

WESBANCO INC  
Form 8-K  
December 08, 2008

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

December 8, 2008 (December 5, 2008)

## WesBanco, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

West Virginia  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

0-8467  
(Commission File Number)

55-0571723  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**1 Bank Plaza, Wheeling, WV**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**26003**  
(Zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (304) 234-9000**

**Former name or former address, if changed since last report: Not Applicable**

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- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 5, 2008, WesBanco, Inc. (the Company ) entered into a Letter Agreement (the Purchase Agreement ) with the United States Department of the Treasury ( Treasury ), pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell (i) 75,000 shares of the Company s Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A (the Series A Preferred Stock ) and (ii) a warrant (the Warrant ) to purchase 439,282 shares of the Company s common stock, par value \$2.0833 per share (the Common Stock ), for an aggregate purchase price of \$75,000,000 in cash. The Purchase Agreement is attached as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Series A Preferred Stock will qualify as Tier 1 capital and will pay cumulative dividends at a rate of 5% per annum for the first five years, and 9% per annum thereafter. The Series A Preferred Stock may be redeemed by the Company after three years. Prior to the end of three years, the Series A Preferred Stock may be redeemed by the Company only with proceeds from the sale of qualifying equity securities of the Company (a Qualified Equity Offering ). The restrictions on redemption are set forth in the Certificate of Designations described in Item 5.03 below.

The Warrant has a 10-year term and is immediately exercisable upon its issuance, with an exercise price, subject to anti-dilution adjustments, equal to \$25.61 per share of the Common Stock. The Warrant is attached as Exhibit 4.2 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

If the Company receives aggregate gross cash proceeds of not less than \$75,000,000 from Qualified Equity Offerings on or prior to December 31, 2009, the number of shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to Treasury s exercise of the Warrant will be reduced by one half of the original number of shares, taking into account all adjustments, underlying the Warrant. Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, Treasury has agreed not to exercise voting power with respect to any shares of Common Stock issued upon exercise of the Warrant.

The Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant were issued in a private placement exempt from registration pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Upon the request of Treasury at any time, the Company has agreed to promptly enter into a deposit arrangement pursuant to which the Series A Preferred Stock may be deposited and depositary shares ( Depositary Shares ), representing fractional shares of Series A Preferred Stock, may be issued. The Company has agreed to register the Series A Preferred Stock, the Warrant, the shares of Common Stock underlying the Warrant (the Warrant Shares ) and Depositary Shares, if any, as soon as practicable after the date of the issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant. Neither the Series A Preferred Stock nor the Warrant will be subject to any contractual restrictions on transfer, except that Treasury may only transfer or exercise an aggregate of one-half of the Warrant Shares prior to the earlier of the redemption of 100% of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock and December 31, 2009.

In the Purchase Agreement, the Company agreed that, until such time as Treasury ceases to own any debt or equity securities of the Company acquired pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, the Company will take all necessary action to ensure that its benefit plans with respect to its senior executive officers comply with Section 111(b) of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (the EESA ) as implemented by any guidance or regulation under the EESA that has been issued and is in effect as of the date of issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant, and has agreed to not adopt any benefit plans with respect to, or which covers, its senior executive officers that do not comply with the EESA, and the applicable executives have consented to the foregoing.

**Item 3.02. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.**

The information set forth under Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement is incorporated by reference into this Item 3.02.

**Item 3.03. Material Modification to Rights of Securityholders.**

Upon issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock on December 5, 2008, the ability of the Company to declare or pay dividends or distributions on, or purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire for consideration, shares of its Junior Stock (as defined below) and Parity Stock (as defined below) will be subject to restrictions, including the Company's restriction against increasing dividends from the last quarterly cash dividend per share of \$0.28 declared on the Common Stock prior to October 14, 2008. The redemption, purchase or other acquisition of trust preferred securities of the Company or its affiliates also will be restricted. These restrictions will terminate on the earlier of (a) the third anniversary of the date of issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock and (b) the date on which the Series A Preferred Stock has been redeemed in whole or Treasury has transferred all of the Series A Preferred Stock to third parties. The restrictions described in this paragraph are set forth in the Purchase Agreement.

In addition, pursuant to the Certificate of Designations, the ability of the Company to declare or pay dividends or distributions on, or repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire for consideration, shares of its Junior Stock and Parity Stock will be subject to restrictions in the event that the Company fails to declare and pay full dividends (or declare and set aside a sum sufficient for payment thereof) on its Series A Preferred Stock. These restrictions are set forth in the Certificate of Designations described in Item 5.03.

Junior Stock means the Common Stock and any other class or series of stock of the Company the terms of which expressly provide that it ranks junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend rights and/or rights on liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company. Parity Stock means any class or series of stock of the Company the terms of which do not expressly provide that such class or series will rank senior or junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend rights and/or rights on liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company (in each case without regard to whether dividends accrue cumulatively or non-cumulatively).

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

The information concerning executive compensation set forth under Item. 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

**Item 5.03. Amendment to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On December 5, 2008, the Company filed a Certificate of Designations (the Certificate of Designations ) with the West Virginia Secretary of State for the purpose of amending its Certificate of Incorporation to fix the designations, preferences, limitations and relative rights of the Series A Preferred Stock. The Series A Preferred Stock has a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share. The Certificate of Designations is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

The Company issued a press release dated December 5, 2008 to announce the issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock and Warrant to the Treasury. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description of Exhibit</b>                                |
|--------------------|--|
| 3.1                | Certificate of Designations for the Series A Preferred Stock |
| 4.1                | Form of Certificate for the Series A Preferred Stock         |
| 4.2                | Warrant for Purchase of Shares of Common Stock               |

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- 10.1 Letter Agreement, dated December 5, 2008, between the Company and United States Department of the Treasury, with respect to the issuance and sale of the Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant
- 99.1 Press Release of WesBanco, Inc. dated December 5, 2008.

SIGNATURE

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

Dated: December 8, 2008

WESBANCO, INC.

By: /s/ Robert H. Young  
Robert H. Young  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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