commercial real estate. The structure of loans in the real estate mortgage area generally provides re-pricing intervals to minimize the interest rate risk inherent in long-term fixed rate loans. As of March 31, 2015, total loans held for investment were \$2.93 billion, a decrease of \$712 thousand, as compared to December 31, 2014, primarily due to seasonal pay-downs of farm lines of credit. As compared to December 31, 2014, commercial loans increased \$11.77 million, agricultural loans decreased \$15.08 million, real estate loans increased \$3.73 million, and consumer loans decreased \$1.12 million. Loans averaged \$2.93 billion during the first quarter of 2015, an increase of \$242.33 million from the prior year first quarter average balances.

**Table 5 - Composition of Loans (in thousands):**

	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2014
Commercial	\$ 651,723	\$ 607,281	\$ 639,954
Agricultural	90,610	65,121	105,694
Real estate	1,826,579	1,680,807	1,822,854
Consumer	359,564	335,079	360,686
<b>Total loans held-for-investment</b>	<b>\$ 2,928,476</b>	<b>\$ 2,688,288</b>	<b>\$ 2,929,188</b>

At March 31, 2015, our real estate loans represent approximately 62.37% of our loan portfolio and are comprised of (i) 1-4 family residence loans of 46.52%, (ii) commercial real estate loans of 28.03%, generally owner occupied, (iii) other loans, which includes ranches, hospitals and universities, of 14.24%, (iv) residential development and construction loans of 7.13%, which includes our custom and speculation home construction loans and (v) commercial development and construction loans of 4.08%.

Loans held for sale, consisting of secondary market mortgage loans, totaled \$10.23 million, \$10.43 million and \$8.80 million at March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014, respectively, which were recorded at cost as fair value exceeded cost.

*Asset Quality.* The loan portfolio of our bank subsidiary is subject to periodic reviews by our centralized independent loan review group as well as periodic examinations by bank regulatory agencies. Loans are placed on nonaccrual status when, in the judgment of management, the collectability of principal or interest under the original terms becomes doubtful. Nonaccrual, past due 90 days or more and still accruing and restructured loans plus foreclosed assets were \$20.38 million at March 31, 2015, as compared to \$27.55 million at March 31, 2014 and \$21.72 million at December 31, 2014. As a percent of loans and foreclosed assets, these assets were 0.69% at March 31, 2015, as compared to 1.02% at March 31, 2014 and 0.74% at December 31, 2014. As a percent of total assets, these assets were 0.34% at March 31, 2015 as compared to 0.52% at March 31, 2014 and 0.37% at December 31, 2014. We believe the level of these assets to be manageable and are not aware of any material classified credits not properly disclosed as nonperforming at March 31, 2015.



**Table of Contents****Table 6 Non-accrual, Past Due 90 Days or More and Still Accruing, Restructured Loans and Foreclosed Assets (in thousands, except percentages):**

	<b>March 31,</b>		<b>December 31,</b>
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2014</b>
Non-accrual loans*	\$ 18,935	\$ 24,710	\$ 20,194
Loans still accruing and past due 90 days or more	184	30	261
Troubled debt restructured loans**	177		226
Foreclosed assets	1,081	2,813	1,035
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,377</b>	<b>\$ 27,553</b>	<b>\$ 21,716</b>
As a % of loans and foreclosed assets	0.69%	1.02%	0.74%
As a % of total assets	0.34%	0.52%	0.37%

\* Includes \$2.04 million, \$2.61 million and \$2.15 million of purchased credit impaired loans as of March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014, respectively.

\*\* Troubled debt restructured loans of \$8.43 million, \$11.45 million and \$9.07 million, whose interest collection, after considering economic and business conditions and collection efforts, is doubtful are included in non-accrual loans at March 31, 2015 and 2014, and December 31, 2014, respectively.

We record interest payments received on non-accrual loans as reductions of principal. Prior to the loans being placed on non-accrual, we recognized interest income on impaired loans as of December 31, 2014 of approximately \$97 thousand during the year ended December 31, 2014. If interest on these impaired loans had been recognized on a full accrual basis during the year ended December 31, 2014, such income would have approximated \$1.58 million. Such amounts for the 2015 and 2014 interim periods were insignificant.

*Provision and Allowance for Loan Losses.* The allowance for loan losses is the amount we determine as of a specific date to be appropriate to absorb probable losses on existing loans in which full collectability is unlikely based on our review and evaluation of the loan portfolio. For a discussion of our methodology, see note 5 to our notes to the consolidated financial statements (unaudited). The provision for loan losses was \$1.29 million for the first quarter of 2015, as compared to \$1.69 million for the first quarter of 2014. The continued provision for loan losses in 2015 and 2014 reflects the overall growth in loans and continuing levels of nonperforming and classified assets, including those related to the oil and gas industry. The Company's direct exposure to the oil and gas industry remained at approximately 3% of total loans, consistent with December 31, 2014 year-end levels. As a percent of average loans, net loan charge-offs were 0.04% for the first quarter of 2015 compared to 0.14% during the first quarter of 2014. The allowance for loan losses as a percent of loans was 1.29% as of March 31, 2015, as compared to 1.25% as of December 31, 2014 and 1.29% as of March 31, 2014. Included in Table 7 is further analysis of our allowance for loan losses.



**Table of Contents****Table 7 - Loan Loss Experience and Allowance for Loan Losses (in thousands, except percentages):**

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Allowance for loan losses at period end	\$ 37,828	\$ 34,693
Loans held for investment at period end	2,928,476	2,688,288
Average loans for period	2,931,805	2,689,474
Net charge-offs/average loans (annualized)	0.04%	0.14%
Allowance for loan losses/period-end loans	1.29%	1.29%
Allowance for loan losses/non-accrual loans, past due 90 days still accruing and restructured loans	196.04%	140.23%

*Interest-Bearing Deposits in Banks.* At March 31, 2015, our interest-bearing deposits in banks were \$27.45 million compared with \$33.80 million and \$71.33 million as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2014, respectively. At March 31, 2015, interest-bearing deposits in banks included \$9.17 million invested in FDIC-insured certificates of deposit, \$18.06 million maintained at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and \$211 thousand on deposit with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas ( FHLB ).

*Available-for-Sale and Held-to-Maturity Securities.* At March 31, 2015, securities with a fair value of \$2.69 billion were classified as securities available-for-sale and securities with an amortized cost of \$310 thousand were classified as securities held-to-maturity. As compared to December 31, 2014, the available-for-sale portfolio at March 31, 2015 reflected (i) an increase of \$45.36 million in obligations of U.S. government sponsored enterprises and agencies, (ii) an increase of \$135.86 million in obligations of states and political subdivisions, (iii) a decrease of \$625 thousand in corporate bonds and other, (iv) an increase of \$82.41 million in mortgage-backed securities and (v) an increase of \$10.46 million in U.S. Treasury securities. Our mortgage related securities are backed by GNMA, FNMA or FHLMC or are collateralized by securities backed by these agencies.

See note 4 to the consolidated financial statements (unaudited) for additional disclosures relating to the maturities and fair values of the investment portfolio at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

**Table of Contents****Table 8 - Maturities and Yields of Available-for-Sale Securities Held at March 31, 2015 (in thousands, except percentages):**

Available-for-Sale:	One Year or Less		After One Year Through Five Years		Maturing After Five Years Through Ten Years		After Ten Years		Total	
	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield
U.S. Treasury securities	\$		%\$ 10,983	1.12%	\$		%\$		%\$ 10,983	1.12%
Obligations of U.S. government sponsored enterprises and agencies	40,668	1.50	134,449	1.25					175,117	1.31
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	57,342	4.14	546,631	5.12	689,777	4.98	9,742	6.58	1,303,492	5.02
Corporate bonds and other securities	29,490	1.74	68,643	2.83					98,133	2.50
Mortgage-backed securities	2,660	4.84	688,676	2.53	397,414	2.55	12,855	2.83	1,101,605	2.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 130,160</b>	<b>2.78%</b>	<b>\$ 1,449,382</b>	<b>3.39%</b>	<b>\$ 1,087,191</b>	<b>4.09%</b>	<b>\$ 22,597</b>	<b>4.44%</b>	<b>\$ 2,689,330</b>	<b>3.65%</b>

Amounts for held-to-maturity securities are not included herein due to insignificance.

