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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2017

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana	0-11487	35-1559596
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

202 East Center Street, P.O. Box 1387, Warsaw, Indiana 46581 1387
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

(574) 267 6144
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

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

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

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Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer (do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company 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.

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

Number of shares of common stock outstanding at April 30, 2017: 25,183,425

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ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands except share data)

	March 31, 2017 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2016
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 89,864	\$ 142,408
Short-term investments	21,719	24,872
Total cash and cash equivalents	111,583	167,280
Securities available for sale (carried at fair value)	528,031	504,191
Real estate mortgage loans held for sale	3,869	5,915
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$43,774 and \$43,718	3,488,505	3,427,209
Land, premises and equipment, net	53,212	52,092
Bank owned life insurance	74,491	74,006
Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank stock	11,522	11,522
Accrued interest receivable	11,886	11,687
Goodwill	4,970	4,970
Other assets	31,034	31,153
Total assets	\$ 4,319,103	\$ 4,290,025
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Noninterest bearing deposits	\$ 762,575	\$ 819,803
Interest bearing deposits	2,916,822	2,758,109
Total deposits	3,679,397	3,577,912
Short-term borrowings		
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	59,776	50,045
Other short-term borrowings	85,000	180,000
Total short-term borrowings	144,776	230,045
Long-term borrowings	30	32
Subordinated debentures	30,928	30,928
Accrued interest payable	5,901	5,676
Other liabilities	20,869	18,365
Total liabilities	3,881,901	3,862,958
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common stock: 90,000,000 shares authorized, no par value		
25,180,759 shares issued and 25,017,691 outstanding as of March 31, 2017		
25,096,087 shares issued and 24,937,865 outstanding as of December 31, 2016	104,532	104,405
Retained earnings	337,616	327,873
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(1,902)	(2,387)
Treasury stock, at cost (2017 - 163,068 shares, 2016 - 158,222 shares)	(3,133)	(2,913)
Total stockholders' equity	437,113	426,978
Noncontrolling interest	89	89

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Total equity	437,202	427,067
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 4,319,103	\$ 4,290,025

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (unaudited - in thousands except share and per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
NET INTEREST INCOME		
Interest and fees on loans		
Taxable	\$34,447	\$29,630
Tax exempt	150	111
Interest and dividends on securities		
Taxable	2,320	2,546
Tax exempt	1,162	895
Interest on short-term investments	48	28
Total interest income	38,127	33,210
Interest on deposits	5,442	4,195
Interest on borrowings		
Short-term	310	147
Long-term	314	286
Total interest expense	6,066	4,628
NET INTEREST INCOME	32,061	28,582
Provision for loan losses	200	0
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	31,861	28,582
NONINTEREST INCOME		
Wealth advisory fees	1,250	1,160
Investment brokerage fees	321	288
Service charges on deposit accounts	3,143	2,780
Loan, insurance and service fees	1,893	1,838
Merchant card fee income	538	497
Bank owned life insurance income	471	173
Other income	509	(72)
Mortgage banking income	131	327
Net securities gains	3	52
Total noninterest income	8,259	7,043
NONINTEREST EXPENSE		
Salaries and employee benefits	11,421	9,605
Net occupancy expense	1,120	1,096
Equipment costs	1,075	901
Data processing fees and supplies	2,016	2,032
Corporate and business development	1,502	857
FDIC insurance and other regulatory fees	434	523
Professional fees	954	827
Other expense	1,526	1,543

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Total noninterest expense	20,048	17,384
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE	20,072	18,241
Income tax expense	5,558	5,962
NET INCOME	\$14,514	\$12,279
BASIC WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES	25,152,242	25,019,753
BASIC EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE	\$0.58	\$0.49
DILUTED WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES	25,596,136	25,327,806
DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE	\$0.57	\$0.48

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(unaudited - in thousands)

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Net income	\$14,514	\$12,279
Other comprehensive income		
Change in securities available for sale:		
Unrealized holding gain on securities available for sale arising during the period	713	7,547
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income	(3)	(52)
Net securities gain activity during the period	710	7,495
Tax effect	(265)	(2,306)
Net of tax amount	445	5,189
Defined benefit pension plans:		
Amortization of net actuarial loss	66	54
Net gain activity during the period	66	54
Tax effect	(26)	(22)
Net of tax amount	40	32
 Total other comprehensive income, net of tax	 485	 5,221
 Comprehensive income	 \$14,999	 \$17,500

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (unaudited - in thousands except share and per share data)

	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock Stock	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Treasury Stock	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance at January 1, 2016	24,819,066	\$99,123	\$294,002	\$2,142	\$(2,455)	\$392,812
Comprehensive income:						
Net income			12,279			12,279
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax				5,221		5,221
Cash dividends declared, \$0.163 per share			(4,079)			(4,079)
Treasury shares purchased under deferred						
directors' plan	(6,723)	198			(198)	0
Stock activity under equity compensation plans	82,775	(143)				(143)
Stock based compensation expense		784				784
Balance at March 31, 2016	24,895,118	\$99,962	\$302,202	\$7,363	\$(2,653)	\$406,874
Balance at January 1, 2017	24,937,865	\$104,405	\$327,873	\$(2,387)	\$(2,913)	\$426,978
Comprehensive income:						
Net income			14,514			14,514
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax				485		485
Cash dividends declared, \$0.19 per share			(4,771)			(4,771)
Treasury shares purchased under deferred						
directors' plan	(4,846)	220			(220)	0
Stock activity under equity compensation plans	84,672	(1,652)				(1,652)
Stock based compensation expense		1,559				1,559
Balance at March 31, 2017	25,017,691	\$104,532	\$337,616	\$(1,902)	\$(3,133)	\$437,113

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited - in thousands)

Three Months Ended March 31	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 14,514	\$ 12,279
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation	1,165	983
Provision for loan losses	200	0
Net gain on sale and write down of other real estate owned	(5)	0
Amortization of loan servicing rights	158	145
Loans originated for sale	(25,812)	(10,341)
Net gain on sales of loans	(364)	(339)
Proceeds from sale of loans	28,066	11,666
Net gain on sales and calls of securities available for sale	(3)	(52)
Net securities amortization	715	695
Stock based compensation expense	1,559	784
Earnings on life insurance	(471)	(174)
Tax benefit of stock option exercises	(924)	(482)
Net change:		
Interest receivable and other assets	623	(3,293)
Interest payable and other liabilities	1,339	6,595
Total adjustments	6,246	6,187
Net cash from operating activities	20,760	18,466
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of securities available for sale	16,811	6,929
Proceeds from maturities, calls and principal paydowns of securities available for sale	14,109	19,700
Purchases of securities available for sale	(52,763)	(26,969)
Purchase of life insurance	(446)	(179)
Net increase in total loans	(61,496)	(32,730)
Purchases of land, premises and equipment	(2,285)	(2,927)
Proceeds from sales of other real estate	42	0
Net cash from investing activities	(86,028)	(36,176)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net increase in total deposits	101,485	67,314

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Net decrease in short-term borrowings	(85,269)	(45,118)
Payments on long-term borrowings	(2)	(2)
Common dividends paid	(4,771)	(4,079)
Payments related to equity incentive plans	(1,652)	(143)
Purchase of treasury stock	(220)	(198)
Net cash from financing activities	9,571	17,774
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(55,697)	64
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	167,280	80,674
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	\$ 111,583	\$ 80,738
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	\$ 5,841	\$ 4,188
Income taxes	4	0
Supplemental non-cash disclosures:		
Loans transferred to other real estate owned	0	33
Securities purchases payable	2,073	0

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

This report is filed for Lakeland Financial Corporation (the "Company") and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Lake City Bank (the "Bank") and LCB Risk Management, a captive insurance company. Also included in this report is the Bank's wholly owned subsidiary, LCB Investments II, Inc. ("LCB Investments"), which manages the Bank's investment portfolio. LCB Investments also owns LCB Funding, Inc. ("LCB Funding"), a real estate investment trust. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") for interim financial information and with the instructions for Form 10-Q. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements and are unaudited. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (all of which are normal and recurring in nature) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any subsequent reporting periods, including the year ending December 31, 2017. The Company's 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K should be read in conjunction with these statements.

NOTE 2. SECURITIES

Information related to the fair value and amortized cost of securities available for sale and the related gross unrealized gains and losses recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income is provided in the tables below.

(dollars in thousands)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gain	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
March 31, 2017				
U.S. Treasury securities	\$990	\$15	\$0	\$1,005
U.S. government sponsored agencies	6,151	24	(69)	6,106
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	361,730	3,375	(2,905)	362,200
State and municipal securities	159,586	2,081	(2,947)	158,720
Total	\$528,457	\$5,495	\$(5,921)	\$528,031
December 31, 2016				
U.S. Treasury securities	\$990	\$13	\$0	\$1,003
U.S. government sponsored agencies	6,312	10	(81)	6,241
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	351,108	3,604	(3,144)	351,568
State and municipal securities	146,917	1,784	(3,322)	145,379
Total	\$505,327	\$5,411	\$(6,547)	\$504,191

Information regarding the fair value and amortized cost of available for sale debt securities by maturity as of March 31, 2017 is presented below. Maturity information is based on contractual maturity for all securities other than mortgage-backed securities. Actual maturities of securities may differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to prepay the obligation without a prepayment penalty.

(dollars in thousands)	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
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Due in one year or less	\$2,673	\$2,715
Due after one year through five years	23,130	23,642
Due after five years through ten years	46,690	47,590
Due after ten years	94,234	91,884
	166,727	165,831
Mortgage-backed securities	361,730	362,200
Total debt securities	\$528,457	\$528,031
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Securities proceeds, gross gains and gross losses are presented below.

(dollars in thousands)	Three months ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Sales of securities available for sale		
Proceeds	\$16,811	\$6,929
Gross gains	197	65
Gross losses	(194)	13

The Company sold 27 securities with a total book value of \$16.8 million and a total fair value of \$16.8 million during the first three months of 2017. The Company sold four securities with a total book value of \$6.9 million and a total fair value of \$7.0 million during the first three months of 2016.

Purchase premiums or discounts are recognized in interest income using the interest method over the terms of the securities or over the estimated lives of mortgage-backed securities. Gains and losses on sales are based on the amortized cost of the security sold and recorded on the trade date.

Securities with carrying values of \$161.5 million and \$168.3 million were pledged as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, as collateral for securities sold under agreements to repurchase, borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank and for other purposes as permitted or required by law.

Information regarding securities with unrealized losses as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 is presented below. The tables divide the securities between those with unrealized losses for less than twelve months and those with unrealized losses for twelve months or more.

(dollars in thousands)	Less than 12 months		12 months or more		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
March 31, 2017						
U.S. government sponsored agencies	\$3,301	\$69	\$0	\$0	\$3,301	\$69
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	207,822	2,611	6,877	294	214,699	2,905
State and municipal securities	71,352	2,820	2,572	127	73,924	2,947
Total temporarily impaired	\$282,475	\$5,500	\$9,449	\$421	\$291,924	\$5,921
December 31, 2016						
U.S. government sponsored agencies	\$3,290	\$81	\$0	\$0	\$3,290	\$81
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	181,699	2,882	7,080	262	188,779	3,144
State and municipal securities	77,434	3,180	2,361	142	79,795	3,322
Total temporarily impaired	\$262,423	\$6,143	\$9,441	\$404	\$271,864	\$6,547

The total number of securities with unrealized losses as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 is presented below.

	Less than 12 months	12 months or more	Total
March 31, 2017			
U.S. government sponsored agencies	1	0	1
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	61	2	63
State and municipal securities	106	4	110
Total temporarily impaired	168	6	174
December 31, 2016			
U.S. government sponsored agencies	0	1	1
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	46	9	55
State and municipal securities	21	12	33
Total temporarily impaired	67	22	89

The following factors are considered in determining whether or not the impairment of these securities is other-than-temporary. In making this determination, management considers the extent and duration of the unrealized loss, and the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, as well as the underlying fundamentals of the relevant market and the outlook for such market in the near future. Management also assesses whether it intends to sell, or it is more likely than not that it will be required to sell, a security in an unrealized loss position before recovery of its amortized cost basis. If either of the criteria regarding intent or requirement to sell is met, the entire difference between amortized cost and fair value is recognized as impairment through earnings. For debt securities that do not meet the aforementioned criteria, the amount of impairment is split into two components as follows: 1) OTTI related to credit loss, which must be recognized in the income statement and 2) OTTI related to other factors, which is recognized in other comprehensive income. Credit loss is defined as the difference between the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected and the amortized cost basis. For equity securities, the entire amount of impairment is recognized through earnings. As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, ninety-nine percent of the securities in the Company's portfolio were backed by the U.S. government, government agencies, government sponsored agencies or were A-rated or better, except for certain non-local or local municipal securities, which are not rated. For the government, government-sponsored agency and municipal securities, management did not believe that there would be credit losses or that full principal would not be received. Management considered the unrealized losses on these securities to be primarily interest rate driven and does not expect material losses given current market conditions unless the securities are sold. However, at this time management does not have the intent to sell, and it is more likely than not that the Company will not be required to sell these securities before the recovery of their amortized cost basis.

NOTE 3. LOANS

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
Commercial and industrial loans:				
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$650,691	18.4 %	\$624,404	18.0 %
Non-working capital loans	673,374	19.1	644,086	18.5
Total commercial and industrial loans	1,324,065	37.5	1,268,490	36.5
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:				
Construction and land development loans	238,018	6.7	245,182	7.1
Owner occupied loans	468,621	13.3	469,705	13.5
Nonowner occupied loans	463,186	13.1	458,404	13.2
Multifamily loans	201,147	5.7	127,632	3.7
Total commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans	1,370,972	38.8	1,300,923	37.5
Agri-business and agricultural loans:				
Loans secured by farmland	138,071	3.9	172,633	5.0
Loans for agricultural production	189,516	5.4	222,210	6.4
Total agri-business and agricultural loans	327,587	9.3	394,843	11.4
Other commercial loans	105,684	3.0	98,270	2.8
Total commercial loans	3,128,308	88.6	3,062,526	88.2
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:				
Closed end first mortgage loans	166,158	4.7	163,155	4.7
Open end and junior lien loans	167,517	4.7	169,664	4.9
Residential construction and land development loans	10,274	0.3	15,015	0.4
Total consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans	343,949	9.7	347,834	10.0
Other consumer loans	60,881	1.7	61,308	1.8
Total consumer loans	404,830	11.4	409,142	11.8
Subtotal	3,533,138	100.0 %	3,471,668	100.0 %
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(43,774)		(43,718)	

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Net deferred loan fees	(859)	(741)
Loans, net	\$3,488,505	\$3,427,209

The recorded investment in loans does not include accrued interest.

The Company had \$282,000 in residential real estate loans in the process of foreclosure as of March 31, 2017, compared to \$241,000 as of December 31, 2016.

NOTE 4. ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES AND CREDIT QUALITY

The following tables present the activity in the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Commercial and Industrial	Commercial Real Estate and Multifamily Residential	Agri-business and Agricultural	Other Commercial	Consumer 1-4 Family Mortgage	Other Consumer	Unallocated	Total
(dollars in thousands)								
Three Months Ended March 31, 2017								
Beginning balance, January 1	\$20,272	\$13,452	\$3,532	\$461	\$2,827	\$387	\$2,787	\$43,718
Provision for loan losses	(339)	257	(77)	84	(77)	37	315	200
Loans charged-off	(375)	(48)	0	0	(7)	(73)	0	(503)
Recoveries	223	57	4	0	47	28	0	359
Net loans charged-off	(152)	9	4	0	40	(45)	0	(144)
Ending balance	\$19,781	\$13,718	\$3,459	\$545	\$2,790	\$379	\$3,102	\$43,774

	Commercial and Industrial	Commercial Real Estate and Multifamily Residential	Agri-business and Agricultural	Other Commercial	Consumer 1-4 Family Mortgage	Other Consumer	Unallocated	Total
(dollars in thousands)								
Three Months Ended March 31, 2016								
Beginning balance, January 1	\$21,564	\$12,473	\$2,445	\$574	\$3,395	\$319	\$2,840	\$43,610

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Provision for loan losses	(947)	436	4	(15)	196	42	284	0
Loans charged-off	(214)	(168)	0	0	(38)	(45)	0	(465)
Recoveries	62	11	5	0	33	28	0	139
Net loans charged-off	(152)	(157)	5	0	(5)	(17)	0	(326)
Ending balance	\$20,465	\$12,752	\$2,454	\$559	\$3,586	\$344	\$3,124	\$43,284

The following tables present the balance in the allowance for loan losses and the recorded investment in loans by portfolio segment and based on impairment method as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

	Commercial and Industrial	Commercial Real Estate and Multifamily Residential	Agri-business and Agricultural	Other Commercial	Consumer 1-4 Family Mortgage	Other Consumer	Unallocated	Total
(dollars in thousands)								
March 31, 2017								
Allowance for loan losses:								
Ending allowance balance attributable to loans:								
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$3,897	\$598	\$0	\$0	\$290	\$46	\$0	\$4,831
Collectively evaluated for impairment	15,884	13,120	3,459	545	2,500	333	3,102	38,943
Total ending allowance balance	\$19,781	\$13,718	\$3,459	\$545	\$2,790	\$379	\$3,102	\$43,774
Loans:								
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$11,042	\$8,877	\$283	\$0	\$1,410	\$54	\$0	\$21,666
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	1,312,912	1,360,487	327,363	105,681	343,545	60,625	0	3,510,613
Total ending loans balance	\$1,323,954	\$1,369,364	\$327,646	\$105,681	\$344,955	\$60,679	\$0	\$3,532,279

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	Commercial and Industrial	Real Estate and Multi-family Residential	Agri-business and Agricultural	Other Commercial	Consumer 1-4 Family Mortgage	Other Consumer	Unallocated	Total
(dollars in thousands) December 31, 2016								
Allowance for loan losses:								
Ending allowance balance attributable to loans:								
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$3,191	\$576	\$0	\$0	\$296	\$51	\$0	\$4,114
Collectively evaluated for impairment	17,081	12,876	3,532	461	2,531	336	2,787	39,604
Total ending allowance balance	\$20,272	\$13,452	\$3,532	\$461	\$2,827	\$387	\$2,787	\$43,718
Loans:								
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$9,776	\$9,151	\$283	\$0	\$1,427	\$55	\$0	\$20,692
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	1,258,682	1,290,131	394,621	98,265	347,408	61,128	0	3,450,235
Total ending loans balance	\$1,268,458	\$1,299,282	\$394,904	\$98,265	\$348,835	\$61,183	\$0	\$3,470,927

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The following table presents loans individually evaluated for impairment by class of loans as of March 31, 2017:

(dollars in thousands)	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment	Allowance for Loan Losses Allocated
With no related allowance recorded:			
Commercial and industrial loans:			
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$783	\$481	\$0
Non-working capital loans	3,221	1,472	0
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:			
Construction and land development loans	126	126	0
Owner occupied loans	2,911	2,663	0
Nonowner occupied loans	4,587	4,588	0
Agri-business and agricultural loans:			
Loans secured by farmland	603	283	0
Consumer 1-4 family loans:			
Closed end first mortgage loans	204	191	0
Open end and junior lien loans	369	156	0
With an allowance recorded:			
Commercial and industrial loans:			
Working capital lines of credit loans	2,373	2,372	1,072
Non-working capital loans	6,719	6,717	2,825
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:			
Owner occupied loans	1,501	1,500	598
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:			
Closed end first mortgage loans	1,130	1,063	290
Other consumer loans	54	54	46
Total	\$24,581	\$21,666	\$4,831

The following table presents loans individually evaluated for impairment by class of loans as of December 31, 2016:

(dollars in thousands)	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment	Allowance for Loan Losses Allocated
With no related allowance recorded:			
Commercial and industrial loans:			
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$951	\$494	\$0
Non-working capital loans	3,007	1,358	0
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:			
Construction and land development loans	126	126	0
Owner occupied loans	2,868	2,620	0
Nonowner occupied loans	4,632	4,633	0
Agri-business and agricultural loans:			
Loans secured by farmland	603	283	0
Consumer 1-4 family loans:			
Closed end first mortgage loans	161	147	0
Open end and junior lien loans	408	195	0
With an allowance recorded:			
Commercial and industrial loans:			
Working capital lines of credit loans	1,100	1,099	465
Non-working capital loans	6,827	6,825	2,726
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:			
Owner occupied loans	1,773	1,772	576
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:			
Closed end first mortgage loans	1,152	1,085	296
Other consumer loans	55	55	51
Total	\$23,663	\$20,692	\$4,114

The following table presents loans individually evaluated for impairment by class of loans as of and for the three-month period ended March 31, 2017:

(dollars in thousands)	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized	Cash Basis Interest Income Recognized
With no related allowance recorded:			
Commercial and industrial loans:			
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$577	\$7	\$7
Non-working capital loans	1,381	8	5
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:			
Construction and land development loans	126	1	1
Owner occupied loans	2,572	1	1
Nonowner occupied loans	4,604	84	72
Agri-business and agricultural loans:			
Loans secured by farmland	283	0	0
Consumer 1-4 family loans:			
Closed end first mortgage loans	191	1	0
Open end and junior lien loans	156	0	0
With an allowance recorded:			
Commercial and industrial loans:			
Working capital lines of credit loans	1,363	11	8
Non-working capital loans	6,699	49	39
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:			
Owner occupied loans	1,665	5	4
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:			
Closed end first mortgage loans	1,071	7	4
Other consumer loans	54	1	0
Total	\$20,742	\$175	\$141

The following table presents loans individually evaluated for impairment by class of loans as of and for the three-month period ended March 31, 2016:

(dollars in thousands)	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized	Cash Basis Interest Income Recognized
With no related allowance recorded:			
Commercial and industrial loans:			
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$20	\$0	\$0
Non-working capital loans	673	0	0
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:			
Owner occupied loans	2,724	0	0
Nonowner occupied loans	4,808	29	23
Agri-business and agricultural loans:			
Loans secured by farmland	471	0	0
Consumer 1-4 family loans:			
Closed end first mortgage loans	47	0	0
With an allowance recorded:			
Commercial and industrial loans:			
Working capital lines of credit loans	1,352	5	5
Non-working capital loans	4,635	34	34
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:			
Construction and land development loans	339	3	3
Owner occupied loans	942	0	0
Nonowner occupied loans	77	0	0
Multifamily loans	385	5	5
Other commercial loans	12	0	0
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:			
Closed end first mortgage loans	1,627	15	11
Open end and junior lien loans	251	0	0
Other consumer loans	59	1	1
Total	\$18,422	\$92	\$82

The following table presents the aging of the recorded investment in past due loans as of March 31, 2017 by class of loans:

(dollars in thousands)	Loans Not Past Due	30-89 Days Past Due	Greater than 90 Days Past Due	Nonaccrual	Total Past Due	Total
Commercial and industrial loans:						
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$649,021	\$60	\$0	\$1,598	\$1,658	\$650,679
Non-working capital loans	669,325	9	0	3,941	3,950	673,275
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:						
Construction and land development loans	237,365	0	0	0	0	237,365
Owner occupied loans	462,792	0	1,633	3,888	5,521	468,313
Nonowner occupied loans	462,282	399	0	114	513	462,795
Multifamily loans	200,891	0	0	0	0	200,891
Agri-business and agricultural loans:						
Loans secured by farmland	137,790	0	0	283	283	138,073
Loans for agricultural production	189,573	0	0	0	0	189,573
Other commercial loans	105,681	0	0	0	0	105,681
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:						
Closed end first mortgage loans	164,891	740	0	205	945	165,836
Open end and junior lien loans	168,488	232	0	156	388	168,876
Residential construction loans	10,243	0	0	0	0	10,243
Other consumer loans	60,626	53	0	0	53	60,679
Total	\$3,518,968	\$1,493	\$1,633	\$10,185	\$13,311	\$3,532,279

The following table presents the aging of the recorded investment in past due loans as of December 31, 2016 by class of loans:

(dollars in thousands)	Loans Not Past Due	30-89 Days Past Due	Greater than 90 Days Past Due	Nonaccrual	Total Past Due	Total
Commercial and industrial loans:						
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$624,213	\$9	\$0	\$140	\$149	\$624,362
Non-working capital loans	642,014	0	0	2,082	2,082	644,096
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:						
Construction and land development loans	244,411	0	0	0	0	244,411
Owner occupied loans	465,789	0	0	3,598	3,598	469,387
Nonowner occupied loans	457,880	0	0	122	122	458,002
Multi-family loans	127,482	0	0	0	0	127,482

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Agri-business and agricultural loans:							
Loans secured by farmland	172,349	0	0	283	283	172,632	
Loans for agricultural production	222,272	0	0	0	0	222,272	
Other commercial loans	98,265	0	0	0	0	98,265	
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:							
Closed end first mortgage loans	161,499	1,072	53	213	1,338	162,837	
Open end and junior lien loans	170,372	448	0	195	643	171,015	
Residential construction loans	14,983	0	0	0	0	14,983	
Other consumer loans	61,119	64	0	0	64	61,183	
Total	\$3,462,648	\$1,593	\$53	\$6,633	\$8,279	\$3,470,927	

Troubled Debt Restructurings:

Troubled debt restructured loans are included in the totals for impaired loans. The Company has allocated \$3.1 million and \$2.7 million of specific reserves to customers whose loan terms have been modified in troubled debt restructurings as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016. The Company is not committed to lend additional funds to debtors whose loans have been modified in a troubled debt restructuring.

(dollars in thousands)	March 31	December 31
	2017	2016
Accruing troubled debt restructured loans	\$10,234	\$10,351
Nonaccrual troubled debt restructured loans	7,180	5,633
Total troubled debt restructured loans	\$17,414	\$15,984

During the period ending March 31, 2017, certain loans were modified as troubled debt restructurings. The modified terms of these loans include one or a combination of the following: inadequate compensation for the terms of the restructure or renewal; a modification of the repayment terms which delays principal repayment for some period; or renewal terms offered to borrowers in financial distress where no additional credit enhancements were obtained at the time of renewal.

Additional concessions were granted to borrowers with previously identified troubled debt restructured loans during the period. The loans to two of the borrowers are for commercial real estate buildings where the collateral value and cash flows from the companies occupying the buildings do not support the loans with recorded investments of \$500,000. The loans to two other borrowers are for commercial and industrial non-working capital loans with recorded investments of \$690,000. These concessions are not included in table below.

The following table presents loans by class modified as new troubled debt restructurings that occurred during the three months ended March 31, 2017:

(dollars in thousands)	Number of Loans	Pre-Modification	Post-Modification	Modified Repayment Terms	
		Outstanding Recorded Investment	Outstanding Recorded Investment	Number of Loans	Extension Period or Range (in months)
Troubled Debt Restructurings					
Commercial and industrial loans:					
Non-working capital loans	2	1,712	1,712	2	6
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:					
Owner occupied loans	1	486	486	1	6
Consumer 1-4 family loans:					
Closed end first mortgage loans	1	44	46	1	350
Total	4	\$2,242	\$2,244	4	6-350

For the period ended March 31, 2017, the commercial and industrial troubled debt restructurings described above increased the allowance for loan losses by \$34,000 and the commercial real estate and multi-family residential loan troubled debt restructuring described above increased the allowance for loan losses by \$49,000.

No charge-offs resulted from any troubled debt restructurings described above during the three-month period ended March 31, 2017.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2016, certain loans were modified as troubled debt restructurings. The modified terms of these loans include one or a combination of the following: inadequate compensation for the terms of the restructure or renewal; a modification of the repayment terms which delays principal repayment for some period; or renewal terms offered to borrowers in financial distress where no additional credit enhancements were obtained at the time of renewal.

Additional concessions were granted to borrowers with previously identified troubled debt restructured loans during the period. The loans to two of the borrowers are for commercial real estate buildings where the collateral value and cash flows from the companies occupying the buildings do not support the loans with recorded investments of \$542,000. The other loans were to a borrower engaged in land development, where the aggregate recorded investment totaled \$484,000. These concessions are not included in table below.

The following table presents loans by class modified as new troubled debt restructurings that occurred during the three months ended March 31, 2016:

(dollars in thousands)	Number of Loans	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Modified Repayment Terms	
				Number of Loans	Extension Period or Range (in months)
Troubled Debt Restructurings Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans: Owner occupied loans Total	 1 1	 \$335 \$335	 \$335 \$335	 1 1	 15 15

For the three-month period ended March 31, 2016, the commercial real estate and multi-family residential loan troubled debt restructuring described above increased the allowance for loan losses by \$11,000.

No charge-offs resulted from any troubled debt restructurings described above during the three-month period ended March 31, 2016.

There were no troubled debt restructurings that had payment defaults within the twelve months following modification during the three-month periods ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.

Credit Quality Indicators:

The Company categorizes loans into risk categories based on relevant information about the ability of borrowers to service their debt such as: current financial information, historical payment experience, credit documentation, public information and current economic trends, among other factors. The Company analyzes commercial loans individually by classifying the loans as to credit risk. This analysis is performed on a quarterly basis for Special Mention, Substandard and Doubtful grade loans and annually on Pass grade loans over \$150,000.

The Company uses the following definitions for risk ratings:

Special Mention. Loans classified as Special Mention have a potential weakness that deserves management's close attention. If left uncorrected, these potential weaknesses may result in deterioration of the repayment prospects for the loan or of the institution's credit position at some future date.

Substandard. Loans classified as Substandard are inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Loans so classified have a well-defined weakness or weaknesses that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that the Company will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected.

Doubtful. Loans classified as Doubtful have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified as Substandard, with the added characteristics that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions, and values, highly questionable and improbable.

Loans not meeting the criteria above that are analyzed individually as part of the above-described process are considered to be Pass rated loans with the exception of consumer troubled debt restructurings which are evaluated and listed with Substandard commercial grade loans and consumer nonaccrual loans which are evaluated individually and listed with Not Rated loans. Loans listed as Not Rated are consumer loans or commercial loans with consumer characteristics included in groups of homogenous loans which are analyzed for credit quality indicators utilizing delinquency status. As of March 31, 2017, and based on the most recent analysis performed, the risk category of loans by class of loans is as follows:

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(dollars in thousands)	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Not Rated	Total
Commercial and industrial loans:						
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$594,221	\$30,356	\$25,927	\$0	\$175	\$650,679
Non-working capital loans	621,384	24,188	23,912	0	3,791	673,275
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:						
Construction and land development loans	236,071	1,294	0	0	0	237,365
Owner occupied loans	440,213	11,633	16,467	0	0	468,313
Nonowner occupied loans	456,944	4,507	1,344	0	0	462,795
Multifamily loans	200,633	258	0	0	0	200,891
Agri-business and agricultural loans:						
Loans secured by farmland	133,300	3,052	1,721	0	0	138,073
Loans for agricultural production	185,248	3,627	698	0	0	189,573
Other commercial loans	105,677	0	0	0	4	105,681
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:						
Closed end first mortgage loans	44,657	0	1,254	0	119,925	165,836
Open end and junior lien loans	7,235	0	0	0	161,641	168,876
Residential construction loans	0	0	0	0	10,243	10,243
Other consumer loans	16,264	0	54	0	44,361	60,679
Total	\$3,041,847	\$78,915	\$71,377	\$0	\$340,140	\$3,532,279

As of December 31, 2016, and based on the most recent analysis performed, the risk category of loans by class of loans is as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Not Rated	Total
Commercial and industrial loans:						
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$577,208	\$17,636	\$29,396	\$0	\$122	\$624,362
Non-working capital loans	583,135	32,587	24,405	0	3,969	644,096
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:						
Construction and land development loans	242,964	1,447	0	0	0	244,411
Owner occupied loans	444,143	10,285	14,959	0	0	469,387
Nonowner occupied loans	451,390	4,550	2,062	0	0	458,002
Multi-family loans	127,219	263	0	0	0	127,482
Agri-business and agricultural loans:						
Loans secured by farmland	168,660	3,689	283	0	0	172,632
Loans for agricultural production	218,581	3,691	0	0	0	222,272
Other commercial loans	98,261	0	0	0	4	98,265
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:						
Closed end first mortgage loans	44,687	126	1,232	0	116,792	162,837
Open end and junior lien loans	7,028	0	0	0	163,987	171,015
Residential construction loans	0	0	0	0	14,983	14,983
Other consumer loans	17,717	0	55	0	43,411	61,183
Total	\$2,980,993	\$74,274	\$72,392	\$0	\$343,268	\$3,470,927

NOTE 5. FAIR VALUE DISCLOSURES

Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (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. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values:

- 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; or 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 the fair value of each type of financial instrument:

Securities: Securities available for sale are valued primarily by a third party pricing service. The fair values of securities available for sale are determined on a recurring basis by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1 inputs) or pricing models which utilize significant observable inputs such as matrix pricing. This is a mathematical technique widely used 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 (Level 2 inputs). These models utilize the market approach with standard inputs that include, but are not limited to benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers and reference data. For certain municipal securities that are not rated and observable inputs about the specific issuer are not available, fair values are estimated using observable data from other municipal securities presumed to be similar or other market data on other non-rated municipal securities (Level 3 inputs).

The Company's Controlling Department, which is responsible for all accounting and SEC compliance, and the Company's Treasury Department, which is responsible for investment portfolio management and asset/liability modeling, are the two areas that determine the Company's valuation policies and procedures. Both of these areas report directly to the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company. For assets or liabilities that may be considered for Level 3 fair value measurement on a recurring basis, these two departments and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer determine the appropriate level of the assets or liabilities under consideration. If there are assets or liabilities that are determined to be Level 3 by this group, the Risk Management Committee of the Company and the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors are made aware of such assets at their next scheduled meeting.

Securities pricing is obtained from a third party pricing service and all security prices are tested annually against prices from another third party provider and reviewed with a market value price tolerance variance that varies by sector: municipal securities +/- 5%, government mbs/cmo +/- 3% and U.S. treasuries +/-1%. If any securities fall outside the tolerance threshold, a determination of materiality is made for the amount over the threshold. Any security that would have a material threshold difference would be further investigated to determine why the variance exists and if any action is needed concerning the security pricing for that individual security. Changes in market value are reviewed monthly in aggregate by security type and any material differences are reviewed to determine why they exist. At least annually, the pricing methodology of the pricing service is received and reviewed to support the fair value levels used by the Company. A detailed pricing evaluation is requested and reviewed on any security

determined to be fair valued using unobservable inputs by the pricing service.

Mortgage banking derivatives: The fair value of mortgage banking derivatives are based on observable market data as of the measurement date (Level 2).

Interest rate swap derivatives: Our derivatives are traded in an over-the-counter market where quoted market prices are not always available. Therefore, the fair values of derivatives are determined using quantitative models that utilize multiple market inputs. The inputs will vary based on the type of derivative, but could include interest rates, prices and indices to generate continuous yield or pricing curves, prepayment rates, and volatility factors to value the position. The majority of market inputs are actively quoted and can be validated through external sources, including brokers, market transactions and third-party pricing services. The fair value of interest rate swap derivatives is determined by pricing or valuation models using observable market data as of the measurement date (Level 2).

Impaired loans: Impaired loans with specific allocations of the allowance for loan losses are generally based on the fair value of the underlying collateral if repayment is expected solely from the collateral. Fair value is determined using several methods. Generally, the fair value of real estate is based on appraisals by qualified third party appraisers. These appraisals may utilize a single valuation approach or a combination of approaches including comparable sales and the income approach. Adjustments are routinely made in the appraisal process by the appraisers to adjust for differences between the comparable sales and income data available. Such adjustments are usually significant and result in a Level 3 classification of the inputs for determining fair value. In addition, the Company's management routinely applies internal discount factors to the value of appraisals used in the fair value evaluation of impaired loans. The deductions to the appraisals take into account changing business factors and market conditions, as well as value impairment in cases where the appraisal date predates a likely change in market conditions. Commercial real estate is generally discounted from its appraised value by 0-50% with the higher discounts applied to real estate that is determined to have a thin trading market or to be specialized collateral. In addition to real estate, the Company's management evaluates other types of collateral as follows: (a) raw and finished inventory is discounted from its cost or book value by 35-65%, depending on the marketability of the goods (b) finished goods are generally discounted by 30-60%, depending on the ease of marketability, cost of transportation or scope of use of the finished good (c) work in process inventory is typically discounted by 50-100%, depending on the length of manufacturing time, types of components used in the completion process, and the breadth of the user base (d) equipment is valued at a percentage of depreciated book value or recent appraised value, if available, and is typically discounted at 30-70% after various considerations including age and condition of the equipment, marketability, breadth of use, and whether the equipment includes unique components or add-ons; and (e) marketable securities are discounted by 10-30%, depending on the type of investment, age of valuation report and general market conditions. This methodology is based on a market approach and typically results in a Level 3 classification of the inputs for determining fair value.

Mortgage servicing rights: As of March 31, 2017, the fair value of the Company's Level 3 servicing assets for residential mortgage loans was \$3.7 million, none of which are currently impaired and therefore are carried at amortized cost. These residential mortgage loans have a weighted average interest rate of 3.81%, a weighted average maturity of 19 years and are secured by homes generally within the Company's market area, which is primarily Northern Indiana. A valuation model is used to estimate fair value by stratifying the portfolios on the basis of certain risk characteristics, including loan type and interest rate. Impairment is estimated based on an income approach. The inputs used include estimates of prepayment speeds, discount rate, cost to service, escrow account earnings, contractual servicing fee income, ancillary income, late fees, and float income. The most significant assumption used to value mortgage servicing rights is prepayment rate. Prepayment rates are estimated based on published industry consensus prepayment rates. The most significant unobservable assumption is the discount rate. At March 31, 2017, the constant prepayment speed (PSA) used was 165 and the discount rate used was 9.4%. At December 31, 2016, the PSA used was 162 and the discount rate used was 9.3%.

Other real estate owned: Nonrecurring adjustments to certain commercial and residential real estate properties classified as other real estate owned are measured at the lower of carrying amount or fair value, less costs to sell. Fair values are generally based on third party appraisals of the property and are reviewed by the Company's internal appraisal officer. Adjustments are routinely made in the appraisal process by the appraisers to adjust for differences between the comparable properties used to determine value. Such adjustments are usually significant and result in a Level 3 classification. In addition, the Company's management may apply discount factors to the appraisals to take into account changing business factors and market conditions, as well as value impairment in cases where the appraisal date predates a likely change in market conditions. In cases where the carrying amount exceeds the fair value, less costs to sell, an impairment loss is recognized.

Real estate mortgage loans held for sale: Real estate mortgage loans held for sale are carried at the lower of cost or fair value, as determined by outstanding commitments, from third party investors, and result in a Level 2 classification.

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The table below presents the balances of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2017			Assets at Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets				
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 1,005	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,005
U.S. government sponsored agency securities	0	6,106	0	6,106
Mortgage-backed securities	0	362,200	0	362,200
State and municipal securities	0	158,098	622	158,720
Total Securities	1,005	526,404	622	528,031
Mortgage banking derivative	0	241	0	241
Interest rate swap derivative	0	2,634	0	2,634
Total assets	\$ 1,005	\$ 529,279	\$ 622	\$ 530,906
Liabilities				
Mortgage banking derivative	0	16	0	16
Interest rate swap derivative	0	2,742	0	2,742
Total liabilities	\$ 0	\$ 2,758	\$ 0	\$ 2,758

(dollars in thousands)	December 31, 2016			Assets at Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets				
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 1,003	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,003
U.S. government sponsored agency securities	0	6,241	0	6,241
Mortgage-backed securities	0	351,568	0	351,568
State and municipal securities	0	144,709	670	145,379
Total Securities	1,003	502,518	670	504,191
Mortgage banking derivative	0	314	0	314
Interest rate swap derivative	0	2,645	0	2,645
Total assets	\$ 1,003	\$ 505,477	\$ 670	\$ 507,150
Liabilities				
Mortgage banking derivative	0	14	0	14
Interest rate swap derivative	0	2,735	0	2,735
Total liabilities	\$ 0	\$ 2,749	\$ 0	\$ 2,749

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the three months ended March 31, 2017 and there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during 2016.

The table below presents a reconciliation of all assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the nine months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

(dollars in thousands)	State and Municipal Securities	
	2017	2016
Balance of recurring Level 3 assets at January 1	\$ 670	\$ 551
Transfers into Level 3	0	339
Changes in fair value of securities included in other comprehensive income	(3)	(1)
Principal payments	(45)	(40)
Balance of recurring Level 3 assets at March 31	\$ 622	\$ 849

The fair values of two municipal securities with a fair value of \$339,000 as of March 31, 2016 were transferred from Level 2 and into Level 3 because of a lack of observable market data for these investments. The Company's policy is to recognize transfers as of the end of the reporting period. As a result the fair value for these municipal securities was transferred on March 31, 2016. The municipal securities measured at fair value included below are non-rated Indiana and Ohio municipal revenue bonds and are not actively traded.

Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

(dollars in thousands)	Fair Value at March 31, 2017	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range of Inputs (Average)
State and municipal securities \$	622	Price to type, par, call	Discount to benchmark index	0-5% (2.73%)

Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

(dollars in thousands)	Fair Value at December 31, 2016	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range of Inputs (Average)
State and municipal securities \$	670	Price to type, par, call	Discount to benchmark index	0-5% (2.98%)

The primary methodology used in the fair value measurement of the Company's state and municipal securities classified as Level 3 is a discount to the AAA municipal benchmark index. Significant increases or (decreases) in this index as well as the degree to which the security differs in ratings, coupon, call and duration will result in a higher or (lower) fair value measurement for those securities that are not callable. For those securities that are continuously callable, a slight premium to par is used.

The table below presents the balances of assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis:

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2017			Assets at Fair Value
	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets				
Impaired loans:				
Commercial and industrial loans:				
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,283	\$ 1,283
Non-working capital loans	0	0	3,644	3,644
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:				
Owner occupied loans	0	0	901	901
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:				
Closed end first mortgage loans	0	0	62	62
Total impaired loans	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,890	\$ 5,890
Other real estate owned	0	0	75	75
Total assets	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,965	\$ 5,965

(dollars in thousands)	December 31, 2016			Assets at Fair Value
	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets				
Impaired loans:				
Commercial and industrial loans:				
Working capital lines of credit loans	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 621	\$ 621
Non-working capital loans	0	0	3,889	3,889
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans:				
Owner occupied loans	0	0	1,195	1,195
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans:				
Closed end first mortgage loans	0	0	62	62
Total impaired loans	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,767	\$ 5,767
Other real estate owned	0	0	75	75
Total assets	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,842	\$ 5,842

The following table presents the valuation methodology and unobservable inputs for Level 3 assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis at March 31, 2017:

(dollars in thousands)	Fair Value	Valuation Methodology	Unobservable Inputs	Average	Range of Inputs
Impaired loans: Commercial and industrial	\$ 4,927	Collateral based measurements	Discount to reflect current market conditions and ultimate collectability	40%	(22% - 100%)
Impaired loans: Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans	901	Collateral based measurements	Discount to reflect current market conditions and ultimate collectability	40%	(8% - 60%)
Impaired loans: Consumer 1-4 family mortgage	62	Collateral based measurements	Discount to reflect current market conditions and ultimate collectability	14%	
Other real estate owned	75	Appraisals	Discount to reflect current market conditions	49%	

The following table presents the valuation methodology and unobservable inputs for Level 3 assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis at December 31, 2016:

(dollars in thousands)	Fair Value	Valuation Methodology	Unobservable Inputs	Average	Range of Inputs
Impaired loans: Commercial and industrial	\$ 4,510	Collateral based measurements	Discount to reflect current market conditions and ultimate collectability	44%	(22% - 100%)
Impaired loans: Commercial real estate	1,195	Collateral based measurements	Discount to reflect current market conditions and ultimate collectability	30%	(6% - 59%)
Impaired loans: Consumer 1-4 family mortgage	62	Collateral based	Discount to reflect	15%	

	measurements	current market conditions and ultimate collectability
Other real estate owned	75 Appraisals	Discount to reflect 49% current market conditions

Impaired loans, which are measured for impairment using the fair value of the collateral for collateral dependent loans, had a gross carrying amount of \$9.8 million, with a valuation allowance of \$3.9 million at March 31, 2017, resulting in a net increase in the provision for loan losses of \$800,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2017. At March 31, 2016, impaired loans had a gross carrying amount of \$7.1 million, with a valuation allowance of \$2.5 million, resulting in a net increase in the provision for loan losses of \$100,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Other real estate owned measured at fair value less costs to sell, at both March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2016, had a net carrying amount of \$75,000, which is made up of the outstanding balance of \$147,000, net of a valuation allowance of \$72,000, all of which was written down during 2012.

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The following table contains the estimated fair values and the related carrying values of the Company's financial instruments. Items which are not financial instruments are not included.

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2017				
	Carrying Value	Estimated Fair Value			Total
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Financial Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 111,583	\$ 109,578	\$ 2,012	\$ 0	\$ 111,590
Securities available for sale	528,031	1,005	526,404	622	528,031
Real estate mortgages held for sale	3,869	0	3,943	0	3,943
Loans, net	3,488,505	0	0	3,474,070	3,474,070
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	8,102	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Federal Reserve Bank stock	3,420	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Accrued interest receivable	11,886	8	2,435	9,443	11,886
Financial Liabilities:					
Certificates of deposit	(1,293,023)	0	(1,299,542)	0	(1,299,542)
All other deposits	(2,386,374)	(2,386,374)	0	0	(2,386,374)
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	(59,776)	0	(59,776)	0	(59,776)
Other short-term borrowings	(85,000)	0	(84,997)	0	(84,997)
Long-term borrowings	(30)	0	(32)	0	(32)
Subordinated debentures	(30,928)	0	0	(31,206)	(31,206)
Standby letters of credit	(352)	0	0	(352)	(352)
Accrued interest payable	(5,901)	(99)	(5,798)	(4)	(5,901)

(dollars in thousands)	December 31, 2016				
	Carrying Value	Estimated Fair Value			Total
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Financial Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 167,280	\$ 165,385	\$ 1,899	\$ 0	\$ 167,284
Securities available for sale	504,191	1,003	502,518	670	504,191
Real estate mortgages held for sale	5,915	0	5,994	0	5,994
Loans, net	3,427,209	0	0	3,411,121	3,411,121
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	8,102	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Federal Reserve Bank stock	3,420	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Accrued interest receivable	11,687	3	2,688	8,996	11,687
Financial Liabilities:					
Certificates of deposit	(1,163,818)	0	(1,169,905)	0	(1,169,905)
All other deposits	(2,414,094)	(2,414,094)	0	0	(2,414,094)
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	(50,045)	0	(50,045)	0	(50,045)
Other short-term borrowings	(180,000)	0	(180,005)	0	(180,005)
Long-term borrowings	(32)	0	(34)	0	(34)
Subordinated debentures	(30,928)	0	0	(31,194)	(31,194)
Standby letters of credit	(323)	0	0	(323)	(323)
Accrued interest payable	(5,676)	(93)	(5,580)	(3)	(5,676)

The methods and assumptions, not previously presented, used to estimate fair values are described as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents - The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents approximate fair value and are classified as Level 1, with the exception of certificates of deposits, which are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis using current market rates applied to the estimated life resulting in a Level 2 classification.

Loans, net – Fair values of loans, excluding loans held for sale, are estimated as follows: For variable rate loans, fair values are based on carrying values resulting in a Level 3 classification. Fair values for other loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using current market rates applied to the estimated life of the loan resulting in a Level 3 classification. Impaired loans are valued at the lower of cost or fair value as described previously. The methods utilized to estimate the fair value of loans do not necessarily represent an exit price.

Federal Home Loan Bank stock and Federal Reserve Bank stock– It is not practical to determine the fair value of Federal Home Loan Bank stock and Federal Reserve Bank stock due to restrictions placed on its transferability.

Certificates of deposit - Fair values of certificates of deposit are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses using current market rates applied to the estimated life resulting in a Level 2 classification.

All other deposits- The fair values for all other deposits other than certificates of deposit are equal to the amount payable on demand (the carrying value) resulting in a Level 1 classification.

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase – The carrying amount of borrowings under repurchase agreements approximates their fair values resulting in a Level 2 classification.

Other short-term borrowings – The fair value of other short-term borrowings is estimated using discounted cash flow analysis based on current borrowing rates resulting in a Level 2 classification.

Long-term borrowings – The fair value of long-term borrowings is estimated using discounted cash flow analyses based on current borrowing rates resulting in a Level 2 classification.

Subordinated debentures - The fair value of subordinated debentures is based on the rates currently available to the Company with similar term and remaining maturity and credit spread resulting in a Level 3 classification.

Standby letters of credit – The fair value of off-balance sheet items is based on the current fees and costs that would be charged to enter into or terminate such arrangements resulting in a Level 3 classification.

Accrued interest receivable/payable – The carrying amounts of accrued interest approximates fair value resulting in a Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 classification which is consistent with its associated asset/liability.

NOTE 6. SECURITIES SOLD UNDER AGREEMENTS TO REPURCHASE

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase represent collateralized borrowings with customers located primarily within the Company's service area. These repurchase liabilities are not covered by federal deposit insurance and are secured by securities owned. The Company retains the right to substitute similar type securities and has the right to withdraw all excess collateral applicable to the repurchase liabilities whenever the collateral values are in excess of the related repurchase liabilities. However, as a means of mitigating market risk, the Company maintains excess collateral to cover normal changes in the repurchase liability by monitoring daily usage. The Company maintains control of the securities through the use of third-party safekeeping arrangements.

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase of \$59.8 million and \$50.0 million, which mature on demand, are secured by mortgage-backed securities with a carrying amount of \$93.0 million and \$98.0 million at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. Additional information concerning recognition of these liabilities is disclosed in Note 8.

NOTE 7. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Components of net periodic benefit cost:

	Three Months Ended			
	March 31,			
	Pension		SERP	
	Benefits	Benefits	Benefits	Benefits
(dollars in thousands)	2017	2016	2017	2016
Interest cost	\$26	\$26	\$10	\$12
Expected return on plan assets	(35)	(35)	(16)	(18)
Recognized net actuarial (gain) loss	46	34	20	20
Net pension expense (benefit)	\$37	\$25	\$14	\$14

The Company previously disclosed in its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 that it expected to contribute \$355,000 to its pension plan and \$41,000 to its Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("SERP") in 2017. The Company has contributed \$118,000 to its pension plan and \$41,000 to its SERP as of March 31, 2017. The Company expects to contribute \$237,000 to its pension plan during the remainder of 2017. The Company does not expect to make any additional contributions to its SERP during the remainder of 2017.

NOTE 8. OFFSETTING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The following tables summarize gross and net information about financial instruments and derivative instruments that are offset in the statement of financial position or that are subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

	March 31, 2017					
	Gross	Gross	Net Amounts	Gross Amounts Not		
	Amounts of	Amounts	of Assets	Offset in the		
	Recognized	Offset in the	presented in	Statement		
	Assets/	Statement of	of Financial	of Financial Position		
(dollars in thousands)	Liabilities	Financial	Position	Financial	Cash	Net Amount
		Position	Position	Instruments	Received	
Assets						
Interest Rate Swap Derivatives	\$2,634	\$0	\$2,634	\$0	\$0	\$2,634
Total Assets	\$2,634	\$0	\$2,634	\$0	\$0	\$2,634
Liabilities						
Interest Rate Swap Derivatives	\$2,742	\$0	\$2,742	\$0	\$(1,910)	\$832
Repurchase Agreements	59,776	0	59,776	(59,776)	0	0
Total Liabilities	\$62,518	\$0	\$62,518	\$(59,776)	\$(1,910)	\$832

December 31, 2016

	Gross	Net Amounts	Gross Amounts Not		
	Amounts	of Assets	Offset in the		
	Amounts of	presented in	Statement		
	Recognized	of Financial	of Financial Position		
(dollars in thousands)	Assets/	Position	Financial	Cash	Net Amount
	Liabilities	Position	Position	Instruments	Received

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(dollars in thousands)	Recognized Assets/ Liabilities	Statement of Financial Position	the Statement of Financial Position	Offset in the Statement of Financial Position Financial Instruments	Cash Received	Net Amount
Assets						
Interest Rate Swap Derivatives	\$2,645	\$0	\$2,645	\$0	\$0	\$2,645
Total Assets	\$2,645	\$0	\$2,645	\$0	\$0	\$2,645
Liabilities						
Interest Rate Swap Derivatives	\$2,735	\$0	\$2,735	\$0	\$(1,330)	\$1,405
Repurchase Agreements	50,045	0	50,045	(50,045)	0	0
Total Liabilities	\$52,780	\$0	\$52,780	\$(50,045)	\$(1,330)	\$1,405

If an event of default occurs causing an early termination of an interest rate swap derivative, any early termination amount payable to one party by the other party may be reduced by set-off against any other amount payable by the one party to the other party. If a default in performance of any obligation of a repurchase agreement occurs, each party will set-off property held in respect of transactions against obligations owing in respect of any other transactions.

NOTE 9. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per common share is net income available to common shareholders divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period, including shares held in treasury on behalf of participants in the Company's Directors Fee Deferral Plan. Diluted earnings per common share includes the dilutive effect of additional potential common shares issuable under stock options, stock awards and warrants, none of which were antidilutive.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Weighted average shares outstanding for basic earnings per common share*	25,152,242	25,019,753
Dilutive effect of stock options, awards and warrants*	443,894	308,053
Weighted average shares outstanding for diluted earnings per common share*	25,596,136	25,327,806
Basic earnings per common share*	\$0.58	\$0.49
Diluted earnings per common share*	\$0.57	\$0.48

* Share and per share data has been adjusted for a 3-for-2 stock split in the form of a stock dividend on August 5, 2016.

NOTE 10. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

The following tables summarize the changes within each classification of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and the year ended December 31, 2016:

(dollars in thousands)	Unrealized Gains and Losses on Available- for-Sales Securities	Defined Benefit Pension Items	Total
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$(722)	\$(1,665)	\$(2,387)
Other comprehensive income before reclassification	448	0	448
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(3)	40	37
Net current period other comprehensive income	445	40	485
Balance at March 31, 2017	\$(277)	\$(1,625)	\$(1,902)

Unrealized Gains and Losses on Available- for-Sales	Defined Benefit Pension
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(dollars in thousands)	Securities	Items	Total
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$3,836	\$(1,694)	\$2,142
Other comprehensive income before reclassification	(4,518)	(101)	(4,619)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(40)	130	90
Net current period other comprehensive income	(4,558)	29	(4,529)
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$(722)	\$(1,665)	\$(2,387)

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Reclassifications out of accumulated comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2017 are as follows:

Details about Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components	Amount Reclassified From Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Affected Line Item in the Statement Where Net Income is Presented
(dollars in thousands)		
Unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities	\$3	Net securities gains (losses)
Tax effect	0	Income tax expense
	3	Net of tax
Amortization of defined benefit pension items	(66)	Salaries and employee benefits
Tax effect	26	Income tax expense
	(40)	Net of tax
Total reclassifications for the period	\$(37)	Net income

Reclassifications out of accumulated comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2016 are as follows:

Details about Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components	Amount Reclassified From Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Affected Line Item in the Statement Where Net Income is Presented
(dollars in thousands)		
Unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities	\$52	Net securities gains (losses)
Tax effect	(21)	Income tax expense
	31	Net of tax
Amortization of defined benefit pension items	(54)	Salaries and employee benefits
Tax effect	22	Income tax expense
	(32)	Net of tax
Total reclassifications for the period	\$(1)	Net income

NOTE 11. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In May 2014, the FASB issued new accounting guidance related to revenue recognition. This new standard will replace all current U.S. GAAP guidance on this topic and eliminate all industry-specific guidance. The new revenue recognition standard provides a unified model to determine when and how revenue is recognized. The core principle is that a company should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration for which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This guidance will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2018 and can be applied either retrospectively to each period presented or as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption. The largest revenue stream the Company has is from financial instruments, which is scoped out of this accounting standard. Management has evaluated our other revenue streams, to which this standard does apply and has identified one revenue stream, wealth advisory revenue, which requires further review of the individual trust contracts to determine what, if any impact this new accounting standard will have on the timing of that revenue and on our financial statements.

In January 2016, the FASB amended existing accounting guidance related to the recognition and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities. These amendments make targeted improvements to U.S. GAAP as follows: (1) Require equity investments (except those accounted for under the equity method of accounting or those that result in consolidation of the investee) to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income. However, an entity may choose to measure equity investments that do not have readily determinable fair values at cost minus impairment, if any, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or a similar investment of the same issuer. (2) Simplify the impairment assessment of equity investments without readily determinable fair values by requiring a qualitative assessment to identify impairment. When a qualitative assessment indicates that impairment exists, an entity is required to measure the investment at fair value. (3) Eliminate the requirement to disclose the fair value of financial instruments measured at amortized cost for entities that are not public business entities. (4) Eliminate the requirement for public business entities to disclose the method(s) and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value that is required to be disclosed for financial instruments measured at amortized cost on the balance sheet. (5) Require public business entities to use the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes. (6) Require an entity to present separately in other comprehensive income the portion of the total change in the fair value of a liability resulting from a change in the instrument-specific credit risk when the entity has elected to measure the liability at fair value in accordance with the fair value option for financial instruments. (7) Require separate presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities by measurement category and form of financial asset (that is, securities or loans and receivable) on the balance sheet or the accompanying notes to the financial statements. (8) Clarify that an entity should evaluate the need for a valuation allowance on a deferred tax asset related to available-for-sale securities in combination with the entity's other deferred tax assets. This guidance will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2018 and should be applied as a cumulative-effect adjustment to the balance sheet as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. The amendments related to equity securities without readily determinable fair values (including disclosure requirements) should be applied prospectively to equity investments that exist as of the date of adoption. Adopting this standard is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

In February 2016, the FASB issued new accounting guidance related to leases. This update, effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2019, will replace existing lease guidance in GAAP and will require lessees to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet for all leases and disclose key information about leasing arrangements. When implemented, lessees and lessors will be required to recognize and measure leases at the beginning of the earliest period presented using a modified retrospective approach. The Company currently has approximately \$4.7 million of lease obligations that would come on balance sheet as both assets and liabilities upon adoption of this accounting standard.

In March 2016, the FASB issued new guidance related to employee share-based payment accounting. This standard requires all income tax effects of awards to be recognized in the income statement when the awards vest or are settled. It also allows an employer to repurchase more of an employee's shares than it can today for tax withholding purposes without triggering liability accounting and to make a policy election for forfeitures as they occur. The guidance is effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted. The Company adopted this new standard effective January 1, 2017. The adoption of this new standard could result in increased volatility to reported income tax expense related to excess tax benefits and tax deficiencies for employee share-based transactions, however, the actual amounts recognized in income tax expense will be dependent on the amount of employee share-based transactions and the stock price at the time of vesting or exercise. For the first quarter of 2017, adopting this new standard resulted in \$924,000 in income tax benefit offsetting income tax expense and current tax liability due to the vesting of restricted stock and performance stock units.

In June 2016, the FASB issued guidance related to credit losses on financial instruments. This update will change the accounting for credit losses on loans and debt securities. For loans, the proposal will require an expected credit loss model rather than the current incurred loss model to determine the allowance for credit losses. The expected credit loss model would estimate losses for the estimated life of the financial asset. In addition, the guidance will modify the other-than-temporary impairment model for available-for-sale debt securities to require an allowance for credit impairment instead of a direct write-down, which will allow for reversal of credit impairments in future periods. This guidance is effective for public business entities that meet the definition of an SEC filer for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods in those fiscal years. A committee has been formed to assess the requirements of this accounting standard as it relates to the Company and develop a plan for implementing them. Management expects to recognize credit losses earlier upon adoption of this accounting standard and the expected credit loss model than it has historically done under the current incurred credit loss model and is evaluating the impact of adopting this new accounting standard on our financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued guidance related to the classification of certain cash receipts and cash payments in the statement of cash flow. This standard provides cash flow statement classification guidance for certain transactions including how the predominance principle should be applied when cash receipts and cash payments have aspects of more than one class of cash flows. The guidance is effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years and should be applied retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. Management does not expect the adoption of this new accounting standard to have a material impact on our financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-04 "Intangibles - Goodwill and Other - Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment." These amendments eliminate Step 2 from the goodwill impairment test. The amendments also eliminate the requirements for any reporting unit with a zero or negative carrying amount to perform a qualitative assessment and, if it fails that qualitative test, to perform Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test. An entity still has the option to perform the qualitative assessment for a reporting unit to determine if the quantitative impairment test is necessary. The guidance is effective for annual or any interim goodwill impairment tests in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted for interim or annual goodwill impairment tests performed on testing dates after January 1, 2017. ASU 2017-04 should be adopted on a prospective basis. Management does not expect the adoption of this new accounting standard to have a material impact on our financial statements.

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-07, "Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost." Under the new guidance, employers will present the service cost component of the net periodic benefit cost in the same income statement line item as other employee compensation costs arising from services rendered during the period. In addition, only the service cost component will be eligible for capitalization in assets. Employers will present the other components separately from the line item that includes the service cost. ASU No. 2017-07 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted. Employers will apply the guidance on the presentation of the components of net periodic benefit cost in the income statement retrospectively. The guidance limiting the capitalization of net periodic benefit cost in assets to the service cost component will be applied prospectively. Management does not expect the adoption of this new accounting standard to have a material impact on our financial statements.

NOTE 12. RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain amounts appearing in the financial statements and notes thereto for prior periods have been reclassified to conform with the current presentation. The reclassification had no effect on net income or stockholders' equity as previously reported.

ITEM 2 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

OVERVIEW

Net income in the first three months of 2017 was \$14.5 million, up 18.2% from \$12.3 million for the comparable period of 2016. Diluted income per common share was \$0.57 in the first three months of 2017, up 18.8% from \$0.48 in the comparable period of 2016. Return on average total equity was 13.63% in the first three months of 2017 versus 12.35% in the comparable period of 2016. Return on average total assets was 1.37% in the first three months of 2017 versus 1.30% in the comparable period of 2016. The average equity to average assets ratio was 10.02% in the first three months of 2017 versus 10.49% in the comparable period of 2016.

Total assets were \$4.319 billion as of March 31, 2017 versus \$4.290 billion as of December 31, 2016, an increase of \$29.1 million, or 0.7%. This increase was primarily due to a \$61.4 million increase in total loans as well as a \$23.8 million increase in securities available for sale. The increases were somewhat offset by a \$55.7 million decrease in cash and cash equivalents.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Certain of the Company's accounting policies are important to the portrayal of the Company's financial condition, since they require management to make difficult, complex or subjective judgments, some of which may relate to matters that are inherently uncertain. Estimates associated with these policies are susceptible to material changes as a result of changes in facts and circumstances. Some of the facts and circumstances which could affect these judgments include changes in interest rates, in the performance of the economy or in the financial condition of borrowers. Management believes that its critical accounting policies include determining the allowance for loan losses and the valuation and other-than-temporary impairment of investment securities.

Allowance for Loan Losses

The Company maintains an allowance for loan losses to provide for probable incurred credit losses. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when management believes that the principal is uncollectable. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance. Allocations of the allowance are made for specific loans and for pools of similar types of loans, although the entire allowance is available for any loan that, in management's judgment, should be charged against the allowance. A provision for loan losses is taken based on management's ongoing evaluation of the appropriate allowance balance. A formal evaluation of the adequacy of the loan loss allowance is conducted monthly. The ultimate recovery of all loans is susceptible to future market factors beyond the Company's control.

The level of loan loss provision is influenced by growth in the overall loan portfolio, emerging market risk, emerging concentration risk, commercial loan focus and large credit concentration, new industry lending activity, general economic conditions and historical loss analysis. In addition, management gives consideration to changes in the allocation for specific watch list credits in determining the appropriate level of the loan loss provision. Furthermore, management's overall view on credit quality is a factor in the determination of the provision.

The determination of the appropriate allowance is inherently subjective, as it requires significant estimates by management. The Company has an established process to determine the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses that generally includes consideration of the following factors: changes in the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, overall portfolio quality and current economic conditions that may affect the borrowers' ability to repay. Consideration is not limited to these factors although they represent the most commonly cited factors. With respect to specific allocation levels for individual credits, management considers the amounts and timing of expected future cash flows and the current valuation of collateral as the primary measures. Management also considers trends in adversely classified loans based upon an ongoing review of those credits. With respect to pools of similar loans, allocations are assigned based upon historical experience unless the rate of loss is expected to be greater than historical losses as noted below. A detailed analysis is performed on loans that are classified but determined not to be impaired which incorporates probability of default with a loss given default scenario to develop non-specific allocations for the loan pool. These allocations may be adjusted based on the other factors cited above. An appropriate level of general allowance for pooled loans is determined after considering the following: application of historical loss percentages, emerging market risk, commercial loan focus and large credit concentration, new industry lending activity and general economic conditions. It is also possible that the following could affect the overall process: social, political, economic and terrorist events or activities. All of these factors are susceptible to change, which may be significant. As a result of this detailed process, the allowance results in two forms of allocations, specific and general. These two components represent the total allowance for loan losses deemed adequate to cover probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio.

Commercial loans are subject to a dual standardized grading process administered by the credit administration function. These grade assignments are performed independent of each other and a consensus is reached by credit administration and the loan review officer. Specific allowances are established in cases where management has identified significant conditions or circumstances related to an individual credit that indicate the loan is impaired. Considerations with respect to specific allocations for these individual credits include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) does the customer's cash flow or net worth appear insufficient to repay the loan; (b) is there adequate collateral to repay the loan; (c) has the loan been criticized in a regulatory examination; (d) is the loan impaired; (e) are there other reasons where the ultimate collectability of the loan is in question; or (f) are there unique loan characteristics that require special monitoring.

Allocations are also applied to categories of loans considered not to be individually impaired, but for which the rate of loss is expected to be consistent with or greater than historical averages. Such allocations are based on past loss experience and information about specific borrower situations and estimated collateral values. In addition, general allocations are made for other pools of loans, including non-classified loans. These general pooled loan allocations are performed for portfolio segments of commercial and industrial, commercial real estate and multi-family, agri-business and agricultural, other commercial, consumer 1-4 family mortgage and other consumer loans, and loans within certain industry categories believed to present unique risk of loss. General allocations of the allowance are primarily made based on a three-year historical average for loan losses for these portfolios, subjectively adjusted for economic factors and portfolio trends.

Due to the imprecise nature of estimating the allowance for loan losses, the Company's allowance for loan losses includes an unallocated component. The unallocated component of the allowance for loan losses incorporates the Company's judgmental determination of inherent losses that may not be fully reflected in other allocations, including factors such as the level of classified credits, economic uncertainties, industry trends impacting specific portfolio segments, broad portfolio quality trends and trends in the composition of the Company's large commercial loan portfolio and related large dollar exposures to individual borrowers.

Valuation and Other-Than-Temporary Impairment of Investment Securities

The fair values of securities available for sale are determined on a recurring basis by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges or pricing models, which utilize significant observable inputs such as matrix pricing. This is a mathematical technique widely used 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. Different judgments and assumptions used in pricing could result in different estimates of value. The fair value of certain securities is determined using unobservable inputs, primarily observable inputs of similar securities.

At the end of each reporting period, securities held in the investment portfolio are evaluated on an individual security level for other-than-temporary impairment in accordance with current accounting guidance. Impairment is other-than-temporary if the decline in the fair value of the security is below its amortized cost and it is probable that all amounts due according to the contractual terms of a debt security will not be received.

Significant judgments are required in determining impairment, which includes making assumptions regarding the estimated prepayments, loss assumptions and the change in interest rates.

We consider the following factors when determining other-than-temporary impairment for a security or investment:

- the length of time and the extent to which the market value has been less than amortized cost;
- the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer;
- the underlying fundamentals of the relevant market and the outlook for such market for the near future; and

our intent and ability to hold the security for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in market value.

The assessment of whether a decline exists that is other-than-temporary, involves a high degree of subjectivity and judgment and is based on the information available to management at a point in time. If, in management's judgment, other-than-temporary impairment exists, the cost basis of the security will be written down to the computed net present value, and the unrealized loss will be transferred from accumulated other comprehensive loss as an immediate reduction of current earnings (as if the loss had been realized in the period of other-than-temporary impairment).

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

Selected income statement information for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 is presented in the following table:

(dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Income Statement Summary:		
Net interest income	\$32,061	\$28,582
Provision for loan losses	200	0
Noninterest income	8,259	7,043
Noninterest expense	20,048	17,384
Other Data:		
Efficiency ratio (1)	49.72%	48.80%
Dilutive EPS (2)	\$0.57	\$0.48
Tangible capital ratio	10.06%	10.61%
Net charge-offs to average loans	0.02%	0.04%
Net interest margin	3.27%	3.25%
Noninterest income to total revenue	20.48%	19.77%

(1) Noninterest expense/Net interest income plus Noninterest income

(2) Per share data has been adjusted for a 3-for-2 stock split on July 25, 2016 paid in the form of a stock dividend on August 5, 2016

Net Income

Net income was \$14.5 million in the first three months of 2017, an increase of \$2.2 million, or 18.2%, versus net income of \$12.3 million in the first three months of 2016. Net interest income increased \$3.5 million, or 12.2%, to \$32.1 million versus \$28.6 million in the first three months of 2016. Net interest income increased primarily due to a 12.8% increase in average earning assets. An increase of \$388 million, or 12.3%, in average commercial loans from the first quarter of 2016 was the primary reason for the increase in average earning assets over the past twelve months, which reflects our continuing strategic focus on commercial lending. The net interest margin increased two basis points to 3.27% in the first three months of 2017 compared to 3.25% for the first three months of 2016.

Net Interest Income

The following tables set forth consolidated information regarding average balances and rates:

(fully tax equivalent basis, dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2017				2016			
	Average Balance	Interest Income	Yield (1)/Rate		Average Balance	Interest Income	Yield (1)/Rate	
Earning Assets								
Loans:								
Taxable (2)(3)	\$3,491,018	\$34,447	4.00	%	\$3,077,441	\$29,630	3.87	%
Tax exempt (1)	18,137	221	4.94		11,907	166	5.61	
Investments: (1)								
Available for sale	515,283	4,083	3.21		478,537	3,906	3.28	
Short-term investments	5,121	5	0.40		6,210	4	0.26	
Interest bearing deposits	30,326	43	0.58		26,379	24	0.37	
Total earning assets	\$4,059,885	\$38,799	3.88	%	\$3,600,474	\$33,730	3.77	%
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(43,981)				(43,394)			
Nonearning Assets								
Cash and due from banks	108,682				87,441			
Premises and equipment	52,729				47,237			
Other nonearning assets	132,830				120,558			
Total assets	\$4,310,145				\$3,812,316			
Interest Bearing Liabilities								
Savings deposits	\$271,087	\$99	0.15	%	\$253,313	\$123	0.20	%
Interest bearing checking accounts	1,383,791	1,952	0.57		1,240,226	1,324	0.43	
Time deposits:								
In denominations under \$100,000	238,347	670	1.14		254,605	737	1.16	
In denominations over \$100,000	975,450	2,721	1.13		821,560	2,011	0.98	
Miscellaneous short-term borrowings	184,950	310	0.68		126,758	147	0.47	
Long-term borrowings and subordinated debentures	30,959	314	4.11		30,960	286	3.72	
Total interest bearing liabilities	\$3,084,584	\$6,066	0.80	%	\$2,727,422	\$4,628	0.68	%

Noninterest Bearing Liabilities

Demand deposits	768,495	661,594
Other liabilities	25,172	23,379
Stockholders' Equity	431,894	399,921
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$4,310,145	\$3,812,316

Interest Margin Recap

Interest income/average earning assets	38,799	3.88		33,730	3.77	
Interest expense/average earning assets	6,066	0.61		4,628	0.52	
Net interest income and margin	\$32,733	3.27	%	\$29,102	3.25	%

Tax exempt income was converted to a fully taxable equivalent basis at a 35 percent tax rate for 2017 and 2016.

The tax equivalent rate for tax exempt loans and tax exempt securities acquired after January 1, 1983 included the (1) Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 ("TEFRA") adjustment applicable to nondeductible interest expenses. Taxable equivalent basis adjustments were \$672,000 and \$520,000 in the three-month periods ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

(2) Loan fees, which are immaterial in relation to total taxable loan interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, are included as taxable loan interest income.

(3) Nonaccrual loans are included in the average balance of taxable loans.

Net interest income increased \$3.5 million, or 12.2%, for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared with the first three months of 2016. The increased level of net interest income during the first three months of 2017 was largely driven by an increase in average earning assets of \$459.4 million, which resulted primarily from loan growth.

Average loans outstanding increased \$419.8 million during the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared with the same period of 2016, with most of the growth being in commercial loans. The earning asset growth was funded through deposit growth, in particular, average public fund time deposits in denominations over \$100,000 which increased by \$196.5 million, average interest bearing transaction accounts which increased by \$143.6 million and average noninterest bearing demand deposits which increased by \$106.9 million.

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The tax equivalent net interest margin was 3.27% for the first three months of 2017 compared to 3.25% during the first three months of 2016. The yield on earning assets totaled 3.88% during the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to 3.77% in the same period of 2016. Cost of funds (expressed as a percentage of average earning assets) totaled 0.61% during the first three months of 2017 compared to 0.52% in the same period of 2016.

Provision for Loan Losses

Due to the increase in the loan portfolio, the Company recorded a provision for loan loss expense of \$200,000 in the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to no provision during the three months ended March 31, 2016. The allowance for loan losses at March 31, 2017 represented 1.24% of the loan portfolio, versus 1.26% at December 31, 2016 and 1.39% at March 31, 2016. The primary factor impacting the decision to record a provision in the first three months of 2017 was the increasing size of the loan portfolio. Slightly offsetting the loan portfolio growth was the consideration management gave to the continued stability in key loan quality metrics including appropriate reserve coverage of nonperforming loans, a decrease in historical loss percentages and stable economic conditions in the Company's markets, and changes in the allocation for specific watch list credits. Management's overall view on current credit quality was also a factor in the determination of the provision for loan losses. The Company's management continues to monitor the adequacy of the provision based on loan levels, asset quality, economic conditions and other factors that may influence the assessment of the collectability of loans.

Noninterest Income

Noninterest income categories for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 are shown in the following tables:

(dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended		
	March 31,		Percent
	2017	2016	Change
Wealth advisory fees	\$1,250	\$1,160	7.8 %
Investment brokerage fees	321	288	11.5
Service charges on deposit accounts	3,143	2,780	13.1
Loan, insurance and service fees	1,893	1,838	3.0
Merchant card fee income	538	497	8.2
Bank owned life insurance	471	173	172.3
Other income	509	(72)	806.9
Mortgage banking income	131	327	(59.9)
Net securities gains (losses)	3	52	(94.2)
Total noninterest income	\$8,259	\$7,043	17.3 %
Noninterest income to total revenue	20.48%	19.77%	

The Company's noninterest income increased \$1.2 million or 17% to \$8.3 million for the first quarter of 2017 versus \$7.0 million for the first quarter of 2016. Noninterest income was positively impacted by a \$363,000 increase in service charges on deposit accounts primarily due to growth in fees from business accounts. Bank owned life insurance income increased \$298,000 from the first quarter of 2016 to the first quarter of 2017 primarily due to increased revenue from variable life insurance contracts owned by the Company. In addition, other income increased \$581,000 compared to the first quarter of 2016. During the first quarter of 2016, other income was negatively impacted by credit valuation adjustment losses related to the Company's swap arrangements, which account for \$295,000 of the increase in other income from the first quarter of 2016 to the first quarter of 2017. In addition, a write

down in the first quarter of 2016 of \$226,000 to a property formerly used as a Lake City Bank branch negatively impacted other income in 2016. Noninterest income was negatively impacted by a decrease of \$196,000 in mortgage banking income resulting from lower mortgage loan originations during the first quarter of 2017 as compared to the prior year period.

Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expense categories for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 are shown in the following tables:

(dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2017	2016	Percent Change
Salaries and employee benefits	\$11,421	\$9,605	18.9 %
Net occupancy expense	1,120	1,096	2.2
Equipment costs	1,075	901	19.3
Data processing fees and supplies	2,016	2,032	(0.8)
Corporate and business development	1,502	857	75.3
FDIC insurance and other regulatory fees	434	523	(17.0)
Professional fees	954	827	15.4
Other expense	1,526	1,543	(1.1)
Total noninterest expense	\$20,048	\$17,384	15.3 %

The Company's noninterest expense increased by \$2.7 million or 15% to \$20.0 million in the first quarter of 2017 compared to \$17.4 million in the first quarter of 2016. Salaries and employee benefits increased by 19% or \$1.8 million primarily due to higher performance incentive-based compensation costs, increased health insurance cost, normal merit increases and staff additions related to the company's branch expansion. The Company's medical insurance plan is in a group trust that includes a number of Indiana banks. Member banks received premium holidays on their health insurance premiums during the first quarters of 2017 and 2016. However, the premium holiday of approximately \$344,000 for 2017 represented one month of health insurance premiums which was less than the \$895,000 of premium holiday received in 2016. Corporate and business development expense increased by \$645,000, primarily due to first quarter 2017 community support and donation expense of \$350,000. Corporate and business development expense was also impacted by higher investment in advertising expenses, which increased by \$295,000 compared to the first quarter of 2016. The Company's efficiency ratio was 49.72% for the first quarter of 2017, compared to 48.80% for the first quarter of 2016.

Income Taxes

The Company's income tax expense decreased by \$404,000, or 6.8%, to \$5.6 million in the first quarter of 2017 compared to \$6.0 million in the first quarter of 2016. The effective tax rate decreased from 32.7% for the first quarter of 2016 to 27.7% for the first quarter of 2017 as a result of the Company adopting new FASB guidance related to employee share-based payment accounting effective January 1, 2017. This standard requires all income tax effects of awards to be recognized in the income statement when the awards vest or are settled. Adopting this standard resulted in the recognition of a \$924,000 income tax benefit during the first quarter of 2017 related to vested employee share-based payments. The Company's long-term incentive plans vest in January of each year on the third anniversary of the grant date and are subject to performance conditions. The Company expects its effective tax rate to return to historical levels for the remaining quarters of 2017.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Overview

Total assets of the Company were \$4.319 billion as of March 31, 2017, an increase of \$29.1 million, or 0.7%, when compared to \$4.290 billion as of December 31, 2016. Overall asset growth was primarily driven by a \$61.4 million, or 1.8%, increase in total loans to \$3.533 billion at March 31, 2017 from \$3.472 billion at December 31, 2016 and an increase of \$23.8 million, or 4.7%, in securities available for sale to \$528.0 million at March 31, 2017 from \$504.2 million at December 31, 2016 due to securities purchases and an increase in unrealized gains. Funding for the balance sheet growth came from a \$101.5 million increase in deposits offset by an \$85.3 million decrease in short-term borrowings. A decrease of \$55.7 million, or 33.3%, in cash and cash equivalents partially offset the overall growth of total assets.

Uses of Funds

Total Cash and Cash Equivalents

Total cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$55.7 million, or 33.3%, to \$111.6 million at March 31, 2017, from \$167.3 million at December 31, 2016. Cash and cash equivalents decreased in order to fund growth in loans and securities.

Investment Portfolio

The amortized cost and the fair value of securities as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 were as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
	Amortized	Fair	Amortized	Fair
	Cost	Value	Cost	Value
U.S. Treasury securities	\$990	\$1,005	\$990	\$1,003
U.S. government sponsored agencies	6,151	6,106	6,312	6,241
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	361,730	362,200	351,108	351,568
State and municipal securities	159,586	158,720	146,917	145,379
Total	\$528,457	\$528,031	\$505,327	\$504,191

At March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, there were no holdings of securities of any one issuer, other than the U.S. government, government agencies and government sponsored agencies, in an amount greater than 10% of stockholders' equity.

Purchases of securities available for sale totaled \$52.8 million in the first three months of 2017. Paydowns from prepayments and scheduled payments of \$12.4 million were received in the first three months of 2017, and the amortization of premiums, net of the accretion of discounts, was \$715,000. Sales of securities totaled \$16.8 million in the first three months of 2017. Maturities and calls of securities totaled \$1.7 million in the first three months of 2017. No other-than-temporary impairment was recognized in the first three months of 2017. Purchases of securities available for sale totaled \$27.0 million in the first three months of 2016. Paydowns from prepayments and scheduled payments of \$11.8 million were received in the first three months of 2016, and the amortization of premiums, net of the accretion of discounts, was \$695,000. Sales of securities totaled \$6.9 million in the first three months of 2016. Maturities and calls of securities totaled \$7.9 million in the first three months of 2016. No other-than-temporary impairment was recognized in the first three months of 2016. The investment portfolio is managed by a third party firm to provide for an appropriate balance between liquidity, credit risk and investment return and to limit the Company's exposure to risk to an acceptable level. The Company does not trade or invest in or sponsor certain unregistered investment companies defined as hedge funds and private equity funds under what is commonly referred to as the "Volcker Rule" of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Real Estate Mortgage Loans HFS

Real estate mortgage loans held-for-sale decreased by \$2.0 million, or 34.6%, to \$3.9 million at March 31, 2017, from \$5.9 million at December 31, 2016. The balance of this asset category is subject to a high degree of variability depending on, among other things, recent mortgage loan rates and the timing of loan sales into the secondary market. The Company generally sells all of the mortgage loans it originates on the secondary market. Proceeds from sales totaled \$28.1 million in the first three months of 2017 compared to \$11.7 million in the first three months of 2016.

Loan Portfolio

The loan portfolio by portfolio segment as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 is summarized as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	Current Period Change
Commercial and industrial loans	\$1,324,065 37.5 %	\$1,268,490 36.5 %	\$55,575
Commercial real estate and multi-family residential loans	1,370,972 38.8	1,300,923 37.5	70,049
Agri-business and agricultural loans	327,587 9.3	394,843 11.4	(67,256)
Other commercial loans	105,684 3.0	98,270 2.8	7,414
Consumer 1-4 family mortgage loans	343,949 9.7	347,834 10.0	(3,885)
Other consumer loans	60,881 1.7	61,308 1.8	(427)
Subtotal	3,533,138 100.0 %	3,471,668 100.0 %	61,470
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(43,774)	(43,718)	(56)
Net deferred loan fees	(859)	(741)	(118)
Loans, net	\$3,488,505	\$3,427,209	\$61,296

Total loans, excluding real estate mortgage loans held for sale, increased by \$61.5 million to \$3.533 billion at March 31, 2017 from \$3.472 billion at December 31, 2016. The increase was concentrated in the commercial and commercial real estate categories and reflected the Company's long standing strategic plan that is focused on expanding and growing the commercial lending business throughout our market areas. The increase was partially offset by seasonal declines in agri-business loans.

The following table summarizes the Company's non-performing assets as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Nonaccrual loans including nonaccrual troubled debt restructured loans	\$ 10,185	\$ 6,633
Loans past due over 90 days and still accruing	1,633	53
Total nonperforming loans	\$ 11,818	\$ 6,686
Other real estate owned	115	153
Repossessions	15	11
Total nonperforming assets	\$ 11,948	\$ 6,850
Impaired loans including troubled debt restructurings	\$ 21,670	\$ 20,692
Nonperforming loans to total loans	0.33%	0.19%
Nonperforming assets to total assets	0.28%	0.16%
Performing troubled debt restructured loans	\$ 10,234	\$ 10,351
Nonperforming troubled debt restructured loans (included in nonaccrual loans)	7,180	5,633
Total troubled debt restructured loans	\$ 17,414	\$ 15,984

Total nonperforming assets increased by \$5.1 million, or 74.5%, to \$12.0 million during the three-month period ended March 31, 2017. The increase in nonperforming assets was primarily due to two commercial relationships being placed in nonaccrual status, as well as one accruing commercial relationship becoming more than 90 days delinquent. One of the nonaccrual relationships is with a financial services firm and the second is with a manufacturer. The relationship that is 90 days past due is a loan to a real estate holding company that owns golf courses.

Net charge-offs totaled \$144,000 in the first quarter of 2017, versus net charge-offs of \$326,000 during the first quarter of 2016 and net charge-offs of \$285,000 during the fourth quarter of 2016.

A loan is impaired when full payment under the original loan terms is not expected. Impairment for smaller loans that are similar in nature and which are not in nonaccrual or troubled debt restructured status, such as residential mortgage, consumer, and credit card loans, is determined based on the class of loans and impairment is determined on an individual loan basis for other loans. If a loan is impaired, a portion of the allowance may be allocated so that the loan is reported, net, at the present value of estimated future cash flows or at the fair value of collateral if repayment is expected solely from the collateral.

Total impaired loans increased by \$978,000, or 4.7%, to \$21.7 million at March 31, 2017 from \$20.7 million at December 31, 2016. The increase in the impaired loans category was primarily due to the addition of a single \$2.0 million commercial credit to the impaired category.

Loans are charged against the allowance for loan losses when management believes that the principal is uncollectible. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance. The allowance is an amount that management believes will be adequate to absorb probable incurred credit losses relating to specifically identified loans based on an evaluation of the loans by management, as well as other probable incurred losses inherent in the loan portfolio. The evaluations take into consideration such factors as changes in the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, overall portfolio quality, review of specific problem loans and current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to repay. Management also considers trends in adversely classified loans based upon a monthly review of those credits. An appropriate level of general allowance is determined after considering the following factors: application of historical loss percentages, emerging market risk, commercial loan focus and large credit concentrations, new industry lending activity and current economic conditions. Federal regulations require insured institutions to classify their own assets on a regular basis. The regulations provide for three categories of classified loans: Substandard, Doubtful and Loss. The regulations also contain a Special Mention category. Special Mention applies to loans that do not currently expose an insured institution to a sufficient degree of risk to warrant classification as Substandard, Doubtful or Loss but do possess credit deficiencies or potential weaknesses deserving management's close attention. The Company's policy is to establish a specific allowance for loan losses for any assets where management has identified conditions or circumstances that indicate an asset is impaired. If an asset or portion thereof is classified as a loss, the Company's policy is to either establish specified allowances for loan losses in the amount of 100% of the portion of the asset classified loss or charge-off such amount.

At March 31, 2017, the allowance for loan losses was 1.24% of total loans outstanding, versus 1.26% of total loans outstanding at December 31, 2016. At March 31, 2017, management believed the allowance for loan losses was at a level commensurate with the overall risk exposure of the loan portfolio. However, if economic conditions do not remain stabilized, certain borrowers may experience difficulty and the level of nonperforming loans, charge-offs and delinquencies could rise and require increases in the allowance for loan losses. The process of identifying probable credit losses is a subjective process. Therefore, the Company maintains a general allowance to cover probable credit losses within the entire portfolio. The methodology management uses to determine the adequacy of the loan loss reserve includes the considerations below.

The Company has a relatively high percentage of commercial and commercial real estate loans, most of which are extended to small or medium-sized businesses from a wide variety of industries. Generally, this type of lending has more credit risk than other types of lending because of the size and diversity of the credits. The Company manages this risk by adjusting its pricing to the perceived risk of each individual credit and by diversifying the portfolio by customer, product, industry and market area.

As of March 31, 2017, on the basis of management's review of the loan portfolio, the Company had 80 credits totaling \$150.9 million on the classified loan list versus 84 credits totaling \$147.3 million on December 31, 2016. As of March 31, 2017, the Company had \$78.9 million of assets classified as Special Mention, \$71.4 million classified as Substandard, \$0 classified as Doubtful and \$0 classified as Loss as compared to \$74.3 million, \$72.4 million, \$0 and \$0, respectively, at December 31, 2016.

Allowance estimates are developed by management after taking into account actual loss experience adjusted for current economic conditions. The Company has regular discussions regarding this methodology with regulatory authorities. Allowance estimates are considered a prudent measurement of the risk in the Company's loan portfolio and are applied to individual loans based on loan type. In accordance with current accounting guidance, the allowance is provided for losses that have been incurred as of the balance sheet date and is based on past events and current economic conditions and does not include the effects of expected losses on specific loans or groups of loans that are related to future events or expected changes in economic conditions. For a more thorough discussion of the allowance

for loan losses methodology see the Critical Accounting Policies section of this Item 2.

The allowance for loan losses increased 0.1%, or \$56,000, from \$43.7 million at December 31, 2016 to \$43.8 million at March 31, 2017. Pooled loan allocations decreased from \$39.6 million at December 31, 2016 to \$38.9 million at March 31, 2017, which was primarily due to management's view of current credit quality and the current economic environment. Impaired loan allocations increased \$717,000 from \$4.1 million at December 31, 2016 to \$4.8 million at March 31, 2017 due primarily to slightly higher levels of classified loans as well as higher allocations on specific classified loans. The unallocated component of the allowance for loan losses increased \$315,000 from \$2.8 million at December 31, 2016 to \$3.1 million at March 31, 2017. While general trends in the overall economy and credit quality were stable or favorable, the Company believes that the unallocated component is appropriate given the uncertainty that exists regarding near term economic conditions.

Most of the Company's loan growth has been concentrated in the commercial loan portfolio, which can result in overall asset quality being influenced by a small number of credits. Management has historically considered growth and portfolio composition when determining loan loss allocations. Management believes that it is prudent to continue to provide for loan losses in a manner consistent with its historical approach due to the loan growth described above and current economic conditions.

Economic conditions in the Company's markets have generally improved and stabilized, and management is cautiously optimistic that the growth is positively impacting its borrowers. While the growth is not robust, commercial real estate activity and manufacturing growth is occurring. The Company's continued growth strategy promotes diversification among industries as well as continued focus on enforcement of a strong credit environment and an aggressive position in loan work-out situations. The Company believes that historical industry-specific issues in the Company's markets have improved and continue to be somewhat mitigated by its overall expansion strategy, the economic environment impacting its entire geographic footprint will continue to present challenges.

Sources of Funds

The following table summarizes deposits and borrowings as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

(dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	Current Period Change
Non-interest bearing demand deposits	\$762,575	\$819,803	\$(57,228)
Savings and transaction accounts:			
Savings deposits	277,148	268,970	8,178
Interest bearing demand deposits	1,346,651	1,325,320	21,331
Time deposits:			
Deposits of \$100,000 or more	1,056,025	924,825	131,200
Other time deposits	236,998	238,994	(1,996)
Total deposits	\$3,679,397	\$3,577,912	\$101,485
FHLB advances and other borrowings	175,734	261,005	(85,271)
Total funding sources	\$3,855,131	\$3,838,917	\$16,214

Deposits and Borrowings

Total deposits increased by \$101.5 million, or 2.8%, from December 31, 2016. The growth in deposits consisted of \$64.1 million of growth in core deposits, which excludes brokered deposits, and an increase of \$37.4 million in brokered deposits. Total brokered deposits were \$135.6 million at March 31, 2017 compared to \$98.2 million at December 31, 2016. Core deposit growth was comprised of increases in retail deposits of \$56.1 million and in public fund deposits of \$35.3 million, which were offset by a decrease in commercial deposits of \$27.3 million. Total public funds deposits, including public funds transaction accounts, were \$1.242 billion at March 31, 2017 compared to \$1.207 billion at December 31, 2016.

Total borrowings decreased by \$85.3 million, or 32.7%, from December 31, 2016. Most of the decrease was from a decrease in short-term advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis. The Company used wholesale funding, including brokered deposits and Federal Home Loan Bank advances, to fund part of its loan growth and to help maintain its desired interest rate risk position.

Capital

As of March 31, 2017, total stockholders' equity was \$437.1 million, an increase of \$10.1 million, or 2.4%, from \$427.0 million at December 31, 2016. In addition to net income of \$14.5 million, other increases in equity during the first three months of 2017 included \$1.6 million in stock based compensation expense and \$485,000 in accumulated other comprehensive income component of equity, which was driven by a net increase in the fair value of available-for-sale securities. Offsetting the increases to stockholders' equity were dividends paid in the amount of \$4.8 million and \$1.7 million in stock activity under equity compensation plans. The impact on equity by other comprehensive income is not included in regulatory capital. The banking regulators have established guidelines for leverage capital requirements, expressed in terms of Tier 1, or core capital, as a percentage of average assets, to measure the soundness of a financial institution. In addition, banking regulators have established risk-based capital guidelines for U.S. banking organizations. The final rules implementing the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision's capital guidelines for U.S. banks became effective for the Company on January 1, 2015, with full compliance with all of the final rule's requirements phased in over a multi-year schedule, to be fully phased-in by January 1, 2019. The final rules include a capital conservation buffer, comprised of common equity Tier 1 capital, which was phased in beginning January 1, 2016 at 0.625% of risk-weighted assets and will increase each subsequent year by an additional 0.625% until reaching its final level of 2.5% on January 1, 2019. The capital conservation buffer was 0.625% as of December 31, 2016 and 1.25% as of March 31, 2017. As of March 31, 2017, the Company's capital levels remained characterized as "well-capitalized" under the new rules. The actual capital amounts and ratios of the Company and the Bank as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, are presented in the table below:

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(dollars in thousands)	Amount	Actual Ratio	Minimum Required For Capital Adequacy Purposes		For Capital Adequacy Purposes Plus Capital Conservation Buffer		Minimum Required to Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Regulations	
			Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
As of March 31, 2017:								
Total Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)								
Consolidated	\$507,895	13.16%	\$308,752	8.00%	\$356,994	9.25%	\$385,940	10.00%
Bank	\$493,802	12.82%	\$308,152	8.00%	\$356,300	9.25%	\$385,190	10.00%
Tier I Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)								
Consolidated	\$464,032	12.02%	\$231,564	6.00%	\$279,806	7.25%	\$308,752	8.00%
Bank	\$449,939	11.68%	\$231,114	6.00%	\$279,262	7.25%	\$308,152	8.00%
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1)								
Consolidated	\$434,032	11.25%	\$173,673	4.50%	\$221,915	5.75%	\$250,861	6.50%
Bank	\$449,939	11.68%	\$173,335	4.50%	\$221,484	5.75%	\$250,373	6.50%
Tier I Capital (to Average Assets)								
Consolidated	\$464,032	10.78%	\$172,207	4.00%	\$172,207	4.00%	\$215,259	5.00%
Bank	\$449,939	10.48%	\$171,724	4.00%	\$171,724	4.00%	\$214,655	5.00%
As of December 31, 2016:								
Total Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)								
Consolidated	\$ 498,189	13.23%	\$ 301,243	8.00%	\$ 324,777	8.625%	\$ 376,554	10.00%
Bank	\$ 482,600	12.84%	\$ 300,784	8.00%	\$ 324,283	8.625%	\$ 375,980	10.00%
Tier I Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)								
Consolidated	\$ 454,382	12.07%	\$ 225,932	6.00%	\$ 249,467	6.625%	\$ 301,243	8.00%
Bank	\$ 438,793	11.67%	\$ 225,588	6.00%	\$ 249,087	6.625%	\$ 300,784	8.00%
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1)								
Consolidated	\$ 424,382	11.27%	\$ 169,449	4.50%	\$ 192,984	5.125%	\$ 244,760	6.50%
Bank	\$ 438,793	11.67%	\$ 169,191	4.50%	\$ 192,690	5.125%	\$ 244,387	6.50%
Tier I Capital (to Average Assets)								
Consolidated	\$ 454,382	10.86%	\$ 167,310	4.00%	\$ 167,310	4.00%	\$ 209,138	5.00%
Bank	\$ 438,793	10.54%	\$ 166,522	4.00%	\$ 166,522	4.00%	\$ 208,153	5.00%

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document (including information incorporated by reference) contains, and future oral and written statements of the Company and its management may contain, forward-looking statements, within the meaning of such term in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, with respect to the financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business of the Company. Forward-looking statements, which may be based upon beliefs, expectations and assumptions of the Company's management and on information currently available to

management, are generally identifiable by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "plan," "intend," "estimate," "may," "will," "would," "could," "should" or other similar expressions. Additionally, all statements in this document, including forward-looking statements, speak only as of the date they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any statement in light of new information or future events.

The Company's ability to predict results or the actual effect of future plans or strategies is inherently uncertain. The factors, which could have a material adverse effect on the operations and future prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, are detailed in the "Risk Factors" section included under Item 1A. of Part I of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. In addition to the risk factors described in that section, there are other factors that may impact any public company, including ours, which could have a material adverse effect on the operations and future prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries. These additional factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- the effects of future economic, business and market conditions and changes, both domestic and foreign;

- governmental monetary and fiscal policies;
- legislative and regulatory changes, including changes in banking, securities and tax laws and regulations and their application by our regulators;
- national and international political conditions and events;
 - the risks of changes in interest rates on the levels, composition and costs of deposits, loan demand, and the values and liquidity of loan collateral, securities and other interest sensitive assets and liabilities;
- changes in borrowers' credit risks and payment behaviors;
- changes in the availability and cost of credit and capital in the financial markets;
- the effects of disruption and volatility in capital markets on the value of our investment portfolio;
- cyber-security risks and/or cyber-security damage that could result from attacks on the Company's or third party service providers, networks or data of the Company;
- changes in the prices, values and sales volumes of residential and commercial real estate;
 - the effects of competition from a wide variety of local, regional, national and other providers of financial, investment and insurance services;
- changes in technology or products that may be more difficult or costly, or less effective than anticipated;
 - the effects of war or other conflicts, acts of terrorism or other catastrophic events, including storms, droughts, tornados and flooding, that may affect general economic conditions, including agricultural production and demand and prices for agricultural goods and land used for agricultural purposes, generally and in our markets;
 - the failure of assumptions and estimates used in our reviews of our loan portfolio, underlying the establishment of reserves for possible loan losses, our analysis of our capital position and other estimates;
- changes in the scope and cost of FDIC insurance, the state of Indiana's Public Deposit Insurance Fund and other coverages;
- changes in accounting policies, rules and practices; and
 - the risks of mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, including, without limitation, the related time and costs of implementing such transactions, integrating operations as part of these transactions and possible failures to achieve expected gains, revenue growth and/or expense savings from such transactions.

These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. Additional information concerning the Company and its business, including factors that could materially affect the Company's financial results, is included in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 3 – QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Interest rate risk represents the Company's primary market risk exposure. The Company does not have a material exposure to foreign currency exchange risk, does not have any material amount of derivative financial instruments and

does not maintain a trading portfolio. The Corporate Risk Committee of the Board of Directors annually reviews and approves the policy used to manage interest rate risk. The policy was last reviewed and approved in July 2016. The policy sets guidelines for balance sheet structure, which are designed to protect the Company from the impact that interest rate changes could have on net income but does not necessarily indicate the effect on future net interest income. The Company, through its Asset and Liability Committee, manages interest rate risk by monitoring the computer simulated earnings impact of various rate scenarios and general market conditions. The Company then modifies its long-term risk parameters by attempting to generate the types of loans, investments, and deposits that currently fit the Company's needs, as determined by its Asset and Liability Committee. This computer simulation analysis measures the net interest income impact of various interest rate scenario changes during the next twelve months. The Company continually evaluates the assumptions used in the model. The current balance sheet structure is considered to be within acceptable risk levels.

Interest rate scenarios for the base, falling 100 basis points, rising 25 basis points, rising 50 basis points, rising 100 basis points, rising 200 basis points and rising 300 basis points are listed below based upon the Company's rate sensitive assets and liabilities at March 31, 2017. The net interest income shown represents cumulative net interest income over a twelve-month time horizon. Balance sheet assumptions used for the base scenario are the same for the rising and falling simulations.

The base scenario is highly dependent on numerous assumptions embedded in the model. While the base sensitivity analysis incorporates management's best estimate of interest rate and balance sheet dynamics under various market rate movements, the actual behavior and resulting earnings impact will likely differ from that projected. For certain assets, the base simulation model captures the expected prepayment behavior under changing interest rate environments. Assumptions and methodologies regarding the interest rate or balance behavior of indeterminate maturity core deposit products, such as savings, money market, NOW and demand deposits reflect management's best estimate of expected future behavior.

(dollars in thousands)	Base	Falling (100 Basis Points)	Rising (25 Basis Points)	Rising 50 Basis Points	Rising 100 Basis Points	Rising 200 Basis Points	Rising 300 Basis Points	
Net interest income	\$133,331	\$118,482	\$136,101	\$138,845	\$144,282	\$155,063	\$165,709	
Variance from Base		(\$14,849)	\$2,770	\$5,514	\$10,951	\$21,732	\$32,378	
Percent of change from Base		-11.14	% 2.08	% 4.14	% 8.21	% 16.30	% 24.28	%

ITEM 4 – CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As required by Rules 13a-15(b) and 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, management has evaluated, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) were effective as of March 31, 2017. Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. These disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2017, there were no changes to the Company's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect its internal control over financial reporting.

PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal proceedings

There are no material pending legal proceedings to which the Company or its subsidiaries is a party other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to their respective businesses.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in Item 1A. of Part I of the Company's 2016 Form 10-K. Please refer to that section of the Company's Form 10-K for disclosures regarding the risks and uncertainties related to the Company's business.

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

The following table provides information as of March 31, 2017 with respect to shares of common stock repurchased by the Company during the quarter then ended:

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number (or Appropriate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
January 1-31	4,157	\$45.60	0	\$0
February 1-28	689	44.56	0	0
March 1-31	0	0	0	0
Total	4,846	\$45.45	0	\$0

- (a) The shares purchased during the periods were credited to the deferred share accounts of non-employee directors under the Company's directors' deferred compensation plan. These shares were purchased in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

N/A

Item 5. Other Information

None

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Item 6. Exhibits

31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a)

31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a)

32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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Interactive data files pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T: (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016; (ii) Consolidated Statements of Income for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2016; (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2016; (iv) Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2016; (v) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2016; and (vi) Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

SIGNATURES

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

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: May 10, 2017 /s/ David M. Findlay
David M. Findlay – President and
Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 10, 2017 /s/ Lisa M. O'Neill
Lisa M. O'Neill – Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 10, 2017 /s/ Sarah J. Earls

Sarah J. Earls – Senior Vice President and Controller

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