

CENTRAL FEDERAL CORP

Form 10-Q

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 10-Q**

(Mark one)

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

**For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2008**

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

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commission File Number 0-25045  
CENTRAL FEDERAL CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

Delaware

34-1877137

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

2923 Smith Road, Fairlawn, Ohio 44333  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
(330) 666-7979

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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 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  Smaller reporting company

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

As of October 31, 2008, there were 4,102,662 shares of the registrant's Common Stock outstanding.

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CENTRAL FEDERAL CORPORATION  
PART I. Financial Information  
Item 1. Financial Statements  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(Dollars in thousands except per share data)

	September 30, 2008 (unaudited)	December 31, 2007
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,601	\$ 3,894
Securities available for sale	25,323	28,398
Loans held for sale	549	457
Loans, net of allowance of \$3,045 and \$2,684	231,786	230,475
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	2,109	1,963
Loan servicing rights	123	157
Foreclosed assets, net		86
Premises and equipment, net	5,304	5,717
Bank owned life insurance	3,863	3,769
Deferred tax asset	1,709	1,995
Accrued interest receivable and other assets	2,388	2,671
	\$ 280,755	\$ 279,582
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Deposits		
Noninterest bearing	\$ 14,238	\$ 12,151
Interest bearing	195,189	182,157
Total deposits	209,427	194,308
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	38,200	49,450
Advances by borrowers for taxes and insurance	79	154
Accrued interest payable and other liabilities	2,064	3,136
Subordinated debentures	5,155	5,155
Total liabilities	254,925	252,203
Shareholders equity		
Preferred stock, 1,000,000 shares authorized; none issued		
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 6,000,000 shares authorized; 2008 - 4,661,195 shares issued, 2007 - 4,628,320 shares issued	47	46
Additional paid-in capital	27,419	27,348
Retained earnings	1,406	1,411
Accumulated other comprehensive income	203	187
Treasury stock, at cost; 2008 - 558,533 shares, 2007 - 193,533 shares	(3,245)	(1,613)
Total shareholders equity	25,830	27,379

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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CENTRAL FEDERAL CORPORATION  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(Dollars in thousands except per share data)  
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Interest and dividend income				
Loans, including fees	\$ 3,815	\$ 4,221	\$ 11,524	\$ 11,535
Securities	324	384	1,017	1,160
Federal Home Loan Bank stock dividends	28	32	81	104
Federal funds sold and other	1	8	5	14
	4,168	4,645	12,627	12,813
Interest expense				
Deposits	1,475	1,923	4,700	5,310
Federal Home Loan Bank advances and other debt	346	633	1,144	1,555
Subordinated debentures	74	108	247	320
	1,895	2,664	6,091	7,185
Net interest income	2,273	1,981	6,536	5,628
Provision for loan losses	183	293	667	435
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	2,090	1,688	5,869	5,193
Noninterest income				
Service charges on deposit accounts	91	78	260	203
Net gains on sales of loans	33	35	130	207
Loan servicing fees, net	9	11	27	41
Net gain on sales of securities	10		54	
Earnings on bank owned life insurance	31	32	94	96
Other	2	8	19	32
	176	164	584	579
Noninterest expense				
Salaries and employee benefits	991	1,617	3,036	3,631
Occupancy and equipment	105	200	323	442
Data processing	131	135	421	418
Franchise taxes	73	73	239	211
Professional fees	160	101	325	294
Director fees	34	37	102	112
Postage, printing and supplies	32	39	127	132

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Advertising and promotion	12	80	39	176
Telephone	23	24	67	77
Loan expenses	6	3	14	10
Foreclosed assets, net	(18)	(48)	(10)	(38)
Depreciation	167	168	518	465
Other	148	159	375	346
	1,864	2,588	5,576	6,276
Income (loss) before income taxes	402	(736)	877	(504)
Income tax expense (benefit)	117	(253)	244	(190)
Net income (loss)	\$ 285	\$ (483)	\$ 633	\$ (314)
Earnings (loss) per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.07	\$ (0.11)	\$ 0.15	\$ (0.07)
Diluted	\$ 0.07	\$ (0.11)	\$ 0.15	\$ (0.07)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CENTRAL FEDERAL CORPORATION  
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY  
 (Dollars in thousands except per share data)  
 (Unaudited)

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Treasury Stock	Total Shareholders Equity
Balance at January 1, 2008	\$ 46	\$ 27,348	\$ 1,411	\$ 187	\$ (1,613)	\$ 27,379
Comprehensive income:						
Net income			633			633
Other comprehensive loss				16		16
Total comprehensive income						649
Issuance of 32,875 stock based incentive plan shares	1					1
Release of 17,493 stock based incentive plan shares		96				96
Tax benefits from dividends on unvested stock based incentive plan shares		2				2
Tax effect from vesting of stock based incentive plan shares		(39)				(39)
Stock option expense		12				12
Purchase of 365,000 treasury shares					(1,632)	(1,632)
Cash dividends declared (\$ .15 per share)			(638)			(638)
Balance at September 30, 2008	\$ 47	\$ 27,419	\$ 1,406	\$ 203	\$ (3,245)	\$ 25,830

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



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CENTRAL FEDERAL CORPORATION  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(Dollars in thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Net income (loss)	\$ 285	\$ (483)	\$ 633	\$ (314)
Change in net unrealized gain on securities available for sale	149	319	77	37
Less: Reclassification adjustment for gains realized in net income	(10)		(54)	
Net unrealized gain	139	319	23	37
Tax effect	(47)	(109)	(7)	(13)
Other comprehensive income	92	210	16	24
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 377	\$ (273)	\$ 649	\$ (290)