All yields are computed on a tax-equivalent basis assuming a marginal tax rate of 35%. Yields on available-for-sale securities are based on amortized cost. Maturities of mortgage-backed securities are based on contractual maturities and could differ due to prepayments of underlying mortgages. Maturities of other securities are reported at the earlier of maturity date or call date.

As of March 31, 2015, the investment portfolio had an overall tax equivalent yield of 3.65%, a weighted average life of 4.72 years and modified duration of 4.18 years.

*Deposits.* Deposits held by our subsidiary bank represent our primary source of funding. Total deposits were \$4.84 billion as of March 31, 2015, as compared to \$4.23 billion as of March 31, 2014 and \$4.75 billion as of December 31, 2014. Table 9 provides a breakdown of average deposits and rates paid for the three month periods ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

**Table of Contents****Table 9 Composition of Average Deposits (in thousands, except percentages):**

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2015		2014	
	Average Balance	Average Rate	Average Balance	Average Rate
Noninterest-bearing deposits	\$ 1,559,916		% \$ 1,329,103	%
Interest-bearing deposits:				
Interest-bearing checking	1,609,702	0.10	1,298,577	0.12
Savings and money market accounts	977,417	0.06	835,698	0.06
Time deposits under \$100,000	261,188	0.20	289,150	0.21
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more	373,245	0.30	393,756	0.28
<b>Total interest-bearing deposits</b>	<b>3,221,552</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>2,817,181</b>	<b>0.14%</b>
<b>Total average deposits</b>	<b>\$ 4,781,468</b>		<b>\$ 4,146,284</b>	

*Short-Term Borrowings.* Included in short-term borrowings were federal funds purchased, securities sold under repurchase agreements and advances from the FHLB of \$401.90 million and \$383.22 million at March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Securities sold under repurchase agreements are generally with significant customers of the Company that require short-term liquidity for their funds for which we pledge certain securities that have a fair value equal to at least the amount of the short-term borrowing. The average balance of federal funds purchased, securities sold under repurchase agreements and advances from the FHLB was \$388.21 million and \$426.20 million in the first quarter of 2015 and 2014, respectively. The weighted average interest rate paid on these short-term borrowings was 0.04% and 0.09% for the first quarter of 2015 and 2014, respectively.

**Capital Resources**

We evaluate capital resources by our ability to maintain adequate regulatory capital ratios to do business in the banking industry. Issues related to capital resources arise primarily when we are growing at an accelerated rate but not retaining a significant amount of our profits or when we experience significant asset quality deterioration.

Total shareholders' equity was \$706.25 million, or 11.72% of total assets at March 31, 2015, as compared to \$616.57 million, or 11.68% of total assets, at March 31, 2014. Included in shareholders' equity at March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014, were \$58.92 million and \$28.70 million, respectively, in unrealized gains on investment securities available-for-sale, net of related income taxes. For the first quarter of 2015, total shareholders' equity averaged \$695.23 million, or 11.75% of average assets, as compared to \$603.21 million, or 11.58% of average assets, during the same period in 2014.

Banking regulators measure capital adequacy by means of the risk-based capital ratios and leverage ratio. The risk-based capital rules provide for the weighting of assets and off-balance-sheet commitments and contingencies according to prescribed risk categories ranging from 0% to 100%. Regulatory capital is then divided by risk-weighted assets to determine the risk-adjusted capital ratios. The leverage ratio is computed by dividing shareholders' equity less intangible assets by quarter-to-date average assets less intangible assets.

As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we had a total risk-based capital ratio of 17.26% and 17.16%, a Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ratio of 16.15% and 16.05% and a Tier 1 leverage ratio of 9.88% and 9.89%, respectively. At March 31, 2015, and December 31, 2014, we had a common equity

**Table of Contents**

Tier 1 to risk-weighted assets ratio of 16.15% and 16.05%, respectively. The regulatory capital ratios as of March 31, 2015 were calculated under Interim Final Basel III rules and the regulatory capital ratios as of December 31, 2014 were calculated under Basel I rules. There is no threshold for well-capitalized status for bank holding companies.

As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the regulatory capital ratios of the Company and Bank exceeded the required minimums, as seen in the table below:

	Actual		For Capital Adequacy Purposes:		To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions:	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
<b>As of March 31, 2015:</b>						
<b>Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):</b>						
Consolidated	\$ 606,672	17%	\$ 281,246	8%	N/A	
First Financial Bank, N.A.	\$ 522,787	15%	\$ 280,584	8%	\$ 350,731	10%
<b>Tier1 Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):</b>						
Consolidated	\$ 567,672	16%	\$ 140,623	4%	N/A	
First Financial Bank, N.A.	\$ 483,786	14%	\$ 140,292	4%	\$ 210,438	6%
<b>Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):</b>						
Consolidated	\$ 567,672	16%	\$ 140,623	4%	N/A	
First Financial Bank, N.A.	\$ 483,786	14%	\$ 140,292	4%	\$ 210,438	6%
<b>Tier1 Capital (to Average Assets) Leverage:</b>						
Consolidated	\$ 567,672	10%	\$ 172,382	3%	N/A	
First Financial Bank, N.A.	\$ 483,786	8%	\$ 171,790	3%	\$ 286,316	5%
<b>As of December 31, 2014:</b>						
<b>Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):</b>						
Consolidated	\$ 587,094	17%	\$ 273,764	8%	N/A	
First Financial Bank, N.A.	\$ 492,668	14%	\$ 272,318	8%	\$ 340,397	10%
<b>Tier1 Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets):</b>						
Consolidated	\$ 549,124	16%	\$ 136,882	4%	N/A	
First Financial Bank, N.A.	\$ 454,698	13%	\$ 136,159	4%	\$ 204,238	6%
<b>Tier1 Capital (to Average Assets) Leverage:</b>						
Consolidated	\$ 549,124	10%	\$ 166,489	3%	N/A	
First Financial Bank, N.A.	\$ 454,698	8%	\$ 165,598	3%	\$ 275,996	5%

We have performed a preliminary assessment using the regulatory capital estimation tool made available by the OCC and believe the Company is prepared to meet the new requirements after full adoption of the Basel III Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.



## **Table of Contents**

Our subsidiary bank made the election to continue to exclude AOCI from capital in connection with its March 31, 2015 quarterly financial filing and, in effect, to retain the AOCI treatment under the current capital rules.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk results when the maturity or repricing intervals of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities are different. Our exposure to interest rate risk is managed primarily through our strategy of selecting the types and terms of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities that generate favorable earnings while limiting the potential negative effects of changes in market interest rates. We use no off-balance-sheet financial instruments to manage interest rate risk.

Our subsidiary bank has an asset liability management committee that monitors interest rate risk and compliance with investment policies. The subsidiary bank utilizes an earnings simulation model as the primary quantitative tool in measuring the amount of interest rate risk associated with changing market rates. The model quantifies the effects of various interest rate scenarios on projected net interest income and net income over the next twelve months. The model measures the impact on net interest income relative to a base case scenario of hypothetical fluctuations in interest rates over the next twelve months. These simulations incorporate assumptions regarding balance sheet growth and mix, pricing and the re-pricing and maturity characteristics of the existing and projected balance sheet.

As of March 31, 2015, the model simulations projected that 100 and 200 basis point increases in interest rates would result in positive variances in net interest income of 0.79% and 0.71%, respectively, relative to the current financial statement structure over the next twelve months, while decreases in interest rates of 50 basis points would result in a negative variance in net interest income of 2.73% relative to the current financial statement structure over the next twelve months. We consider the likelihood of a decrease in interest rates beyond 50 basis points as of March 31, 2015 remote given current interest rate levels. These are good faith estimates and assume that the composition of our interest sensitive assets and liabilities existing at each year-end will remain constant over the relevant twelve month measurement period and that changes in market interest rates are instantaneous and sustained across the yield curve regardless of duration of pricing characteristics on specific assets or liabilities. Also, this analysis does not contemplate any actions that we might undertake in response to changes in market interest rates. We believe these estimates are not necessarily indicative of what actually could occur in the event of immediate interest rate increases or decreases of this magnitude. As interest-bearing assets and liabilities re-price in different time frames and proportions to market interest rate movements, various assumptions must be made based on historical relationships of these variables in reaching any conclusion. Since these correlations are based on competitive and market conditions, we anticipate that our future results will likely be different from the foregoing estimates, and such differences could be material.

Should we be unable to maintain a reasonable balance of maturities and repricing of our interest-earning assets and our interest-bearing liabilities, we could be required to dispose of our assets in an unfavorable manner or pay a higher than market rate to fund our activities. Our asset liability committee oversees and monitors this risk.

### **Liquidity**

Liquidity is our ability to meet cash demands as they arise. Such needs can develop from loan demand, deposit withdrawals or acquisition opportunities. Potential obligations resulting from the issuance of standby letters of credit and commitments to fund future borrowings to our loan customers are other factors affecting our liquidity needs. Many of these obligations and commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon; therefore the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements affecting our liquidity position. The potential need for liquidity arising from these types of financial instruments is represented by the contractual notional

amount of the instrument. Asset liquidity is provided by cash and assets which are readily marketable or which will mature in the near future. Liquid assets include cash, federal funds sold, and short-term investments in time deposits in



---

**Table of Contents**

banks. Liquidity is also provided by access to funding sources, which include core depositors and correspondent banks that maintain accounts with and sell federal funds to our subsidiary bank. Other sources of funds include our ability to borrow from short-term sources, such as purchasing federal funds from correspondent banks, sales of securities under agreements to repurchase and advances from the FHLB, which amounted to \$401.90 million at March 31, 2015, and an unfunded \$25.00 million revolving line of credit established with Frost Bank, a nonaffiliated bank, which matures on June 30, 2015 (see next paragraph). Our subsidiary bank also has federal funds purchased lines of credit with two non-affiliated banks totaling \$100.00 million. At March 31, 2015, there were no amounts drawn on these lines of credit. Our subsidiary bank also has available a line of credit with the FHLB totaling \$908.43 million, at March 31, 2015, secured by portions of our loan portfolio and certain investment securities. At March 31, 2015, \$15.98 million in advances and \$5.00 million in letters of credit issued by the FHLB were outstanding under this line of credit. The letters of credit were pledged as collateral for public funds held by our subsidiary bank.

The Company renewed its loan agreement, effective June 30, 2013, with Frost Bank. Under the loan agreement, as renewed and amended, we are permitted to draw up to \$25.00 million on a revolving line of credit. Prior to June 30, 2015, interest is paid quarterly at Wall Street Journal Prime Rate and the line of credit matures June 30, 2015. If a balance exists at June 30, 2015, the principal balance converts to a term facility payable quarterly over five years and interest is paid quarterly at our election at Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus 50 basis points or LIBOR plus 250 basis points. The line of credit is unsecured. Among other provisions in the credit agreement, we must satisfy certain financial covenants during the term of the loan agreement, including, without limitation, covenants that require us to maintain certain capital, tangible net worth, loan loss reserve, non-performing asset and cash flow coverage ratios. In addition, the credit agreement contains certain operational covenants, which among others, restricts the payment of dividends above 55% of consolidated net income, limits the incurrence of debt (excluding any amounts acquired in an acquisition) and prohibits the disposal of assets except in the ordinary course of business. Since 1995, we have historically declared dividends as a percentage of our consolidated net income in a range of 37% (low) in 1995 to 53% (high) in 2003 and 2006. The Company was in compliance with the financial and operational covenants at March 31, 2015. There was no outstanding balance under the line of credit as of March 31, 2015 or December 31, 2014.

In addition, we anticipate that future acquisitions of financial institutions, expansion of branch locations or offerings of new products could also place a demand on our cash resources. Available cash and cash equivalents at our parent company which totaled \$63.32 million at March 31, 2015, investment securities which totaled \$12.25 million at March 31, 2015 which matures over 8 to 15 years, available dividends from our subsidiaries which totaled \$97.28 million at March 31, 2015, utilization of available lines of credit, and future debt or equity offerings are expected to be the source of funding for these potential acquisitions or expansions.

Given the strong core deposit base and relatively low loan to deposit ratios maintained at our subsidiary bank, we consider our current liquidity position to be adequate to meet our short-term and long-term liquidity needs.

*Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements.* We are a party to financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of our customers. These financial instruments include unfunded lines of credit, commitments to extend credit and federal funds sold to correspondent banks and standby letters of credit. Those instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in our consolidated balance sheets.

Our exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the counterparty to the financial instrument for unfunded lines of credit, commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit is represented by the contractual notional amount of these instruments. We generally use the same credit policies in making commitments and conditional obligations as we do for on-balance-sheet instruments.



**Table of Contents**

Unfunded lines of credit and 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. These commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. We evaluate each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, as we deem necessary upon extension of credit, is based on our credit evaluation of the counterparty. Collateral held varies but may include accounts receivable, inventory, property, plant, and equipment and income-producing commercial properties.

Standby letters of credit are conditional commitments we issue to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. The credit risk involved in issuing letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending loan facilities to customers. The average collateral value held on letters of credit usually exceeds the contract amount.

**Table 10 Commitments as of March 31, 2015 (in thousands):**

	<b>Total Notional Amounts Committed</b>
Unfunded lines of credit	\$ 440,486
Unfunded commitments to extend credit	121,347
Standby letters of credit	25,776
Total commercial commitments	\$ 587,609

We believe we have no other off-balance sheet arrangements or transactions with unconsolidated, special purpose entities that would expose us to liability that is not reflected on the face of the financial statements.

*Parent Company Funding.* Our ability to fund various operating expenses, dividends, and cash acquisitions is generally dependent on our own earnings (without giving effect to our subsidiaries), cash reserves and funds derived from our subsidiaries. These funds historically have been produced by intercompany dividends and management fees that are limited to reimbursement of actual expenses. We anticipate that our recurring cash sources will continue to include dividends and management fees from our subsidiaries. At March 31, 2015, approximately \$97.28 million was available for the payment of intercompany dividends by our subsidiaries without the prior approval of regulatory agencies. Our subsidiaries paid aggregate dividends of \$3.60 million for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2015. No such dividends were paid in the three-month period ended March 31, 2014.

*Dividends.* Our long-term dividend policy is to pay cash dividends to our shareholders of approximately 40% of annual net earnings while maintaining adequate capital to support growth. We are also restricted by a loan covenant within our line of credit agreement with Frost Bank to dividend no greater than 55% of net income as defined in such loan agreement. The cash dividend payout ratios have amounted to 37.42% and 37.24% of net earnings for the first three months of 2015 and the same period in 2014, respectively. Given our current capital position and projected earnings and asset growth rates, we do not anticipate any significant change in our current dividend policy. On April 28, 2015, the Board of Directors declared a \$0.16 per share cash dividend that will be paid July 1, 2015 to shareholders of record on June 16, 2015. This represented a 14.29 percent increase in quarterly dividends over the first quarter of 2014.

Our bank subsidiary, which is a national banking association and a member of the Federal Reserve System, is required by federal law to obtain the prior approval of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the OCC) to declare and pay dividends if the total of all dividends declared in any calendar year would exceed the total of (1) such bank's net profits (as defined and interpreted by regulation) for that year plus (2) its retained net profits (as defined and interpreted by regulation) for the preceding two calendar years, less any required transfers to surplus.

