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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

FENTURA FINANCIAL, INC. 175 North Leroy Street P.O. Box 725 Fenton, Michigan 48430

The Fentura Financial, Inc. 2008 Annual Shareholders Meeting will be held at the Genesys Conference and Banquet Center, 805 Health Park Boulevard, Grand Blanc, Michigan, Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect three directors; and
- 2. Transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment of the meeting. The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 12, 2008, as the record date for the purpose of determining shareholders who are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting and any adjournment of the meeting.

# BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ronald L. Justice Secretary

Fenton, Michigan March 20, 2008

### **IMPORTANT**

All shareholders are cordially invited to attend the meeting. WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN PERSON, YOU ARE URGED TO DATE AND SIGN THE ENCLOSED PROXY FORM AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY IN THE POSTAGE PAID ENVELOPE PROVIDED. This will assure your representation and a quorum for the transaction of business at the meeting. If you do attend the meeting in person and if you have submitted a proxy form, it will not be necessary for you to vote in person at the meeting. However, if you attend the meeting and wish to change your proxy vote, you will be given an opportunity to do so.

# PROXY STATEMENT FENTURA FINANCIAL, INC.

175 North Leroy Street P.O. Box 725 Fenton, Michigan 48430 Telephone: (810) 750-8725

### ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of Fentura Financial, Inc. (the Corporation ) to be voted at the annual meeting of its shareholders to be held at the Genesys Conference and Banquet Center, 805 Health Park Boulevard, Grand Blanc, Michigan, on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., eastern standard time, and at any adjournment of the meeting, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders. This proxy statement and form of proxy are first being sent to shareholders on or about March 21, 2008.

If a proxy in the accompanying form is properly executed, duly returned to the Corporation, and not revoked, the shares represented by the proxy will be voted at the annual meeting of the Corporation s shareholders and at any adjournment of that meeting. Where a shareholder specifies a choice, a proxy will be voted as specified. If no choice is specified, the shares represented by the proxy will be voted for election of all nominees of the Board of Directors. The Corporation s management does not know of any other matters to be presented at the annual meeting. If other matters are presented, the shares represented by proxy will be voted at the discretion of the persons designated as proxies, who will take into consideration the recommendations of the Corporation s management.

Any shareholder executing a proxy in the enclosed form has the power to revoke it by notifying the Secretary of the Corporation in writing at the address indicated above at any time before it is exercised, or by appearing at the meeting and voting in person.

Solicitation of proxies is being made by mail. Directors, officers, and regular employees of the Corporation and its subsidiaries may also solicit proxies in person or by telephone without additional compensation. In addition, banks, brokerage firms, and other custodians, nominees, and fiduciaries may solicit proxies from the beneficial owners of shares they hold and may be reimbursed by the Corporation for reasonable expenses incurred in sending proxy material to beneficial owners of the Corporation s stock. The Corporation will pay all expenses of soliciting proxies.

### **Boards of Directors**

The names of directors of the Corporation and the subsidiary banks, The State Bank (TSB), Davison State Bank, West Michigan Community Bank, and Livingston Community Bank a division of TSB (the Affiliate Banks), are set forth below.

### FENTURA FINANCIAL, INC.

Forrest A. Shook (Chairman)

President & CEO NLB Corporation

Kenneth R. Elston

Chief Financial Officer *Altair Engineering, Inc.* 

Donald L. Grill

President & CEO Fentura CEO The State Bank

J. David Karr

Owner & Attorney Karr Law Office

Thomas P. McKenney

Owner/President & Attorney McKenney & McKenney

Thomas L. Miller

Owner/President & CEO TMI, Inc.

Brian P. Petty

Owner & President Fenton Glass Service, Inc

Douglas W. Rotman

Partner Ferris, Busscher & Zwiers, P.C.

Ian W. Schonsheck

CEO

Schonsheck, Inc.

Sheryl E. Stephens

Owner & President Stephens Wealth Management Group, Inc. THE STATE BANK (cont.)

Mark T. Hamel

Owner

The French Laundry

Patrick M. Hanniford

Certified Public Accountant Pfeffer, Hanniford, Palka

Dennis E. Leyder

President & COO The State Bank

Victor J. Lukasavitz

President & Senior Partner Gould Engineering, Inc.

Thomas L. Miller

Owner/President & CEO TMI, Inc.

James T. Peabody

Senior Vice President Brown & Brown of Michigan, Inc.- D.B.A. Smith-Peabody-Stiles-Insurance Agency

**Susan Yeotis** 

Owner/Realtor Yeotis Realty Company

**DAVISON STATE BANK** 

J. David Karr (Chairman)

Owner & Attorney Karr Law Office

Thomas G. Donaldson

Vice President McLaren Foundation

Kenneth R. Duetsch

**DAVISON STATE BANK (cont.)** 

Holly J. Pingatore

Senior Vice President Fentura Financial, Inc.

Craig L. Stefanko

Partner & President
DCC Development-Corporation

Sheryl E. Stephens

Owner & President Stephens Wealth Management Group, Inc.

William J. Zirnhelt

Business Manager St. John Evangelical Church

WEST MICHIGAN
COMMUNITY BANK

James A. Wesseling (Chairman)

Senior Partner & Attorney Wesseling & Brackmann, P.C.

Michael A. Byars, M.D.

Partner

Georgetown Physicians, P.C.

James W. Fredricks.

Economic Development Director City of Hudsonville

Donald L. Grill

President & CEO - Fentura CEO - The State Bank

Douglas J. Kelley

Chief Financial Officer Senior Vice President -- Fentura

Richard A. Patmos

THE STATE BANK

Real Estate Broker Red Carpet Keim Co-Owner & President Sunrise Acres, Inc.

Brian P. Petty (Chairman)

Owner & President Fenton Glass Service, Inc.

Kenneth E. Burchfield

Senior Partner & Attorney Burchfield, Park, & Pollesch

Donald L. Grill

President & CEO Fentura CEO The State Bank David H. Fulcher

Chairman

The Fulcher Companies, Inc.

Kevin M. Hammer

Senior Vice President Davison State Bank

Ronald L. Justice

President & CEO
Davison State Bank

Douglas W. Rotman

Partner & Vice President Ferris, Busscher & Zwiers, P.C.

Robert E. Sewick

President & CEO

West Michigan Community Bank

James H. Vander Kolk

President

Royal Plastics, Inc.

WEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY BANK (con t)

Samuel L. Wanner Director of Finance Calvin College

LIVINGSTON COMMUNITY BANK

Kenneth E. Burchfield (Chairman) Senior Partner & Attorney Burchfield, Park, &

Pollesch, PC

Thomas E. Bell, Jr.

President Livingston Community Bank LIVINGSTON COMMUNITY BANK (con't)

Frederick P. Dillingham

Executive Director

Livingston County Economic

Development Council

**Donald L. Grill**President & CEO - Fentura

CEO - The State Bank

Patrick M. Hanniford

Certified Public Accountant Pfeffer, Hanniford, Palka

Steven T. Krause
Owner & President
Best Storage

2008 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

LIVINGSTON COMMUNITY BANK (con't)

Joseph J. Skandalaris, D.O.

Doctor of Internal Medicine
Internal Medical Specialist of

Howell

Roberta S. Balon-Vaughn

Attorney at Law

Of Counsel-Burchfield, Park & Pollesch, PC

Patricia L. Wylie, D.D.S.

Partner and Dentist Family Dental Care, PLLC

The only matter scheduled to be considered at the annual meeting will be the election of three persons to the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The Corporation s Board of Directors is divided into three classes. Each year, on a rotating basis, the terms of office of the directors in one of the three classes expire. Directors are elected for a three year term. The directors whose terms expire at the annual meeting ( Class II Directors ) are Kenneth R. Elston, Thomas L. Miller and Ian W. Schonsheck. The Board has nominated these same individuals for reelection as Class II Directors. If elected, the terms of these directors will expire at the 2011 annual meeting of shareholders.

Except for those individuals nominated by the Board of Directors, no persons may be nominated for election at the 2008 annual meeting. The Corporation s Bylaws require at least 120 days prior written notice of any other proposed shareholder nominations and no such notice has been received.

The proposed nominees are willing to be elected and to serve. In the event that any nominee is unable to serve or is otherwise unavailable for election, which is not now contemplated the incumbent Board of Directors may or may not select a substitute nominee. If a substitute nominee is selected, all proxies will be voted for the person so selected. If a substitute nominee is not so selected, all proxies will be voted for the remaining nominee. Proxies will not be voted for a greater number of persons than the number of nominees named.

A vote of shareholders holding a plurality of shares voting is required to elect directors. For the purpose of counting votes on this proposal, abstentions, broker nonvotes, and other shares not voted will not be counted as shares voted. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present.

### **The Nomination Process**

Director nominees are considered and must be recommended to the full Board by the Director Selection Committee, whose members are independent under SEC and NASDAQ Standards. When considering a potential candidate for membership on the Corporation s Board, the Committee seeks to identify candidates who will meet the challenges and needs of the Board. The Committee considers, among other qualifications, demonstrated character and judgment, diversity, geographic representation,

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professional credentials, recognition in the marketplace, and experience in business and the financial industry. The Committee has not established specific minimum age, education, and years of business experience or specific types of skills for potential candidates, but, in general, expects qualified candidates will have ample experience and a proven record of business success and leadership. In general, the Board requires that each of its members will have the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and values; will consistently exercise sound and objective business judgment; and will have a comfort with diversity in its broadest sense. In addition, it is anticipated that the Board as a whole will have individuals with significant appropriate senior management and leadership experience, a comfort with technology, a long-term and strategic perspective, and the ability to advance constructive debate. It is considered important for the Board as a whole to operate in an atmosphere where the chemistry of the Board is collaborative and constructive in effectively representing the interests of the shareholders.

The Committee will consider shareholder nominations for directors submitted in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 15(c) of the Corporation s Bylaws. The procedure provides that a notice relating to the nomination must be given in writing to the Corporation not later than 120 days prior to the annual meeting. Such notice must contain identification information, business experience and background information with respect to the proposed nominee and contain information with respect to the proposed nominee s share ownership. There are no differences in the manner in which the Committee evaluates a candidate that is recommended for nomination for membership on the Corporation s Board by a shareholder. As noted, the Board has not received any recommended nominations from any of the Corporation s shareholders in connection with the annual meeting.

Upon receipt of information concerning a shareholder proposed candidate, the Committee assesses the Board s needs, primarily whether or not there is a current or pending vacancy or a possible need to fulfill by adding or replacing a director, and then develops a director profile by comparing the current state of Board characteristics with the desired state and the candidate s qualifications. The profile and the candidate s submitted information are provided to the Board for discussion. Similarly, if at any time the Committee determines there may be a need to add or replace a director, the Committee develops a director profile by comparing the current state of Board characteristics with the desired state. If no candidates are apparent from any source, the Committee will determine the appropriate method to conduct a search. The Committee has, to date, not paid any third party fee to assist in identifying and evaluating nominees.

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR ELECTION OF ALL NOMINEES AS DIRECTORS

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### STOCK OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

### Stock Ownership of Directors, Executive Officers and Certain Major Shareholders

At the close of business on March 12, 2008, the record date for determination of the shareholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting, the Corporation had issued and outstanding 2,168,007 shares of its common stock, the only class of voting securities presently outstanding. Each share entitles its holder to one vote on each matter to be voted upon at the meeting.

In general, beneficial ownership includes those shares a director or officer has the power to vote or transfer, and stock options that are exercisable currently or within 60 days. The table below shows the beneficial stock ownership of the Corporation s directors and executive officers named in the summary compensation table below and those shareholders who hold more than 5% of the total outstanding shares as of March 12, 2008.

	Shares	Percent
Name of	Beneficially	of
Beneficial Owner	Owned <sup>(1)</sup>	Outstanding <sup>(2)</sup>
Kenneth R. Elston (Director)	2,320(3)	*
Donald L. Grill (Director, Executive Officer)	13,674(3)(5)	*
Ronald L. Justice (Executive Officer)	5,359(3)(5)	*
J. David Karr (Director)	3,843(3)	*
Douglas J. Kelley (Executive Officer)	1,068(5)	*
Dennis E. Leyder (Executive Officer)	1,547(5)	*
Thomas P. McKenney (Director)	4,432(3)(4)	*
Thomas L. Miller (Director)	3,891	*
Brian P. Petty (Director)	17,029(3)(4)	*
Holly J. Pingatore (Executive Officer)	2,005(3)(5)	*
Douglas W. Rotman	766	*
Robert E. Sewick (Executive Officer)	4,617 <sub>(5)</sub>	*
Ian W. Schonsheck (Director)	3,966	*
Forrest A. Shook (Director)	36,103(4)	1.67%
Sheryl E. Stephens	719(3)	*
Donald E. Johnson, Jr. <sup>(6)</sup>	220,836	10.19%
Mary Alice Heaton <sup>(6)</sup>	113,583	5.24%
Linda J. Lemieux <sup>(6)</sup>	111,631	5.15%
Directors and Executive Officers as a group (15 persons)	101,339	4.67%

shares in this
column includes
shares owned
directly or
indirectly,
through any
contract,
arrangement,
understanding
or relationship,
or that the
indicated
beneficial owner

otherwise has

(1) The number of

the power to vote, or direct the voting of, and/or has investment power. This includes shares allocated to the person under the Corporation s **Employee Stock** Ownership Plan (ESOP). Due to a change in plan administrators, the actual allocation of such shares is not currently available, and the allocation of shares has been estimated based on prior year allocations. This column includes shares that may be acquired pursuant to stock options that are exercisable within 60 days.

- (2) The symbol \* shown in this column indicates ownership of less than 1%.
- (3) Ownership and voting rights of all shares are joint with spouse or individually held.
- (4) Includes 1,336 shares for

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Mr. Petty and 668 shares for Mr. McKenney and Mr. Shook that may be acquired pursuant to stock options that are exercisable within 60 days.

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(5) Includes 5,107 shares for Mr. Grill, 2,104 shares for Mr. Justice, 732

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shares for

Mr. Kelley,

1,135 shares for

Mr. Leyder,

1,523 shares for

Ms. Pingatore,

and 2,803 shares

for Mr. Sewick

that may be

acquired

pursuant to

stock options

that are

exercisable

within 60 days.

(6) Each person s address is: SNB

Trust

Operations, 101

North

Washington

Avenue,

Saginaw,

Michigan

48607.

### THE CORPORATION S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Biographical information concerning the current directors and the nominees who are nominated for election to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting is presented below. Except as otherwise indicated, all directors and nominees have had the same principal employment for over five years.

### Nominees for 3-Year Terms Expiring in 2011

*Kenneth R. Elston*, age 47, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Corporation, effective September, 2005. Mr. Elston is a Class II Director. Mr. Elston is Chief Financial Officer for Altair Engineering, Inc. in Troy, Michigan. Altair is an international engineering company offering enterprise CAE solutions, grid computing technology, business intelligence software and product innovation consulting. Mr. Elston, a CPA, serves as the Chairman of the Corporation s Audit Committee.

*Thomas L. Miller*, age 58, was appointed as a Class II Director of the Corporation in June, 2003. He is the CEO and founder of TMI, Inc., a company that specializes in the design and fabrication of large air handling units for various industrial applications. Mr. Miller also serves as a Director of The State Bank.

*Ian W. Schonsheck*, age 54, was appointed as a Class II Director of the Corporation in June, 2003. Mr. Schonsheck served as a Director of West Michigan Community Bank from 2004 to 2006. He is the CEO of Schonsheck, Inc., a company he founded in 1985. Schonsheck, Inc. is a design, construction and land development company that specializes in industrial and commercial buildings, expansions and renovations.

# **Directors with Terms Expiring in 2010**

*J. David Karr*, age 69, serves as a Director and Chairman of Davison State Bank and was appointed as a Director of the Corporation effective January 2001. Mr. Karr is a Class I Director. Mr. Karr is an attorney with a private practice located in Davison, Michigan.

Thomas P. McKenney, age 56, has been a Director of the Corporation since 1992 and was a Director of The State Bank from 1991 to 2003, serving as Chairman of The State Bank s Board from 2001 to 2003. Mr. McKenney was appointed Vice Chairman of the Corporation in May, 2003. Mr. McKenney is a Class I Director. Mr. McKenney is an attorney with a private practice located in Holly, Michigan.

*Brian P. Petty*, age 50, was reappointed a Director of the Corporation effective September, 2002. Mr. Petty previously served as a Director of the Corporation from March of 1995 to December of 2000. Mr. Petty has served as a Director of The State Bank since January of 1994 and has served as Chairman since 2003. Mr. Petty is a Class I Director. Mr. Petty is the owner and President of Fenton Glass Service, Inc., which sells and installs glass for automobile, residential, industrial and specialty uses.

# **Directors with Terms Expiring in 2009**

*Donald L. Grill*, age 60, has been a Director of the Corporation and The State Bank since 1996. Mr. Grill is a Class III Director. Mr. Grill joined the Corporation as President and Chief Executive

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Officer in 1996. From 1976-1983, Mr. Grill served as Executive Officer and Senior Lender at Key State Bank in Owosso, Michigan. From 1983-1996, Mr. Grill served in several capacities at First of America Bank Corporation including President and Chief Executive Officer of First of America Bank-Frankenmuth. Mr. Grill also serves as a Director of West Michigan Community Bank and Livingston Community Bank.

Douglas W. Rotman, age 43, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Corporation, effective May, 2007. He has served on the Board of West Michigan Community Bank since 2004. Mr. Rotman is a Class III Director. Mr. Rotman is a CPA, partner and Vice President at the accounting firm of Ferris, Busscher, & Zwiers, P.C. located in Holland, Michigan.

Forrest A. Shook, age 65, has been a Director since 1996 and served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Corporation from 1997 to May, 2003. Mr. Shook was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Corporation in May, 2003. He was a member of The State Bank Board from 1996 through 2000 and served as its Vice Chairman from 1997 through 2000. Mr. Shook is a Class III Director. Mr. Shook is the founder and President & CEO of NLB Corporation located in Wixom, Michigan. NLB Corporation manufactures high pressure pumps that are used around the world in many applications.

Sheryl E. Stephens, age 51, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Corporation, effective May, 2007. She has served on the Board of Davison State Bank since 2005. Ms. Stephens is a Class III Director. Ms. Stephens is a Financial Consultant and President of Stephens Wealth Management Group, Inc. located in Flint, Michigan. The firm is a full service financial planning and investment advisory firm offering securities through Raymond James Financial Services, Inc.

# **Independence of Directors and Attendance at Meetings**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation is composed of a majority of independent directors (as independence is defined in Rule 4200(a) (15) of the NASDAQ Listing Standards). The Board has determined that each of Messrs. Elston, Karr, McKenney, Miller, Petty, Rotman, Schonsheck, and Shook and Ms. Stephens are independent. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, the Board of Directors of the Corporation held a total of 11 regular meetings. Various committees of the Board held meetings as needed. Each director attended at least 75 percent of the total meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the committees on which he or she served. The Corporation also encourages all members of the Board to attend the Corporation s annual meeting of shareholders each year. All members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation attended the Corporation s 2007 annual meeting.

# Communication with the Corporation s Board of Directors

Shareholders may communicate with members of the Corporation s Board by mail addressed to the Board of Directors, a specific member of the Board, or to a particular committee of the Board at 175 North Leroy Street, P.O. Box 725, Fenton, Michigan 48430-0725.

# **Director Compensation**

The Corporation and Affiliate Bank directors are compensated in three ways: cash retainer fees, stock options and participation in stock purchase plans. Each director of the Corporation is paid an annual retainer fee. In 2007, the annual retainer was \$12,000. The Chairman of the Board receives an additional annual \$2,000 retainer fee. The Chairman of the Audit Committee receives an additional \$500 for each Audit Committee meeting attended and the remaining Audit Committee members receive \$250 for attending each Audit Committee meeting. Directors of the Corporation who also serve on Affiliate Bank Boards receive additional compensation because of their Affiliate Bank Board service.

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Stock option grants are available to directors who are not employees of the Corporation under the 1996 Nonemployee Director Stock Option Plan. However, no options were granted to directors during the year 2007. Exercisable stock options issued in prior years are included in the table and footnotes which appear on page 5.

Directors of the Corporation and the Affiliate Banks may also use director cash retainer fees to purchase shares of the Corporation issued by the Corporation at fair market value under the Corporation s Director Stock Retainer Plan. Directors may also use other personal funds or cash retainer fees to purchase shares under the Fentura Financial, Inc. Stock Purchase Plan. This plan permits all employees of the Corporation and Affiliate Banks, as well as directors, to purchase shares at fair market value through regular payroll or fee deductions and also through lump sum payments. The maximum annual dollar amount of purchases per individual through payroll or fee deductions is \$10,000 and the maximum annual dollar amount of lump sum purchases is also \$10,000, for a total annual maximum of \$20,000.

# 2007 DIRECTOR COMPENSATION (\$)

Change in

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		Value and					
	Fees						
	Earned	Nonqualified					
	or	Non-Equity Deferred All Other					
		Incentive					
	Paid in	Stock Option Plan Compensation Compensation					
Name	<b>Cash</b> (1)	Awards Awards Compensation Earnings (2)	Total				
Kenneth R. Elston	\$13,500		\$13,500				
J. David Karr	\$11,300	\$ 4,800	\$16,100				
Thomas P.							
McKenney	\$12,000		\$12,000				
Thomas L. Miller	\$13,000		\$13,000				
Brian P. Petty	\$11,000	\$ 10,000	\$21,000				
Douglas W. Rotman	\$ 9,000	\$ 10,000	\$19,000				
Ian W. Schonsheck	\$12,000		\$12,000				
Forrest A. Shook	\$14,000		\$14,000				
Sheryl E. Stephens	\$ 9,000	\$ 4,800	\$13,800				

(1) Amounts for Messrs. Elston, Petty, and Miller include fees paid as members of the Audit Committee for each meeting attended. As Chairman, Mr. Shook receives an additional retainer fee.

(2)

Amounts include retainer fees paid by a subsidiary Bank for serving on their Board.

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#### **Code of Ethics**

Fentura Financial, Inc. is dedicated to upholding the highest ethical standards and principles throughout our operations. Our Code of Ethics is a product of our commitment to comply with the law and to conduct business ethically while reinforcing values of trust, respect, dignity, and honesty which form the foundation for our relationships with our shareholders, employees, and customers. The Corporation s Board of Directors reaffirmed its Code of Ethics on February 28, 2008. The Code details principles and responsibilities governing professional and ethical conduct for all directors and officers of the Corporation and its Affiliate Banks. Any changes or waivers to the Code of Ethics will be promptly disclosed in our SEC filings.

Going beyond the legal requirements for corporate ethics, we require all members of management to sign our Code and to conduct themselves consistent with its requirements. Additionally, the Boards of the Corporation and each Affiliate Bank and all Board Committees are chaired by an independent outside director and, at each Board and Audit Committee session, our outside directors reserve time for discussions without management or management directors present. Another example of the Corporation s commitment to ethical conduct is its support of the Internal Audit Function. Previously outsourced, Internal Audit returned to an in house function in 2006 to strengthen the risk-based annual audit program, including incorporating testing consistent with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act Section 404, which the Corporation was required to comply with by December 31, 2007.

# **Committees of the Corporation Board**

The Corporation maintains the following standing committees: Executive, Forward Planning, Director Selection, Audit, and Compensation/ESOP.

### **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee, which met three times in 2007, consists of Messrs. Grill, McKenney, and Shook. This Committee reviews in depth the status and progress of various projects, management activities and the Corporation s financial performance. As necessary, it provides guidance and makes recommendations to management and/or the Board of Directors.

### **Forward Planning Committee**

The Forward Planning Committee consists of Messrs. Grill, Miller, and Schonsheck. This Committee evaluates and recommends strategic initiatives and alternatives to guide the future performance and direction of the Corporation. All Forward Planning matters during 2007 were considered by the full Board at regular Board meetings.

### **Director Selection Committee**

The Corporation s Director Selection Committee consists of Messrs. McKenney, Miller and Shook. This Committee coordinates the process of identifying, interviewing and recommending new director candidates. In reviewing director selections, the Committee will consider recommendations of shareholders. Shareholders who wish to recommend nominees should submit their recommendations in writing, delivered or mailed to the Secretary of the Corporation. The Director Selection Committee met one time during 2007. The Director Selection Committee adopted a charter on November 30, 2006, a copy of which is available on the Corporation s website at <a href="https://www.fentura.com">www.fentura.com</a>.

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#### **Audit Committee**

During 2007 the Corporation s Audit Committee consisted of Messrs. Elston, Miller and Petty, and the Audit Committee chairpersons of each Affiliate Bank Audit Committee s as ex-officio members. The Audit Committee oversees the Corporation s corporate accounting, financial reporting and internal audit processes. For this purpose, the Audit Committee performs several functions. For example, the Audit Committee evaluates the performance of and assesses the qualifications of the independent auditors; appoints and approves the compensation of the independent auditors; determines whether to retain or terminate the existing independent auditors or to appoint and engage new independent auditors; reviews the annual internal risk based audit plan and approves the retention of auditors to perform portions of the internal audit functions and services which the independent auditors are not permitted to perform; reviews the financial statements to be included in the Corporation s Annual Report on Form 10-K; and discusses with management and the independent auditors the results of the annual audit and the results of the Corporation s quarterly financial statements.

Mr. Elston has been designated by the Board as the Audit Committee s financial expert. Mr. Elston is independent as defined in Rule 4200(a) (15) of the NASDAQ listing standards.

The Audit Committee is guided by an Audit Committee Charter, which is available on the Corporation s website at www.fentura.com. All of the members of the Audit Committee are independent, as defined in Rule 4200(a) of the NASDAQ Listing Standards. During 2007, the Audit Committee held four meetings. On March 27, 2008, the Audit Committee submitted to the Board the following report:

# Report of Audit Committee

We have reviewed and discussed with management the Corporation s audited financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007.

We have discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, Communication with Audit Committees, as amended, by the Auditing Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

We have received and reviewed the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by Independence Standard No. 1, Independence Discussions with Audit Committees, as amended, by the Independence Standards Board, and have discussed with the auditors the auditors independence.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, we recommend to the Board of Directors that the financial statements referred to above be included in the Corporation s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Respectfully submitted, Audit Committee Kenneth R. Elston Brian P. Petty Douglas W. Rotman

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### **Compensation/ESOP Committee**

The members of the Compensation/ESOP Committee are Messrs. Karr, Petty and Shook. This Committee oversees the administration of the Corporation's compensation and benefit programs. The Committee met two times during 2007. The Compensation/ESOP Committee adopted a charter on November 30, 2006, which is available on the Corporation's website at <a href="https://www.fentura.com">www.fentura.com</a>. The performance of the CEO and all Compensation/ESOP Committee items were reviewed by the committee and approved by the full Board.

### Report of Compensation/ESOP Committee

We have reviewed and discussed with management the Corporation s Compensation Discussion & Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K. Based upon our review and discussions, we recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion & Analysis be included in the Corporation s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 and the Corporation s 2008 proxy statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Year 2007 Compensation/ESOP Committee

J. David Karr

Brian P. Petty

Forrest A. Shook

### COMPENSATION/ESOP COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS

The members of the Compensation Committee are set forth in the preceding section. There are no members of the Compensation Committee who were officers or employees of the Corporation, former officers of the Corporation or its subsidiaries or had any relationship otherwise requiring disclosure here.

# EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION COMPENSATION DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

During 2007, the Corporation did not compensate any of its executive officers, each of whom was also an executive officer of one of the Affiliate Banks and is paid for services by an Affiliate Bank following the corporate guidelines described below.

Role and Composition of the Committee

The Compensation Committee discharges the Board's responsibilities relating to compensation of the Company's executive officers, including reviewing the competitiveness of executive compensation programs, evaluating the performance of the Company's executive officers, and approving their annual compensation and equity awards. The Committee also assists the CEO in establishing annual goals and objectives and, after considering the results of the CEO performance review, recommends CEO compensation to the Board for approval. The specific responsibilities and functions of the Compensation Committee are delineated in the Compensation Committee Charter.

The Compensation Committee has three members. Each Committee members meets the independence requirements established by NASDAQ.

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Under its Charter, the Compensation Committee has the authority to retain outside services to assist it in carrying out its duties and responsibilities. No initiatives or actions required the Committee to execute this authority in 2007. However, management used outside services provided by the legal firm Howard & Howard to assist with certain human resource issues and the Committee reviewed their recommendations.

Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

All of our compensation programs are designed to attract and retain key employees, motivating them to achieve and rewarding them for superior performance. Different programs are geared to short and longer-term performance with the goal of increasing shareholder value over the long term. Executive compensation programs impact all employees by setting general levels of compensation and helping to create an environment of goals, rewards and expectations. Because we believe the performance of every employee is important to our success, we are mindful of the effect of executive compensation and incentive programs on all of our employees.

We believe that the compensation of our executives should reflect their success as a management team, rather than individuals, in attaining key operating objectives, such as growth of earnings, return on equity, net interest margin, and operating efficiency. We believe that the performance of the executives in managing our Company, considered in light of general economic and specific Company, industry, and competitive conditions, should be the basis for determining their overall compensation. We believe that compensation based on management s success in achieving Company goals will, in the long-term, positively impact our stock performance.

The Company achieves these objectives through a compensation philosophy that provides employees with a distinctive overall compensation package. Outstanding performers have the opportunity to earn competitive compensation over the long-term through a pay-for-performance approach. The programs are designed to provide executives with competitive base salary and bonus compensation with a significant portion of total compensation at risk, tied both to individual and Company performance, and the creation of shareholder value. *Components of Executive Compensation* 

The components of the compensation program for executive officers are described below.

Base Salary. Base salaries are determined based on a variety of factors, including the executive s scope of responsibilities, a market competitive assessment of similar roles at other companies, and a comparison of salaries paid to peers within the Company. Base salaries are set at levels that allow the Company to attract and retain superior leaders that will enable the Company to deliver on its business goals. Base salaries are reviewed once each year and may be adjusted after considering the above factors.

The CEO will make recommendations for base salaries for each executive officer, excluding the CEO. When setting the base salaries for executive officers, excluding the CEO, the Committee considers recommendations from the CEO and makes a final determination based on the factors listed above and the executive officer s performance during the year.

Bonus. Executives have the opportunity to earn a bonus ranging from 30% to 45% of their base salary. Bonuses are determined based upon a combination of quantative measures, the details of which are established annually by the Board of Directors.

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**Executive Benefits** 

In fiscal year 2007, Fentura s executives were eligible for the same level and offering of benefits made available to other employees, including the Company s 401(k) Plan and other benefit programs. In addition to the standard benefits offered to all employees, Fentura maintains non-qualified deferred compensation plans for certain executives. Effective January 1, 2006, Fentura modified certain non-qualified deferred compensation plans to comply with certain IRS requirements. Fentura s contributions to the non-qualified deferred compensation plans are further discussed in the supplementary retirement benefit section of the proxy information.

How Executive Pay Levels are Determined

Fentura participates in executive compensation benchmarking surveys that provide summarized data on levels of base salary, target annual incentives, and stock-based and other long-term incentives. These surveys also provide benchmark information on compensation practices such as the prevalence of types of compensation plans and the proportion of the types of pay components as part of the total compensation package. These surveys are supplemented by other publicly available information and input from trade associations on other factors such as recent market trends. The entire comparison group includes banks from Michigan and the Midwest. The Company does not customarily use consultants in establishing executive compensation. The Committee uses formal performance plans that ascribe performance expectations to the components of executive officer compensation, including salary and bonus. Information about the Company s severance arrangements is provided on pages 18 through 20. *How Stock-Based Awards are Determined* 

In 2007, no stock-based awards were granted to executive officers. However, generally the level of usage is determined based on factors such as compensation levels at comparison companies relative to Fentura s target total compensation levels and the desired mix of cash and equity pay. Each year, the Committee and management determine the appropriate usage, balancing these factors against the projected needs of the business as well as financial considerations, including the projected impact on shareholder dilution. The Company emphasizes differentiation in the executive stock compensation and broad based stock award program. *Compensation for the Chief Executive Officer* 

The independent members of the Board approve the compensation of Donald L. Grill, President and Chief Executive Officer. The Committee recommends salary and bonus amounts to the Board. Mr. Grill s salary and total compensation are considered competitive with industry averages. Mr. Grill s bonus was determined by the independent members of the Board based on an evaluation of his performance against his annual performance plan, including achievement of Company performance objectives, achievement of major market development activities, progress in improving internal efficiency, progress in business growth initiatives, and development of senior leadership. The Summary Compensation Table sets forth all compensation received by Mr. Grill during the fiscal year 2007. He is eligible for a Company sponsored supplemental retirement program and the Company s 401(k) and ESOP program. Mr. Grill does have a change of control agreement. He may be eligible for severance under the Company s executive severance plan.

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The following tables show the compensation for services to Affiliate Banks of the principal executive officer, principal financial officer and the four highest paid corporate executive officers who received total compensation in excess of \$100,000 for the year 2007.

# SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE (\$)

			Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified					
Name and Principal  Position	Year Salary		Bonus (1)	Option Compensation Awards Earnings (2) (3)		All Other Compensation (4)		Total
Donald L. Grill President & CEO of the Corporation and CEO of The State Bank	2007 2006	\$244,363 \$234,965	\$ 4,676 \$ 63,762		\$ 61,335 \$ 55,075	\$ \$	16,900 12,038	\$327,274 \$365,840
Douglas J. Kelley Senior Vice President	2007 2006	\$118,155 \$108,283	\$ 1,759 \$ 22,855			\$	9,818	\$129,732