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CENTRAL FEDERAL CORPORATION  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(Dollars in thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007
Cash flows from operating activities	\$ 1,022	\$ 1,962
Cash flows from investing activities		
Available-for-sale securities:		
Sales	2,064	
Maturities, prepayments and calls	8,087	5,404
Purchases	(6,917)	(4,873)
Loan originations and payments, net	(2,038)	(32,499)
Loans purchased		(5,145)
Proceeds from redemption of FHLB stock		850
Purchase of FHLB stock	(65)	
Additions to premises and equipment	(105)	(2,241)
Proceeds from the sale of premises and equipment	1	9
Proceeds from the sale of foreclosed assets	231	231
Net cash from investing activities	1,258	(38,264)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net change in deposits	15,039	18,865
Net change in short-term borrowings from the FHLB and other debt	(23,250)	18,725
Proceeds from FHLB advances and other debt	14,000	3,200
Repayments on FHLB advances and other debt	(2,000)	(4,270)
Net change in advances by borrowers for taxes and insurance	(75)	(52)
Cash dividends paid	(655)	(1,180)
Repurchase of common stock	(1,632)	(830)
Net cash from financing activities	1,427	34,458
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	3,707	(1,844)
Beginning cash and cash equivalents	3,894	5,403
Ending cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,601	\$ 3,559
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Interest paid	\$ 5,423	\$ 6,951
Income taxes paid	42	15

Supplemental noncash disclosures:

Transfers from loans to repossessed assets	\$	123	\$	277
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CENTRAL FEDERAL CORPORATION  
 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of Presentation:**

The consolidated financial statements include Central Federal Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiaries, CFBank and Ghent Road, Inc., together referred to as the Company. The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) and in compliance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Because this report is based on an interim period, certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accounting principles have been condensed or omitted.

In the opinion of the management of the Company, the accompanying consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 include all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the financial condition and the results of operations for those periods. The financial performance reported for the Company for each of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 is not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. This information should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders and Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2007. Reference is made to the accounting policies of the Company described in Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in the Company's 2007 Annual Report that was filed as Exhibit 13.1 to the Form 10-K. The Company has consistently followed those policies in preparing this Form 10-Q.

**Earnings Per Share:**

Basic earnings per common share is net income divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Stock based incentive plan shares are considered outstanding as they are earned over the vesting period. Diluted earnings per common share include the dilutive effect of stock based incentive plan shares and additional potential common shares issuable under stock options.

The factors used in the earnings (loss) per share computation follow.

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Basic				
Net income (loss)	\$ 285	\$ (483)	\$ 633	\$ (314)
Weighted average common shares outstanding	4,082,000	4,417,040	4,241,499	4,483,419
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	\$ 0.07	\$ (0.11)	\$ 0.15	\$ (0.07)
Diluted				
Net income (loss)	\$ 285	\$ (483)	\$ 633	\$ (314)
Weighted average common shares outstanding for basic earnings (loss) per share	4,082,000	4,417,040	4,241,499	4,483,419
Add: Dilutive effects of assumed exercises of stock options and stock based incentive plan shares			1,527	

Average shares and dilutive potential common shares	4,082,000	4,417,040	4,243,026	4,483,419
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$ 0.07	\$ (0.11)	\$ 0.15	\$ (0.07)

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

The following potential average common shares were anti-dilutive and not considered in computing diluted earnings (loss) per share because the company had a loss from continuing operations, the exercise price of the options was greater than the average stock price for the periods, or the fair value of the stock based incentive plan shares at the date of grant was greater than the average stock price for the periods.

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Stock options	334,702	296,289	308,575	290,447
Stock based incentive plan shares	28,326	16,377	27,465	18,901

**Operating Segments:**

Prior to 2008, internal financial information was primarily reported and aggregated in two lines of business, banking and mortgage banking. Beginning in 2008, mortgage banking activities are considered to be part of banking activities due to mortgage banking activities' insignificant contribution to the Company's overall performance. While the chief decision-makers monitor the revenue streams of the Company's various products and services, operations are managed and financial performance is evaluated on a Company-wide basis. Operating results are not reviewed by senior management to make resource allocation or performance decisions. Accordingly, all of the financial service operations are considered by management to be aggregated in one reportable operating segment.

**Adoption of New Accounting Standards:****Fair Value Option and Fair Value Measurements**

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* ( FAS 157 ). FAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, expands disclosures about fair value measurements, establishes a fair value hierarchy about the assumptions used to measure fair value, and clarifies assumptions about risk and the effect of a restriction on the sale or use of an asset. The standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. In February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position ( FSP ) No. FAS 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157*. This FSP delays the effective date of FAS 157 for all nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis (at least annually), to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008 and interim periods within those fiscal years. The impact on the Company of its adoption of FAS 157 was not material and is described below.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*. The standard provides companies with an option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value and establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities. The new standard was effective for the Company on January 1, 2008. The Company did not elect the fair value option for any financial assets or liabilities as of January 1, 2008.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Fair Value Measurement**

FAS 157 defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy established by FAS 157 requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. FAS 157 describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, and other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a company's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

The Company used the following methods and significant assumptions to estimate fair value.

**Securities:** The fair value of securities available for sale is determined using pricing models that vary based on asset class and include available trade, bid, and other market information. Fair value of securities available for sale may also be determined by matrix pricing, which is a mathematical technique used widely in the industry to value debt securities without relying exclusively on quoted prices for the specific securities, but rather by relying on the securities' relationship to other benchmark quoted securities.

**Loans held for sale:** The fair value of loans held for sale is determined, when possible, using quoted secondary-market prices. If no such quoted price exists, the fair value of a loan is determined using quoted prices for a similar asset or assets, adjusted for the specific attributes of that loan.

**Derivatives:** Our derivative instruments consist of interest-rate swaps. As such, significant fair value inputs can generally be verified and do not typically involve significant judgments by management.

**Loan servicing rights:** The fair value of mortgage loan servicing rights is based on a valuation model that calculates the present value of estimated net loan servicing income. The valuation model incorporates assumptions that market participants would use in estimating future net loan servicing income. The Company is able to compare the valuation model inputs and results to widely available published industry data for reasonableness.

**Impaired loans:** The fair value of impaired loans is based on observable market prices for the loan, if available, or the fair value of the collateral for collateral-dependent loans.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below.

		Fair Value Measurements at September 30, 2008 Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical	Significant Other Observable	Significant Unobservable
	September 30, 2008	Assets (Level 1)	Inputs (Level 2)	Inputs (Level 3)
Available for sale securities	\$ 25,323	\$	\$ 25,323	\$

Assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis are summarized below.

		Fair Value Measurements at September 30, 2008 Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical	Significant Other Observable	Significant Unobservable
	September 30, 2008	Assets (Level 1)	Inputs (Level 2)	Inputs (Level 3)
Loan servicing rights	\$ 123	\$	\$ 123	\$
Impaired loans	\$ 646	\$	\$ 646	\$

Loan servicing rights, which are carried at the lower of cost or fair value, were written down to fair value of \$123 at September 30, 2008, resulting in a valuation allowance of \$5. A charge of \$1 was included in earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008.

Impaired loans, which are measured for impairment using the fair value of the collateral for collateral-dependent loans, had a carrying amount of \$1,910, with a valuation allowance of \$394, resulting in an additional provision for loan losses of \$394 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008.

In September 2006 the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force finalized Issue No. 06-4, *Accounting for Deferred Compensation and Postretirement Benefit Aspects of Endorsement Split-Dollar Life Insurance Arrangements*. This issue requires that a liability be recorded during the service period when a split-dollar life insurance agreement continues after participants' employment or retirement. The required accrued liability is based on either the post-employment benefit cost for the continuing life insurance or the future death benefit depending on the contractual terms of the underlying agreement. This issue was effective for the Company on January 1, 2008. The impact on the Company of its adoption of this issue was not material.



On November 5, 2007, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin ( SAB ) No. 109, *Written Loan Commitments Recorded at Fair Value through Earnings* ( SAB 109 ). Previously, SAB No. 105, *Application of Accounting Principles to Loan Commitments* ( SAB 105 ), stated that in measuring the fair value of a derivative loan commitment, a company should not incorporate the expected net future cash flows related to the associated servicing of the loan. SAB 109 supersedes SAB 105 and indicates that the expected net future cash flows related to the associated servicing of the loan should be included in measuring fair value for all written loan commitments that are accounted for at fair value through earnings. SAB 105 also indicated that internally-developed intangible assets should not be recorded as part of the fair value of a derivative loan commitment, and SAB 109 retains that view. SAB 109 is effective for derivative loan commitments issued or modified in fiscal quarters beginning after December 15, 2007. The impact on the Company of its adoption of SAB 109 was not material.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

In December 2007, the SEC issued SAB No. 110 ( SAB 110 ), which expresses the views of the SEC regarding the use of a simplified method, as discussed in SAB No. 107, in developing an estimate of expected term of plain vanilla share options in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R), *Share-Based Payment*. The SEC concluded that a company could, under certain circumstances, continue to use the simplified method for share option grants after December 31, 2007. The Company does not use the simplified method for share options and therefore SAB 110 has no material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**Effect of Newly Issued But Not Yet Effective Accounting Standards:**

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R) (revised version of SFAS No. 141), *Business Combinations* ( FAS 141(R) ). FAS 141(R) requires an acquirer to recognize the assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree at their fair values as of the acquisition date. FAS 141(R) replaces SFAS No. 141's cost-allocation process, which required the cost of an acquisition to be allocated to the individual assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values. FAS 141(R) applies to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 31, 2008. There will be no impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements upon adoption.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements an amendment of ARB No. 51* ( FAS 160 ). FAS 160 amends Accounting Research Bulletin 51 to establish accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. FAS 160 clarifies that a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary is an ownership interest in the consolidated entity that should be reported as equity in the consolidated financial statements. FAS 160 requires consolidated net income to be reported at amounts that include the amounts attributable to both the parent and the noncontrolling interest. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2008. At the present time, the Company does not expect that adoption of this statement will have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133* ( FAS 161 ). FAS 161 amends SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* ( FAS 133 ) and is intended to enhance the current disclosure framework in FAS 133. FAS 161 changes the disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities. Entities are required to provide enhanced disclosures about (a) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (b) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under FAS 133 and its related interpretations, and (c) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. FAS 161 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008, with early application encouraged. At the present time, the Company does not expect that adoption of FAS 161 will have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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**NOTE 2 LOANS**

Loans were as follows:

	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
Commercial	\$ 40,366	\$ 35,334
Real estate:		
Single-family residential	27,934	31,082
Multi-family residential	42,207	43,789
Commercial	97,909	95,088
Consumer	26,802	28,248
Subtotal	235,218	233,541
Less: Net deferred loan fees	(387)	(382)
Allowance for loan losses	(3,045)	(2,684)
Loans, net	\$ 231,786	\$ 230,475

Real estate loans include \$2,342 and \$6,184 in construction loans at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007. Activity in the allowance for loan losses was as follows.

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Beginning balance	\$ 2,947	\$ 2,272	\$ 2,684	\$ 2,109
Provision for loan losses	183	293	667	435
Loans charged-off	(89)	(28)	(315)	(37)
Recoveries	4	47	9	77
Ending balance	\$ 3,045	\$ 2,584	\$ 3,045	\$ 2,584

Individually impaired loans were as follows.

	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
Period-end loans with no allocated allowance for loan losses	\$ 1,264	\$
Period-end loans with allocated allowance for loan losses	646	
Total	\$ 1,910	\$

Amount of the allowance for loan losses allocated	\$	394	\$
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**NOTE 2 LOANS (continued)**

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Average of individually impaired loans during the period	\$ 1,910	\$	\$ 1,482	\$
Interest income recognized during impairment				
Cash-basis interest income recognized				
Nonperforming loans were as follows:				

	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
Loans past due over 90 days still on accrual	\$	\$ 97
Nonaccrual loans	2,038	391

Nonperforming loans include both smaller balance single-family mortgage and consumer loans that are collectively evaluated for impairment and individually classified impaired loans.

**NOTE 3 STOCK COMPENSATION PLANS**

The Company has two stock-based compensation plans as described below. Total compensation cost that has been charged against income for those plans was \$36 and \$109, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and \$39 and \$128, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007. The total income tax benefit was \$11 and \$33, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and \$12 and \$40, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007.

The Company's stock-based incentive plans (the Plans), which are shareholder-approved, provide for stock option grants and restricted stock awards to directors, officers and employees. The 1999 Stock-based Incentive Plan provided 193,887 shares for stock option grants and 77,554 shares for restricted stock awards. The 2003 Equity Compensation Plan, as amended and restated, provided an aggregate of 500,000 shares for stock option grants and restricted stock awards, of which up to 150,000 shares can be awarded in the form of restricted stock awards.

**Stock Options**

The Plans permit the Company to grant stock options to its directors, officers and employees for up to 693,887 shares of common stock. The Company believes that such awards better align the interests of its employees with those of its shareholders. Option awards are granted with an exercise price equal to the market price of the Company's common stock at the date of grant. The option awards generally have full vesting periods ranging from two to five years and are exercisable for a period of 10 years from the date of grant.

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**NOTE 3 STOCK COMPENSATION PLANS (continued)**

The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using a closed form option valuation model (Black-Scholes) that uses the assumptions noted in the table below. Expected volatilities are based on historical volatilities of the Company's common stock. The Company uses historical data to estimate option exercise and post-vesting termination behavior. Employee and management stock options are tracked separately. The expected term of options granted is based on historical data and represents the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding, which takes into account that the options are not transferable. The risk-free interest rate for the expected term of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of the grant.

The fair value of the options granted during the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was determined using the following weighted-average assumptions as of the grant dates. There were no options granted during the three months ended September 30, 2008.

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Risk-free interest rate		4.31%	2.46%	4.61%
Expected term (years)		6	6	6
Expected stock price volatility		19%	23%	22%
Dividend yield		3.63%	4.87%	4.66%

The following table summarizes the stock option activity in the Plans for the nine months ended September 30, 2008:

	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Nine months ended September 30, 2008	
			Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)	Intrinsic Value
Options outstanding, beginning of period	299,622	\$ 10.94		
Granted	43,975	4.11		
Exercised				
Forfeited or expired	(12,425)	9.67		
Options outstanding, end of period	331,172	\$ 10.08	5.7	\$
Options exercisable, end of period	276,055	\$ 11.12	4.8	\$

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**NOTE 3 STOCK COMPENSATION PLANS (continued)**

The following table presents information related to the stock option Plans with respect to the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007.

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Intrinsic value of options exercised	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash received from option exercises				
Related tax benefit realized from option exercises				
Weighted average fair value of options granted	\$	0.12	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.99

As of September 30, 2008, there was \$19 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock options granted under the Plans. The cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.4 years.

**Restricted Stock Awards**

The Plans permit the Company to award restricted stock to directors, officers and employees. Compensation expense related to restricted stock awards is recognized over the vesting period of the shares based on the market value of the shares at issue date. Shares of restricted stock issuable under the Plans totaled 30,050 at September 30, 2008. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, 32,875 and 18,250 shares of restricted stock were issued, respectively.

The following table summarizes changes in the Company's nonvested shares for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008.

	Nine months ended September 30, 2008	
	Shares	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value
Nonvested shares outstanding at beginning of period	32,525	\$ 8.79
Granted	32,875	4.03
Vested	(14,692)	8.86
Forfeited		
Nonvested shares outstanding at end of period	50,708	\$ 5.68

As of September 30, 2008, there was \$128 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested shares granted under the Plans. The cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.3 years. There were no shares vested during the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007. The total fair value of shares vested during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$66 and \$107 respectively.

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**NOTE 4 FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK ADVANCES**

The following table sets forth advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank ( FHLB ) at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007.

	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
Maturity October 2008 at 1.80% floating rate	\$ 15,000	\$
Maturity January 2008 at 4.00% floating rate		38,250
Maturities February 2009 thru July 2011, fixed at rates from 2.48% to 5.60%, averaging 3.98% at September 30, 2008, and maturities March 2008 thru March 2010, fixed at rates from 2.90% to 5.60%, averaging 4.89% at December 31, 2007	23,200	11,200
Total	\$ 38,200	\$ 49,450

Each advance is payable at its maturity date, with a prepayment penalty for fixed rate advances.

The following table sets forth the assets pledged as collateral for advances from the FHLB at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007.

	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
First mortgage loans under a blanket lien arrangement	\$ 25,595	\$ 26,649
Second mortgage loans	507	577
Multi-family mortgage loans	17,855	15,227
Home equity lines of credit	18,963	9,918
Commercial real estate loans	61,964	62,287
Securities	13,816	15,401
Total	\$ 138,700	\$ 130,059

Based on this collateral and CFBank's holdings of FHLB stock, CFBank is eligible (as of September 30, 2008) to borrow \$63,663 in total from the FHLB.

**Payment information**

Required payments over the next five years are:

September 30, 2009	\$ 25,200
September 30, 2010	7,000
September 30, 2011	6,000
Total	\$ 38,200





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The following analysis discusses changes in financial condition and results of operations during the periods included in the Consolidated Financial Statements which are part of this filing.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements contained in this Form 10-Q which are not statements of historical fact constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "believes," "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "targeted" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, are not the exclusive means of identifying those statements. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those predicted by the forward-looking statements because of various factors and possible events, including: (i) changes in political, economic or other factors such as inflation rates, recessionary or expansive trends, and taxes; (ii) competitive pressures; (iii) fluctuations in interest rates; (iv) the level of defaults and prepayments on loans made by CFBank; (v) unanticipated litigation, claims or assessments; (vi) fluctuations in the cost of obtaining funds to make loans; and (vii) regulatory changes. Further information on these risk factors is included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made to reflect unanticipated developments, events or circumstances.

**Business Overview**

Central Federal Corporation is a unitary savings and loan holding company incorporated in Delaware in 1998. Our primary business is the operation of our principal subsidiary, CFBank, a federally chartered savings association formed in Ohio in 1892.

CFBank is a community-oriented financial institution offering a variety of financial services to meet the needs of the communities we serve. Our client-centric method of operation emphasizes personalized service, clients' access to decision makers, solution-driven lending and quick execution, efficient use of technology and the convenience of remote deposit, telephone banking, corporate cash management and online internet banking. We attract deposits from the general public and use the deposits, together with borrowings and other funds, primarily to originate commercial and commercial real estate loans, single-family and multi-family residential mortgage loans and home equity lines of credit.

**General**

Our net income is dependent primarily on net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income earned on loans and securities and the cost of funds, consisting of interest paid on deposits and borrowed funds. Net interest income is affected by regulatory, economic and competitive factors that influence interest rates, loan demand and deposit flows. Net income is also affected by, among other things, loan fee income, provisions for loan losses, service charges, gains on loan and securities sales, operating expenses, and franchise and income taxes. Operating expenses principally consist of employee compensation and benefits, occupancy, and other general and administrative expenses. In general, results of operations are significantly affected by general economic and competitive conditions, particularly changes in market interest rates, government policies, and actions of regulatory authorities. Future changes in applicable laws, regulations or government policies may also materially impact our performance.

Other than as discussed above, we are not aware of any market or institutional trends, other events, or uncertainties that are expected to have a material effect on liquidity, capital resources or operations. We are not aware of any current recommendations by regulators which would have a material effect if implemented.

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**Financial Condition**

*General.* Assets totaled \$280.8 million at September 30, 2008, and increased \$1.2 million, or 0.4%, from \$279.6 million at December 31, 2007. The increase was primarily due to an increase in overnight cash investments and loans, partially offset by a decrease in the balance of securities available for sale, which resulted from sales, maturities and repayments.

*Cash and cash equivalents.* Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$7.6 million at September 30, 2008 and increased \$3.7 million compared to \$3.9 million at December 30, 2007. The increase was due to short-term investment of additional liquidity generated by growth in deposits during the period.

*Securities.* Securities available for sale totaled \$25.3 million at September 30, 2008, a decrease of \$3.1 million, or 10.8%, compared to \$28.4 million at December 31, 2007 due to security sales, maturities and repayments on mortgage-backed securities, partially offset by purchases. On September 7, 2008 the Federal National Mortgage Association ( FNMA ) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ( FHLMC ) were placed into conservatorship into the newly formed Federal Housing Finance Agency. As a result of this, the market value of both FNMA and FHLMC preferred stock was substantially diminished. As of September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 the Company held no FNMA or FHLMC preferred stock and does not anticipate any financial impact related to these entities being placed into conservatorship.

*Loans.* Net loans totaled \$231.8 million at September 30, 2008 and increased \$1.3 million, or 0.6%, from \$230.5 million at December 31, 2007. The increase was due to a 3.6% increase in commercial, commercial real estate and multi-family loans, partially offset by a 10.1% decrease in single-family residential real estate loan balances due to prepayments, and a 5.1% decrease in consumer loan balances due to repayments on auto loans.

*Deposits.* Deposits totaled \$209.4 million at September 30, 2008 and increased \$15.1 million, or 7.8%, from \$194.3 million at December 31, 2007. Certificate of deposit accounts increased \$17.1 million, traditional savings account balances increased \$574,000, noninterest bearing checking account balances increased \$2.1 million, while money market account balances decreased \$2.3 million, and interest bearing checking account balances decreased \$2.3 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The increase in certificate of deposit accounts was substantially due to CFBank's participation in the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service® ( CDARS ) which allows the Bank to provide customers full FDIC insurance on certificate of deposit balances up to \$50 million. Customer balances in the CDARS program increased \$24.1 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

*Federal Home Loan Bank advances.* FHLB advances totaled \$38.2 million at September 30, 2008 and decreased \$11.3 million, or 22.8%, compared to \$49.5 million at December 31, 2007. FHLB advances were repaid with funds from the increase in deposits.

*Shareholders' equity.* Shareholders' equity totaled \$25.8 million at September 30, 2008 and decreased \$1.6 million, or 5.7%, compared to \$27.4 million at December 31, 2007. The decrease in equity was due to the repurchase of 365,000 shares of the Company's common stock totaling \$1.6 million and dividends paid to shareholders, partially offset by net income.

**Comparison of the Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007**

*General.* Net income for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 increased \$768,000 and totaled \$285,000, or \$.07 per diluted share, compared to a net loss of \$483,000, or \$.11 per diluted share, for the quarter ended September 30, 2007. The net loss for the quarter ended September 30, 2007 was primarily due to a \$511,000, or \$.12 per diluted share, after-tax cost of an arbitration loss and lease termination expense.

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*Net interest income.* Net interest income increased \$292,000, or 14.7%, to \$2.3 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 compared to \$2.0 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2007. The increase was primarily due to a decline in the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities from 4.68% in the third quarter of 2007 to 3.17% in the third quarter of 2008, which resulted in a 28.9% decrease in interest expense. The decrease in interest expense was partially offset by a 10.3% decrease in interest income due to a decline in the average yield on interest-earning assets from 7.38% in the third quarter of 2007 to 6.36% in the third quarter of 2008. The reductions in the Federal Funds rate, the prime rate and other market interest rates, beginning in September 2007, resulted in larger decreases in funding costs than in asset yields. The decline in funding costs positively impacted net interest margin, which improved to 3.47% during the quarter ended September 30, 2008, compared to 3.15% during the quarter ended September 30, 2007. Management of the net interest margin in the current economic and competitive environment will be a challenge, and downward pressure on margins is possible. CFBank continues to manage the net interest margin by matching asset and liability pricing closely to its business model.

*Interest income.* Interest income decreased \$477,000, or 10.3%, to \$4.2 million in the third quarter of 2008, compared to \$4.6 million in the third quarter of 2007. The decrease in interest income was largely due to a decrease in income on loans and securities. Interest income on loans declined \$406,000, or 9.6%, to \$3.8 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2008, from \$4.2 million in the third quarter of 2007. The decrease in income on loans was due to a decline in the average yield on loans, partially offset by an increase in the average balance of loans. The average yield on loans decreased 118 basis points ( bp ) to 6.51% in the third quarter of 2008, from 7.69% in the third quarter of 2007. The decline in yield on loans was due to the origination of new loans at lower market interest rates and lower reset rates on existing adjustable rate loans. The average balance of loans outstanding increased \$14.5 million, or 6.6%, to \$234.2 million in the third quarter of 2008, from \$219.7 million in the third quarter of 2007. Interest income on securities decreased \$60,000, or 15.6%, to \$324,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2008, from \$384,000 in the third quarter of 2007. The decrease in income on securities was largely due to a decline in the average balance of securities, and to a lesser extent, a decline in the average yield. The average balance of securities decreased \$4.0 million, or 13.6%, to \$25.5 million in the third quarter of 2008, from \$29.5 million in the third quarter of 2007. The decrease in the average balance of securities was due to current period security sales, maturities and repayments on mortgage-backed securities in excess of purchases. The average yield on securities decreased 7 bp to 5.11% in the third quarter of 2008, from 5.18% in the third quarter of 2007.

*Interest expense.* Interest expense decreased \$769,000, or 28.9%, to \$1.9 million for the third quarter of 2008, compared to \$2.7 million in the third quarter of 2007. The decrease resulted from reduced pricing on deposit accounts and lower borrowing costs. Interest expense on deposits decreased \$448,000, or 23.3%, to \$1.5 million in the third quarter of 2008, from \$1.9 million in the third quarter of 2007. The decrease in expense on deposits was due to a decline in the average cost of deposits, partially offset by an increase in average deposit balances. The average cost of deposits decreased 137 bp to 3.09% in the third quarter of 2008, from 4.46% in the third quarter of 2007, due to lower market interest rates in the current year quarter. Average deposit balances increased \$18.4 million, or 10.7%, to \$190.8 million in the third quarter of 2008, from \$172.4 million in the third quarter of 2007. The increase in average deposit balances was predominantly due to growth in certificate of deposit account balances. Interest expense on FHLB advances and other debt, including subordinated debentures, decreased \$321,000 to \$420,000 in the third quarter of 2008, from \$741,000 in the third quarter of 2007. The decrease in expense on FHLB advances and other debt, including subordinated debentures, was due to both a decline in the average cost of these funds as well as a decrease in the average balances. The average cost of borrowings declined 185 bp to 3.50% in the third quarter of 2008, from 5.35% in the third quarter of 2007. The decrease in borrowing cost was the result of lower market interest rates in the current year quarter. Average balances on FHLB advances and other debt, including subordinated debentures, decreased \$7.3 million, or 13.2%, to \$48.1 million in the third quarter of 2008, from \$55.4 million in the third quarter of 2007. The decrease in the average balances was primarily due to repayment of FHLB advances with funds from the growth in deposits.

*Provision for loan losses.* Provisions for loan losses are provided in relation to loan growth, portfolio composition, current economic conditions and trends, and ascertainable credit risk information available. The provision totaled \$183,000 in the quarter ended September 30, 2008 compared to \$293,000 in the quarter ended September 30, 2007. The decrease in the provision was primarily due to slower loan growth in the current period. Total loans for the three months ended September 30, 2008 grew \$1.1 million, compared to \$13.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007.

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*Noninterest income.* Noninterest income increased \$12,000, or 7.3%, and totaled \$176,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$164,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2007. Noninterest income for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 included \$10,000 net gains on the sales of securities and a \$13,000 increase in service charges on deposit accounts, primarily in nonsufficient funds ( NSF ) fees and other checking account fees.

*Noninterest expense.* Noninterest expense for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 decreased \$724,000, or 28.0%, and totaled \$1.9 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$2.6 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2007. Noninterest expense for the quarter ended September 30, 2007 included \$774,000 related to an arbitration loss and lease termination expense: salaries and employee benefits expense included \$641,000 related to the arbitration loss; occupancy and equipment expense included \$100,000 related to the lease termination expenses; and other expense included an additional \$33,000 in lease termination expenses. The ratio of noninterest expense to average assets improved to 2.66% in the third quarter of 2008 compared to 3.84% in the prior year quarter. The efficiency ratio improved to 76.42% in the quarter ended September 30, 2008 from 120.65% in the prior year quarter.

*Income taxes.* Income taxes totaled \$117,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 compared to a \$253,000 tax benefit for the quarter ended September 30, 2007 due to the net loss reported in the third quarter of 2007.

**Comparison of the Results of Operations for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007**

*General.* Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 increased \$947,000, and totaled \$633,000, or \$.15 per diluted share, compared to a net loss of \$314,000, or \$.07 per diluted share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was primarily due to a \$511,000, or \$.11 per diluted share, after-tax cost of an arbitration loss and lease termination expense, as previously discussed.

*Net interest income.* Net interest income increased \$908,000, or 16.1%, to \$6.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$5.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The increase was substantially due to a decline in the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities from 4.52% for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 to 3.44% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, which resulted in a 15.2% decrease in interest expense. Interest income decreased 1.5% primarily due to a decline in yield on interest-earning assets from 7.21% for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 to 6.49% for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The decrease in interest income caused by the reduction in yield was partially offset by a \$23.1 million increase in average interest-earning assets for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The reductions in the Federal Funds rate, the prime rate and other market interest rates, beginning in September 2007, as discussed previously, also resulted in larger decreases in funding costs than in asset yields during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. Net interest margin improved to 3.36% during the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to 3.17% during the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

*Interest income.* Interest income decreased \$186,000, or 1.5%, to \$12.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$12.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The decrease in interest income was primarily due to a decrease in income on securities, and, to a lesser extent, a decrease in income related to loans and FHLB stock dividends. Interest income on securities decreased \$143,000, or 12.3%, to \$1.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, from \$1.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The decrease in income was due to a decline in the average balance of securities, partially offset by an increase in the average yield on the portfolio. The average balance of securities decreased \$3.7 million, or 12.2%, to \$26.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, from \$30.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The decrease was due to current period security sales, maturities and repayments on mortgage-backed securities in excess of purchases. The average yield on securities increased 8 bp to 5.17% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, from 5.09% for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Interest income on loans totaled \$11.5 million for both the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007. Although total interest income on loans remained substantially unchanged for the two periods, average loan balances increased and the yield on the portfolio decreased during the current year period. The average balance of loans outstanding increased \$26.9 million, or 13.2%, to \$230.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to

\$204.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The average yield on loans decreased 88 bp to 6.66% in the nine months ended September 30, 2008, from 7.54% in the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The decline in yield was due to origination of new loans at lower market interest rates and lower reset rates on existing adjustable rate loans. Dividend income from FHLB stock declined \$23,000, or 22.1%, to \$81,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from \$104,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The decline in dividend income was due to a decline in both the yield and average balance. The average yield on FHLB stock dividends declined 117 bps to 5.27% during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from 6.44% in the prior year period. The average balance of FHLB stock declined \$103,000, or 4.8%, to \$2.0 million at September 30, 2008 from \$2.1 million for the prior year period.

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*Interest expense.* Interest expense decreased \$1.1 million, or 15.2%, to \$6.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$7.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The decrease resulted from both reduced pricing on deposit accounts and lower borrowing costs. Interest expense on deposits decreased \$610,000, or 11.5%, to \$4.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, from \$5.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The decrease in expense on deposits was due to a decline in the average cost of deposits, partially offset by an increase in average deposit balances. The average cost of deposits decreased 96 bp, to 3.40% in the nine months ended September 30, 2008, from 4.36% in the nine months ended September 30, 2007, due to lower market interest rates in the current year period. Average deposit balances increased \$21.6 million, or 13.3%, to \$184.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, from \$162.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The increase in average deposit balances was predominantly due to growth in certificate of deposit account balances. Interest expense on FHLB advances and other debt, including subordinated debentures, decreased \$484,000, or 25.8%, to \$1.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, from \$1.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The decrease in expense was due to a decrease in the average cost of borrowings partially offset by an increase in the average balance of FHLB advances. The average cost of borrowings, including subordinated debentures, declined 145 bp to 3.59% in the nine months ended September 30, 2008, from 5.04% in the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The decrease in cost of borrowings was the result of lower market interest rates in the current year period. The average balance of FHLB advances and other borrowings increased \$2.1 million, or 4.7%, to \$51.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, from \$49.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Proceeds from the advances were used to fund loan growth.

*Provision for loan losses.* The provision for loan losses totaled \$667,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to \$435,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The \$232,000 increase in the provision in the current year period was due to increases in nonperforming loans, specific reserves, and loan charge-offs. Nonperforming loans increased \$1.5 million and totaled \$2.0 million, or 0.87% of total loans, at September 30, 2008, compared to \$488,000, or 0.21% of total loans, at December 31, 2007. The increase in nonperforming loans was due to one commercial loan, totaling \$645,000, and three multi-family loans to one borrower, totaling \$1.3 million which were past due and on nonaccrual status at September 30, 2008. The amount of the allowance for loan losses specifically allocated to nonperforming loans totaled \$394,000 at September 30, 2008, while there was none at September 30, 2007. Management believes the remaining nonperforming loan balances are adequately secured by the underlying collateral at this time, however future additions may be necessary based on factors discussed below.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, CFBank had net charge-offs of \$306,000, or 0.18% on an annualized basis of average loans, compared to a net recovery of \$39,000, or 0.03% on an annualized basis of average loans, for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Net charge-offs during the current period were related to two home equity lines of credit and, to a lesser extent, single-family mortgage and consumer loans.

The ratio of the allowance for loan losses to total loans was 1.30% at September 30, 2008 compared to 1.15% at December 31, 2007. The Company believes that the allowance for loan losses is adequate to absorb probable incurred credit losses in the loan portfolio at September 30, 2008; however, future additions to the allowance may be necessary based on factors such as changes in client business performance, economic conditions, and changes in real estate values. Management continues to diligently monitor credit quality in the existing portfolio and analyzes potential loan opportunities carefully in order to manage credit risk.



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*Noninterest income.* Noninterest income totaled \$584,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, and was comparable to noninterest income of \$579,000 for nine months ended September 30, 2007. Noninterest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 included \$54,000 net gains on the sales of securities and a \$57,000 increase in service charges on deposit accounts, primarily NSF and other checking account fees, offset by \$77,000 lower net gains on sales of loans due to lower mortgage loan originations and sales in the current year period.

*Noninterest expense.* Noninterest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 decreased \$700,000, or 11.2% and totaled \$5.6 million, compared to \$6.3 million in the prior year period, which included a \$774,000 pre-tax arbitration loss and lease termination expense as previously discussed. The ratio of noninterest expense to average assets improved to 2.68% in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to 3.30% in the prior year period. The efficiency ratio improved to 78.91% during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from 101.11% during the prior year period. Excluding the expenses related to the arbitration loss and lease termination, the ratio of noninterest expense to average assets for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was 2.89%. and the efficiency ratio was 88.64%. The improvement in these ratios during the current period was due to cost control and asset growth. Noninterest expense, excluding the expenses related to the arbitration loss and lease termination, increased only \$74,000, or 1.3%, for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2007, while average assets through September 30, 2008 increased \$23.7 million, or 9.3%, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

*Income taxes.* Income taxes totaled \$244,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to a tax benefit of \$190,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 due to the net loss reported for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

**Critical Accounting Policies**

We follow financial accounting and reporting policies that are in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and conform to general practices within the banking industry. These policies are presented in Note 1 to our audited consolidated financial statements in our 2007 Annual Report to Shareholders incorporated by reference into our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Some of these accounting policies are considered to be critical accounting policies, which are those policies that require management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. Application of assumptions different than those used by management could result in material changes in our financial position or results of operations. We believe that the judgments, estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are appropriate given the factual circumstances at the time.

We have identified accounting policies that are critical accounting policies, and an understanding of these is necessary to understand our financial statements. One critical accounting policy relates to determining the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. The Allowance for Loan Losses Policy provides a thorough, disciplined and consistently applied process that incorporates management's current judgments about the credit quality of the loan portfolio into determination of the allowance for loan losses in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and supervisory guidance. Management estimates the required allowance balance using past loan loss experience, the nature and volume of the portfolio, information about specific borrower situations and estimated collateral values, economic conditions, and other factors. Management believes that an adequate allowance for loan losses has been established. Additional information regarding this policy is included in the previous sections captioned *Provision for Loan Losses* and in the notes to the consolidated financial statements in our 2007 Annual Report to Shareholders incorporated by reference into our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K, Note 1 (Summary of Significant Accounting Policies) and Note 3 (Loans).

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Another critical accounting policy relates to valuation of the deferred tax asset for net operating losses. Net operating losses totaling \$758,000, \$2.7 million and \$433,000 expire in 2023, 2024 and 2025, respectively. No valuation allowance has been recorded against the deferred tax asset for net operating losses because the benefit is more likely than not to be realized. As we continue our strategy to expand into business financial services and focus on growth, the resultant increase in interest-earning assets is expected to increase profitability. Additional information is included in Notes 1 and 13 to our audited consolidated financial statements in our 2007 Annual Report to Shareholders incorporated by reference into our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

In general terms, liquidity is a measurement of ability to meet cash needs. The primary objective in liquidity management is to maintain the ability to meet loan commitments and to repay deposits and other liabilities in accordance with their terms without an adverse impact on current or future earnings. Principal sources of funds are deposits, amortization and prepayments of loans, maturities, sales and principal receipts of securities available for sale, borrowings and operations. While maturities and scheduled amortization of loans are predictable sources of funds, deposit flows and loan prepayments are greatly influenced by general interest rates, economic conditions and competition.

CFBank is required by regulation to maintain sufficient liquidity to ensure its safe and sound operation. Thus, adequate liquidity may vary depending on CFBank's overall asset/liability structure, market conditions, the activities of competitors and the requirements of our own deposit and loan customers. Management believes that CFBank's liquidity is sufficient.

Liquidity management is both a daily and long-term responsibility of management. We adjust our investments in liquid assets, primarily cash, short-term investments and other assets that are widely traded in the secondary market, based on management's assessment of expected loan demand, deposit flows, yields available on interest-earning deposits and securities and the objective of our asset/liability management program. In addition to liquid assets, we have other sources of liquidity available including, but not limited to, access to advances from the FHLB, lines of credit with commercial banks, use of brokered deposits, the ability to obtain deposits by offering above-market interest rates, and CFBank's participation in the CDARS program, as previously discussed in the section captioned *Deposits*. At September 30, 2008, CFBank had unused borrowing capacity with the FHLB and another financial institution of \$29.1 million. Management also believes that the recently announced enhancements to FDIC coverage will encourage deposit growth within the banking industry and promote increased liquidity.

CFBank relies primarily on competitive rates, customer service and relationships with customers to retain deposits. Based on our historical experience with deposit retention and current retention strategies, we believe that, although it is not possible to predict future terms and conditions upon renewal, a significant portion of deposits will remain with CFBank.

At September 30, 2008, CFBank exceeded all of its regulatory capital requirements to be considered well-capitalized with a Tier 1 capital level of \$24.8 million, or 8.9% of adjusted total assets, which exceeds the required level of \$13.9 million, or 5.0%; Tier 1 risk-based capital level of \$24.8 million, or 10.3% of risk-weighted assets, which exceeds the required level of \$14.5 million, or 6.0%; and total risk-based capital of \$27.4 million, or 11.4% of risk-weighted assets, which exceeds the required level of \$24.1 million, or 10.0%.

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CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

*Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.* We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Management, with the participation of our principal executive and financial officers, has evaluated the effectiveness of its disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that, as of the end of such period, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act.

*Changes in internal control over financial reporting.* We made no changes in our internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls in the third quarter of 2008 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II. Other Information**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds****ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

Period	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit)	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
July 1 - 31, 2008	90,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 3.77	90,000	(2)
August 1 - 31, 2008				
September 1 - 30, 2008				

(1) These shares were purchased in a privately negotiated transaction.

(2) This 400,000 share repurchase program was announced on June 26, 2007 and expired on July 30, 2008.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

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3.1*	Certificate of Incorporation
3.2**	Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of the registrant

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3.2***	Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the registrant
4.0*	Form of Common Stock Certificate
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31.1	Rule 13a-14(a) Certifications of the Chief Executive Officer
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32.1	Section 1350 Certifications of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer

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\*\* Incorporated by reference to the Exhibits included with the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-2 No. 333-129315 filed with the Commission on October 28, 2005

\*\*\* Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the registrant's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007



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SIGNATURES

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

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Dated: November 13, 2008

By: /s/ Mark S. Allio  
Mark S. Allio  
Chairman of the Board, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated: November 13, 2008

By: /s/ Therese Ann Liutkus  
Therese Ann Liutkus, CPA  
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

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