## **Table of Contents**

To pay dividends, we and our subsidiary bank must maintain adequate capital above regulatory guidelines. In addition, if the applicable regulatory authority believes that a bank under its jurisdiction is engaged in or is about to engage in an unsafe or unsound practice (which, depending on the financial condition of the bank, could include the payment of dividends), the authority may require, after notice and hearing, that such bank cease and desist from the unsafe practice. The Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC ) and the OCC have each indicated that paying dividends that deplete a bank's capital base to an inadequate level would be an unsafe and unsound banking practice. The Federal Reserve, the FDIC and the OCC have issued policy statements that recommend that bank holding companies and insured banks should generally only pay dividends out of current operating earnings.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

Management considers interest rate risk to be a significant market risk for the Company. See Item 2 - Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Capital Resources - Interest Rate Risk for disclosure regarding this market risk.

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

As of March 31, 2015, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Our management, which includes our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures will prevent all errors and all fraud.

A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the control. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded, based on our evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level as of March 31, 2015.

Subsequent to our evaluation, there were no significant changes in internal controls over financial reporting or other factors that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, these internal controls.

**Table of Contents**

**PART II**

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

From time to time we and our subsidiaries are parties to lawsuits arising in the ordinary course of our banking business. However, there are no material pending legal proceedings to which we, our subsidiaries, or any of their properties, are currently subject. Other than regular, routine examinations by state and federal banking authorities, there are no proceedings pending or known to be contemplated by any governmental authorities.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

There has been no material change in the risk factors previously disclosed under Item 1A. of the Company's 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

None

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

Not Applicable

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not Applicable

**Item 5. Other Information**

None

**Table of Contents**

**Item 6. Exhibits**

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger between First Financial Bankshares, Inc., First Financial Bank, N.A., OSB Financial Services, Inc. and Orange Savings Bank, SSB, dated as of February 20, 2013 (Schedules have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.1 to Registrant's Form 8-K filed February 26, 2013).
- 2.2 Agreement and Plan of Merger between First Financial Bankshares, Inc., First Financial Bank, N.A., FBC Bancshares, Inc. and First Bank, N.A., Conroe, Texas, dated as of April 1, 2015 (Schedules have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.1 to Registrant's Form 8-K filed April 3, 2015).
- 3.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Form 8-K filed April 28, 2015).
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.2 of the Registrant's Form 8-K filed January 24, 2012).
- 4.1 Specimen certificate of First Financial Common Stock (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3 of the Registrant's Amendment No. 1 to Form 8-A filed on Form 8-A/A No. 1 on January 7, 1994).
- 10.1 Executive Recognition Agreement (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Registrant's Form 8-K Report filed June 30, 2014).
- 10.2 2002 Incentive Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.3 of the Registrant's Form 10-Q filed May 4, 2010).
- 10.3 2012 Incentive Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference from Appendix A of the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 filed March 1, 2012).
- 10.4 Loan agreement dated June 30, 2013, between First Financial Bankshares, Inc. and Frost Bank (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Registrant's Form 8-K filed July 1, 2013).
- 10.5 2015 Restricted Stock Plan (incorporated by reference from Appendix A of the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 filed March 2, 2015).
- 31.1 Rule 13a-14(a) / 15(d)-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer of First Financial Bankshares, Inc.\*
- 31.2 Rule 13a-14(a) / 15(d)-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer of First Financial Bankshares, Inc.\*
- 32.1 Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer of First Financial Bankshares, Inc.\*
- 32.2 Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer of First Financial Bankshares, Inc.\*
- 101.INS XBRL Instance Document.\*
- 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.\*
- 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.\*

101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.\*  
101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.\*  
101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.\*

\* Filed herewith



**Table of Contents**

**SIGNATURES**

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

**FIRST FINANCIAL BANKSHARES, INC.**

**Date: May 4, 2015**

**By: /s/ F. Scott Dueser  
F. Scott Dueser  
President and Chief Executive Officer**

**Date: May 4, 2015**

**By: /s/ J. Bruce Hildebrand  
J. Bruce Hildebrand  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer**