

WESBANCO INC  
Form 425  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): January 5, 2018

WesBanco, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

West Virginia                      000-08467                      55-0571723  
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer  
of incorporation)                      Identification No.)

1 Bank Plaza, Wheeling, WV                      26003  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).    Emerging growth company.

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

WesBanco, Inc. issued a press release announcing that the Company's financial results for the fourth quarter of 2017 will be released after the market close on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Management will also host a conference call to discuss the Company's financial results for the fourth quarter of 2017 on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. ET.

The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

d) Exhibits – 99.1 - Press release announcing the scheduled release of fourth quarter 2017 earnings and conference call.

Information About the Merger and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed merger with First Sentry Bancshares, Inc. ("First Sentry"), WesBanco filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 which was declared effective on January 5, 2018, that includes a Proxy Statement of First Sentry and a Prospectus of WesBanco, as well as other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction. **SHAREHOLDERS OF FIRST SENTRY AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE MERGER AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** The Proxy Statement/Prospectus will be mailed to shareholders of First Sentry prior to the First Sentry shareholder meeting, which is scheduled for February 9, 2018. In addition, the Registration Statement on Form S-4, which includes the Proxy Statements/Prospectus, and other related documents filed by WesBanco with the SEC, may be obtained for free at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>, on the NASDAQ website at <http://www.nasdaq.com> and from WesBanco's website at <http://www.wesbanco.com>.

Participants in the Solicitation

WesBanco and First Sentry and their respective executive officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of First Sentry in connection with the proposed merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of WesBanco is set forth in the proxy statement for WesBanco's 2017 annual meeting of shareholders, as filed with the SEC on March 14, 2017. Information about any other persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be considered participants in the solicitation of First Sentry shareholders in connection with the proposed merger is included in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus. You can obtain free copies of these documents from the SEC or WesBanco using the website information above. This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

**FIRST SENTRY SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED MERGER.**

SIGNATURE

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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.

WesBanco, Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date: January 5, 2018 /s/ Robert H. Young  
Robert H. Young  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer