

CrossFirst Bankshares, Inc. Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2022 Results

LEAWOOD, Kan., January 23, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- CrossFirst Bankshares, Inc. (Nasdaq: CFB), the bank holding company for CrossFirst Bank, today reported fourth quarter net income of \$11.9 million, or \$0.24 per diluted share, and full year net income of \$61.6 million, or \$1.23 per diluted share. Adjusted net income was \$17.9 million, or \$0.36 per diluted share for the fourth quarter and \$68.6 million, or \$1.37 per diluted share for the full year.

Fourth Quarter 2022 Key Financial Performance Metrics Net Income ROAA⁽¹⁾ Net Interest Margin – Fully Tax Equivalent Diluted EPS ROE⁽¹⁾

\$11.9 million 0.77% 3.61% \$0.24 8.04%

Adjusted Fourth Quarter 2022 Key Financial Performance Metrics⁽²⁾

Adjusted Net Income	Adjusted ROAA ⁽¹⁾	Net Interest Margin - (FTE) ⁽¹⁾	Adjusted Diluted EPS	Adjusted ROE ⁽¹⁾
\$17.9 million	1.15%	3.61%	\$0.36	12.03%

- (1) Ratios are annualized.
- With the exception of Net Interest Margin (FTE), represents a non-GAAP financial measure. See "Table 5. Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for a reconciliation of these measures.

CEO Commentary:

"CrossFirst had a very successful quarter with the closing of our acquisition of Central, launching our new digital banking platform, and incredibly strong organic balance sheet growth," said CrossFirst's CEO and President, Mike Maddox. "2022 was our best year on record by a number of different measures, and strategic investments we made last year supported our entry into dynamic markets including Phoenix and Denver, which we believe will drive significant future growth."

2022 Fourth Quarter and Full Year Highlights:

- Completed the acquisition of Farmers & Stockmens Bank ("Central") adding liquidity, new production talent, and expanding
 into attractive and growing markets
 - Added \$389 million of loans and \$570 million of deposits
- Loans grew \$1.1 billion for the year or 26%; loans grew \$695 million for the quarter or 59% on an annualized basis
 - Excluding the Central acquisition, loans grew 17% for the year and 26% on an annualized basis for the quarter
- Deposits grew \$968 million for the year or 21%; deposits grew \$664 million for the quarter or 53% on an annualized basis
 - Excluding the Central acquisition, deposits grew 9% for the year and 7% on an annualized basis for the quarter
 - Non-interest-bearing deposit accounts grew to 25% of total deposits
- Credit quality improved meaningfully with the non-performing assets ratio at 0.20% at year end and full year net charge offs
 of just 0.08%
- Launched a new digital banking platform, providing enhanced online tools and resources for clients



	Quarte Decer			Full Decen		
(Dollars in millions except per share data)	2022		2021	2022		2021
Operating revenue ⁽¹⁾	\$ 58.4	\$	48.2	\$ 210.8	\$	182.4
Net income	\$ 11.9	\$	20.8	\$ 61.6	\$	69.4
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.24	\$	0.40	\$ 1.23	\$	1.33
Return on average assets	0.77%)	1.50%	1.07%		1.24%
Adjusted return on average assets ⁽²⁾	1.15%)	1.50%	1.19%		1.31%
Return on average common equity	8.04%)	12.57%	9.97%		10.84%
Adjusted return on average common equity ⁽²⁾	12.03%)	12.57%	11.11%		11.40%
Net interest margin	3.56%)	3.24%	3.44%		3.11%
Net interest margin -FTE ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	3.61%)	3.30%	3.50%		3.17%
Efficiency ratio	62.40%)	55.38%	57.75%		54.50%
Adjusted efficiency ratio - FTE ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	55.01%)	54.52%	54.43%		52.02%

(1) Net interest income plus non-interest income.

(2) Represents a non-GÂAP financial measure. See "Table 5. Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for a reconciliation of these measures.

(3) The Company changed the annualization method on the available-for-sale securities portfolio from Actual/Actual to 30/360 and moved the unrealized gain(loss) on available-for-sale securities from an interest-earning asset to a non-interest-earning asset. All periods presented reflect this change.

(4) Tax exempt income is calculated on a tax-equivalent basis. Tax-free municipal securities are exempt from federal income taxes. The incremental federal income tax rate used is 21.0%.

Income from Operations

Net income totaled \$11.9 million or \$0.24 per diluted share for the fourth quarter of 2022, compared to \$17.3 million or \$0.35 per diluted share during the third quarter of 2022. The quarter's results were impacted by an increase in net interest income offset by higher non-interest expenses. The quarter included acquisition-related non-interest expense of \$3.6 million and a \$4.4 million acquisition-related Day 1 CECL provision expense, discussed in detail below. Full year net income of \$61.6 million was lower than 2021 net income of \$69.4 million as better net interest income and non-interest income were more than offset by higher provision expense and non-interest expense.

Adjusted net income for 2022 totaled \$68.6 million or \$1.37 per diluted share compared to \$73.0 million or \$1.40 per diluted share for 2021. Full year adjusted net income was lower by \$4.4 million as increases in net interest income were offset by higher CECL provision and higher non-interest expense compared to 2021.

Net Interest Income

Fully taxable equivalent ("FTE") net interest income totaled \$54.8 million for the fourth quarter of 2022, which was 9% higher than the third quarter and 24% higher than the fourth quarter of 2021. Net interest margin - FTE increased to 3.61% in the current quarter from 3.56% in the previous quarter and 3.30% in the fourth quarter of 2021 as increases in earning asset yields outpaced the cost of funds increase. Full year 2022 net interest income - FTE grew \$25.1 million, an increase of 15% compared to 2021, while the net interest margin - FTE increased to 3.50% from 3.17% in the prior year due to the higher interest rate environment as well as the mix shift from cash into higher earning assets.

Interest income was \$82.4 million for the fourth quarter of 2022, an increase of 26% from the prior quarter and an increase of 67% from the fourth quarter of 2021. Higher yields on earning assets - FTE was the primary driver of the increase and improved 80 basis points and 1.76% compared to the prior quarter and the prior year fourth quarter, respectively. Average earning assets increased \$394 million, or 7%, compared to the third quarter and increased \$700 million, or 13%, compared to the same period in 2021. The increase in average earning assets for the quarter was due to organic loan growth as well as the addition of \$389 million of Central loans. Compared to the fourth quarter of 2021, the earning asset increase was entirely driven by loan growth and higher average investment balances, partially offset by lower cash balances. For the full year 2022, interest income increased \$55.4 million primarily due to the higher interest rate environment, loan growth, and a mix shift from cash into higher earning assets.

Interest expense for the fourth quarter of 2022 was \$28.3 million, which increased 79% from the prior quarter and 392% from the same quarter in 2021 due to significant changes in market rates in 2022 and higher average interest-bearing deposits. Average interest-bearing deposits increased to \$4.1 billion in the fourth quarter of 2022, a 9% increase from the third quarter and a 19% increase from the prior year fourth quarter, respectively. For both comparative periods the increase in average interest-bearing deposits was due to organic growth of savings and money market deposits, increased time deposits and the impact of the acquisition of Central. The cost of funds increased to 2.05% compared to 1.23% for the third quarter and 0.48% for the fourth quarter of 2021, driven by the higher interest rate environment. For the full year 2022, interest expense increased \$30.5 million due to higher market rates and increased competition for deposits.

Non-Interest Income

Non-interest income increased \$0.6 million compared to the third quarter of 2022 and decreased by \$0.4 million compared to the same quarter in 2021. The increase in non-interest income compared to the previous quarter was due to gains on securities and increases in service charges and fees. The decrease compared to the prior year was primarily the result of a decrease in credit card fees, partially offset by increases in service charges and fees, as well as gains on securities. Full year 2022 non-interest income was up \$3.6 million compared to 2021 as the prior year included losses on securities net of bank-owned life insurance income totaling a net \$4.4 million that did not occur in the current year.

Non-Interest Expense

Non-interest expense increased \$8.0 million from the third quarter of 2022. Included in the quarter were \$3.6 million of acquisition-related expenses with \$1.2 million included in professional fees, \$1.0 million in salaries and benefits, \$1.1 million in data processing, and \$0.2 million in other non-interest expense. Excluding these acquisition-related expenses, non-interest expense increased \$4.4 million compared to the third quarter and \$6.1 million compared to the fourth quarter of 2021. For both comparative periods salaries and benefit costs were higher due to hiring in new markets, the addition of employees as part of the Central acquisition and increased performance-based incentive compensation. Additionally, professional fees increased for both comparative periods primarily due to increases in legal fees related to lending activity. Full year 2022 non-interest expense increased \$22.4 million compared to 2021 due to a \$14.2 million increase in salaries due to hiring activity, the addition of Central, merit increases and increased incentive compensation. In addition, occupancy expenses increased \$1.0 million related to new market expansion, professional fees increased \$1.8 million due to the Central acquisition as well as lending related legal fees, and data processing increased \$1.9 million due to the Central acquisition, account growth and costs related to our digital banking conversion. Advertising as well as other non-interest expenses were up \$1.1 million and \$2.6 million, respectively, due to increased post-pandemic activities. Other non-interest expense also included an employee separation expense of \$1.1 million in 2022.

The Company's effective tax rate for the fourth quarter of 2022 was 21.9%, as compared to 20.3% in the third quarter and 21.6% for the fourth quarter of 2021. The increase compared to the third quarter was due to a \$0.3 million charge related to certain non-deductible acquisition costs.

Balance Sheet Performance & Analysis

During the fourth quarter of 2022, total assets increased by \$0.8 billion or 13% compared to the end of the prior quarter, and increased \$1.0 billion or 17% compared to December 31, 2021. Total assets increased on a linked quarter basis primarily due to a \$0.7 billion increase in loans. The year-over-year increase was primarily due to an increase in loans of \$1.1 billion. For both comparative periods, the increases in loans included a \$0.4 billion increase from the Central acquisition. Deposits increased \$0.7 billion compared to September 30, 2022, and increased \$1.0 billion from December 31, 2021. For both periods, \$0.6 billion of the increase is due to the acquisition of Central.

Loan Results

During the fourth quarter of 2022, the Company produced an increase in average loans of \$383 million compared to the third quarter, and an increase of \$789 million or 19% compared to the fourth quarter of 2021. The linked quarter increase in average loans was primarily a result of growth in the commercial and commercial real estate portfolios and the acquisition of Central.

	4Q22	 3Q22	2Q22	 1Q22		4Q21	% of Total	Gr	QoQ cowth (\$)	QoQ Growth (%) ⁽¹⁾	Gr	YoY rowth (\$)	YoY Growth (%) ⁽¹⁾
				(Do	llars	in millior	ıs)						
Average loans (gross)													
Commercial	\$ 1,909	\$ 1,630	\$ 1,532	\$ 1,434	\$	1,328	38%	\$	279	17 %	\$	581	44 %
Energy	183	211	241	274		290	4		(28)	(13)		(107)	(37)
Commercial real estate	1,461	1,439	1,399	1,327		1,272	29		22	2		189	15
Construction and land development	734	633	581	593		579	15		101	16		155	27
Residential and multifamily real estate	645	644	609	604		612	13		1	0		33	5
Paycheck Protection Program	5	6	20	42		84	0		(1)	(17)		(79)	(94)
Consumer	73	64	56	59		56	1		9	14		17	30
Total	\$ 5,010	\$ 4,627	\$ 4,438	\$ 4,333	\$	4,221	100%	\$	383	8 %	\$	789	19 %

⁽¹⁾ Actual unrounded values are used to calculate the reported percent disclosed. Accordingly, recalculations using the amounts in millions as disclosed in this release may not produce the same amounts.

Deposit & Other Borrowing Results

During the fourth quarter of 2022, the Company produced an increase in average deposits of 7% compared to the previous quarter, and an increase of 16% in average deposits compared to the fourth quarter of 2021. The average deposit increases for both comparative periods was primarily due to increases in savings and money market deposits, and time deposits, including amounts related to the Central acquisition.

	4Q22	 3Q22	 2Q22	1Q22 (Dollars	in m	4Q21	QoQ rowth (\$)	QoQ Growth (%) ⁽¹⁾	Gı	YoY rowth (\$)	YoY Growth (%) ⁽¹⁾
Average deposits											
Non-interest-bearing deposits	\$ 1,142	\$ 1,138	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,157	\$	1,058	\$ 4	0 %	\$	84	8 %
Transaction deposits	529	531	507	586		543	(2)	0		(14)	(3)
Savings and money market deposits	2,742	2,520	2,334	2,303		2,272	222	9		470	21
Time deposits	868	734	560	587		662	134	18		206	31
Total	\$ 5,281	\$ 4,923	\$ 4,551	\$ 4,633	\$	4,535	\$ 358	7 %	\$	746	16 %

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At December 31, 2022, other borrowings totaled \$254 million, as compared to \$206 million at September 30, 2022, and \$238 million at December 31, 2021, and increased due to short-term liquidity needs.

Asset Quality and Provision for Credit Losses

The Company recorded \$6.7 million of provision expense, compared to \$3.3 million last quarter and a (\$5.0) million release of provision in the prior year fourth quarter. The quarter's provision included \$4.4 million of acquisition-related Day 1 CECL provision expense for the Central loan portfolio. The remainder of the quarter's provision expense was driven by loan growth, partially offset by lower reserve requirements from changes in the CECL model's qualitative factors due to improvement in credit quality indicators.

Non-performing assets decreased to \$13.2 million at December 31, 2022 primarily due to a \$5.6 million decrease in non-accrual loans. The decline is attributable primarily to payments and payoffs on non-accrual energy, commercial and commercial real estate loans. The non-performing assets to total assets ratio decreased from 0.58% at December 31, 2021 to 0.20% at December 31, 2022. Classified loans decreased \$4.4 million during the fourth quarter but included the addition of \$5.7 million from Central. Without Central, classified assets decreased \$10.1 million due to reductions in classified energy and commercial loans. Net recoveries were (\$0.3) million for the fourth quarter of 2022 compared to \$1.9 million of net charge-offs from the prior quarter and \$0.8 million in the prior year fourth quarter.

The allowance for credit losses was \$61.8 million or 1.15% of outstanding loans at December 31, 2022. The combined allowance for credit losses and accrual for off-balance sheet credit risk from unfunded commitments ("RUC") was \$70.5 million or 1.31% of outstanding loans. The allowance for credit losses and RUC to total loans decreased from 1.34% at September 30, 2022 due to the mix of funded outstanding balances and unfunded commitments between the two periods and the aforementioned qualitative changes in the CECL model. The allowance for credit losses and RUC to total loans ratio is not comparable to the prior year fourth quarter due to the adoption of CECL on January 1, 2022.

The following table provides information regarding asset quality.

Asset quality (Dollars in millions)		4Q22		3Q22		2Q22		1Q22		4Q21
Non-accrual loans	\$	11.3	\$	16.9	\$	27.7	\$	33.1	\$	31.4
Other real estate owned		1.1		1.0		1.0		1.0		1.1
Loans 90+ days past due and still accruing		0.8		0.3		2.2		1.5		0.1
Total non-performing assets	\$	13.2	\$	18.2	\$	30.8	\$	35.6	\$	32.7
Loans 30 - 89 days past due	\$	19.6	\$	21.4	\$	16.6	\$	15.9	\$	3.5
Net charge-offs (recoveries)	-	(0.3)	•	1.9	-	1.1	•	1.1	•	0.8
Asset quality metrics (%)		4Q22		3Q22		2Q22		1Q22		4Q21
Non-performing assets to total assets		0.20 %		0.31 %		0.54 %		0.64 %		0.58 %
Allowance for credit losses to total loans		1.15		1.19		1.23		1.27		1.37
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Non-performing assets to total assets	0.20 %	0.31 %	0.54 %	0.64 %	0.58 %
Allowance for credit losses to total loans	1.15	1.19	1.23	1.27	1.37
Allowance for credit losses + RUC to total loans ⁽²⁾	1.31	1.34	1.35	1.38	N/A
Allowance for credit losses to non-performing loans	514	324	187	160	185
Net charge-offs (recoveries) to average loans ⁽¹⁾	(0.02)	0.16	0.10	0.10	0.07
Provision to average loans ⁽¹⁾	0.53	0.29	0.19	(0.06)	(0.47)
Classified Loans / (Capital + ACL)	10.1	11.3	12.1	10.8	10.8
Classified Loans / (Capital + ACL + RUC) ⁽²⁾	10.0	11.2	12.0	10.7	N/A

⁽¹⁾ Interim periods annualized.

Capital Position

At December 31, 2022, stockholders' equity totaled \$609 million, or \$12.56 per share, compared to \$668 million, or \$13.23 per share, at December 31, 2021. The decrease was due to the acquisition of Central and share repurchases, partially offset by earnings. During the fourth quarter of 2022, the Company continued its share repurchase program by purchasing 357,646 shares of common stock outstanding at a weighted average price of \$13.42. In addition, accumulated other comprehensive loss declined by \$86 million between December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2022; driven by a decrease in the unrealized loss on available-for-sale securities, net of tax.

Tangible book value per share was \$11.96 at December 31, 2022. The ratio of common equity Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets was approximately 9.5%, and the ratio of total capital to risk-weighted assets was approximately 10.5% at December 31, 2022.

⁽²⁾ Includes the accrual for off-balance sheet credit risk from unfunded commitments that resulted from CECL adoption on January 1, 2022.

Conference Call and Webcast

Management will host a conference call to review fourth quarter and full year financial results on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 10 a.m. CT / 11 a.m. ET. The conference call and webcast may also include discussion of Company developments, forward-looking statements and other material information about business and financial matters. To access the event by telephone, please dial (833) 630-1956 at least fifteen minutes prior to the start of the call and request access to the CrossFirst Bankshares call. International callers should dial +1 (412) 317-1837 and request access as directed above. The call will also be broadcast live over the internet and can be accessed via the following link: https://edge.media-server.com/mmc/p/jmnnrip7. Please visit the site at least 15 minutes prior to the call to allow time for registration. For those unable to join the presentation, a replay of the call will be available two hours after the conclusion of the live call. To access the replay, dial (877) 344-7529 and enter the replay access code 6033374. International callers should dial +1 (412) 317-0088 and enter the same access code. A replay of the webcast will also be available for 90 days on the Company's website https://investors.crossfirstbankshares.com/.

Cautionary Notice about Forward-Looking Statements

The financial results in this press release reflect preliminary, unaudited results, which are not final until the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K is filed. This earnings release contains forward-looking statements regarding, among other things, our business plans, and future financial performance. Any statements about management's expectations, beliefs, plans, predictions, forecasts, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance are not historical facts and may be forward-looking. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as "positioned," "growth," "approximately," "believe," "plan," "future," "opportunities," "feel," "anticipate," "target," "expectations," "expect," "will," and similar words or phrases. The inclusion of forward-looking information in this earnings release should not be regarded as a representation by us or any other person that the future plans, estimates or expectations contemplated by us will be achieved. The Company has based these forward-looking statements largely on its current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that it believes may affect its financial condition, results of operations, business strategy and financial needs. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements.

Accordingly, the Company cautions you that any such forward-looking statements are not a guarantee of future performance and that actual results may prove to be materially different from the results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements due to a number of factors. Such factors include, without limitation, economic and market conditions in the United States or internationally, interest rates, business and growth strategy execution, the transition away from the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), fluctuations in fair value of our investments, credit quality and risk, economic impact on our commercial real estate and commercial-based loan portfolios, accounting estimates, allowance estimate and risk management processes, hiring and retention of key personnel, funding availability, competition, industry and technological changes, cyber incidents or other failures, disruptions or security breaches, commercial and residential real estate values, mortgage markets, fraud committed against the Company, reputation risk, environmental liability, severe weather, natural disasters, acts of war or terrorism or other external events, ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and legislative and regulatory changes. These and other factors that could cause results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements, as well as a discussion of the risks and uncertainties that may affect our business, can be found in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and in other filings we make with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this communication, and we disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking statement or to publicly announce the results of any revisions to any of the forward-looking statements included herein, except as required by law.

About CrossFirst Bankshares, Inc.

CrossFirst Bankshares, Inc. (Nasdaq: CFB) is a Kansas corporation and a registered bank holding company for its wholly owned subsidiary CrossFirst Bank, a full-service financial institution that offers product and services to businesses, professionals, individuals, and families. CrossFirst Bank, headquartered in Leawood, Kansas, has locations in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico.

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TABLE 1. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

	Dece	mber 31, 2022	Dec	ember 31, 2021
Accepto		(Dollars ir	thousan	ds)
Assets Cash and cash equivalents	\$	300,138	\$	492 727
Available-for-sale securities - taxable	Ψ	,	Ψ	482,727
Available-for-sale securities - taxable Available-for-sale securities - tax-exempt		198,808		192,146
Loans, net of unearned fees		488,093		553,823
Allowance for credit losses on loans		5,372,729		4,256,213
Loans, net of the allowance for credit losses on loans		5,310,954		58,375
Premises and equipment, net				4,197,838
Restricted equity securities		65,984		66,069
Interest receivable		12,536		11,927
Foreclosed assets held for sale		29,507		16,023
		1,130		1,148
Goodwill and other intangible assets, net		29,081		130
Bank-owned life insurance		69,101		67,498
Other		95,754		32,128
Total assets	\$	6,601,086	\$	5,621,457
Liabilities and stockholders' equity				
Deposits				
Non-interest-bearing	\$	1,400,260	\$	1,163,224
Savings, NOW and money market		3,305,481		2,895,986
Time		945,567		624,387
Total deposits		5,651,308		4,683,597
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		218,111		236,600
Other borrowings		35,457		1,009
Interest payable and other liabilities		87,611		32,678
Total liabilities		5,992,487		4,953,884
Stockholders' equity				
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value: Authorized - 200,000,000 shares, issued - 53,036,613 and 52,590,015 shares at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively		530		526
Treasury stock, at cost: 4,588,398 and 2,139,970 shares held at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively		(64,127)		(28,347)
Additional paid-in capital		530,658		526,806
Retained earnings		206,095		147,099
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income		(64,557)		21,489
Total stockholders' equity		608,599		667,573
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	6,601,086	\$	5,621,457
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TABLE 2. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

		Three Mo				Twelve Mo Decem		
		2022		2021		2022		2021
		(L	ollars	in thousands	ехсер	ot per share da	ita)	
Interest Income								
Loans, including fees	\$	74,872	\$	44,392	\$	224,138	\$	174,660
Available-for-sale securities - taxable		1,327		850		4,577		3,273
Available-for-sale securities - tax-exempt		3,896		3,623		15,338		14,033
Deposits with financial institutions		2,037		143		3,751		502
Dividends on bank stocks		231		194		709		682
Total interest income		82,363		49,202		248,513		193,150
Interest Expense								
Deposits		26,830		3,734		49,982		18,523
Fed funds purchased and repurchase agreements		13		-		96		3
Federal Home Loan Bank Advances		1,457		1,999		4,759		5,837
Other borrowings		48		24		142		96
Total interest expense		28,348		5,757		54,979		24,459
Net Interest Income		54,015		43,445		193,534		168,691
Provision for Credit Losses		6,657		(5,000)		11,501		(4,000)
Net Interest Income after Provision for Credit Losses		47,358		48,445		182,033		172,691
Non-Interest Income								
Service charges and fees on customer accounts		1,708		1,250		6,228		4,580
Realized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities		139		(20)		96		1,023
Gain on sale of loans		47		_		47		_
Gains (losses) on equity securities, net		80		(82)		(181)		(6,325)
Income from bank-owned life insurance		402		395		1,602		3,483
Swap fees and credit valuation adjustments, net		65		119		188		275
ATM and credit card interchange income		1,010		2,427		6,523		7,996
Other non-interest income		908		707		2,778		2,628
Total non-interest income		4,359		4,796		17,281		13,660
Non-Interest Expense								<u> </u>
Salaries and employee benefits		22,000		16,468		75,288		61,080
Occupancy		2,812		2,381		10,663		9,688
Professional fees		2,822		981		5,275		3,519
Deposit insurance premiums		999		710		3,354		3,705
Data processing		1,901		742		4,750		2,878
Advertising		954		756		3,201		2,090
Software and communication		1,404		1,136		5,093		4,234
Foreclosed assets, net		13		17		(17)		697
Other non-interest expense		3,518		3,524		14,135		11,491
Total non-interest expense		36,423		26,715		121,742		99,382
Net Income Before Taxes		15,294		26,526		77,572		86,969
Income tax expense		3,348		5,725		15,973		17,556
Net Income	\$	11,946	\$	20,801	\$	61,599	\$	69,413
Basic Earnings Per Share	\$ \$	0.25	\$	0.41	\$	1.24	\$	1.35
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$	0.24	\$	0.40	\$	1.23		1.33
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TABLE 3. YEAR-TO-DATE ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET INTEREST INCOME - FTE (UNAUDITED)

Twelve Months Ended December 31.

	2022 2021									
		Average Balance	I	Interest ncome / Expense	Average Yield / Rate ⁽⁴⁾		Average Balance	I	Interest Income / Expense	Average Yield / Rate ⁽⁴⁾
					(Dollars in	thoi	usands)			
Interest-earning assets:										
Securities - taxable ⁽¹⁾	\$	220,760	\$	5,286	2.39%	\$	201,419	\$	3,955	1.96%
Securities - tax-exempt - FTE ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		551,734		18,559	3.36		488,544		16,981	3.48
Federal funds sold		3,139		49	-		-		-	-
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks		239,240		3,702	1.55		389,893		502	0.13
Gross loans, net of unearned income ⁽³⁾		4,603,697		224,138	4.87		4,340,791		174,660	4.02
Total interest-earning assets - FTE ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		5,618,570	\$	251,734	4.48%		5,420,647	\$	196,098	3.62%
Allowance for loan losses		(57,388)					(73,544)			
Other non-interest-earning assets		198,849					244,368			
Total assets	\$	5,760,031				\$	5,591,471			
Interest-bearing liabilities										
Transaction deposits	\$	538,604	\$	4,951	0.92%	\$	608,063	\$	1,152	0.19%
Savings and money market deposits		2,475,891		33,599	1.36		2,338,315		8,225	0.35
Time deposits		688,095		11,432	1.66		812,774		9,146	1.13
Total interest-bearing deposits		3,702,590		49,982	1.35		3,759,152		18,523	0.49
FHLB and short-term borrowings		232,018		4,855	2.09		279,379		5,840	2.09
Trust preferred securities, net of fair value adjustments		1,072		142	13.25		982		96	9.76
Non-interest-bearing deposits		1,146,594		-	-		876,309		-	-
Cost of funds		5,082,274	\$	54,979	1.08%		4,915,822	\$	24,459	0.50%
Other liabilities		60,175					35,447			
Stockholders' equity		617,582					640,202			
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	5,760,031				\$	5,591,471			
Net interest income - FTE ⁽²⁾			\$	196,755				\$	171,639	
Net interest spread - FTE ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾					3.40%					3.12%
Net interest margin - FTE ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾				_	3.50%				_	3.17%
				_					_	

⁽¹⁾ The Company changed the annualization method on the available-for-sale securities portfolio from Actual/Actual to 30/360 and moved the unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities from an interest-earning asset to a non-interest-earning asset. All periods presented reflect this change.

⁽²⁾ Tax exempt income is calculated on a tax-equivalent basis. Tax-free municipal securities are exempt from federal income taxes. The incremental income tax rate used is 21.0%.

⁽³⁾ Average gross loan balances include non-accrual loans.

⁽⁴⁾ Actual unrounded values are used to calculate the reported yield or rate disclosed. Accordingly, recalculations using the amounts in thousands as disclosed in this release may not produce the same amounts.

TABLE 4. 2021 - 2022 QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET INTEREST INCOME – FTE (UNAUDITED)

Three Months Ended December 31,

				Decem	JCI	51,			
			2022					2021	
	 Average Balance	I	nterest ncome / Expense	Average Yield / Rate ⁽⁴⁾		Average Balance	I	Interest ncome / Expense	Average Yield / Rate ⁽⁴⁾
				(Dollars in	thoi	ısands)			
Interest-earning assets:									
Securities - taxable (1)	\$ 227,701	\$	1,558	2.74%	\$	194,850	\$	1,044	2.14%
Securities - tax-exempt - FTE ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	558,393		4,714	3.38		522,860		4,385	3.35
Federal funds sold	12,453		50	-		-		-	-
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	218,549		1,987	3.61		387,828		143	0.15
Gross loans, net of unearned income ⁽³⁾	5,009,667		74,872	5.93		4,220,842		44,392	4.17
Total interest-earning assets - FTE ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	 6,026,763	\$	83,181	5.48%		5,326,380	\$	49,964	3.72%
Allowance for loan losses	(57,909)					(64,102)			
Other non-interest-earning assets	190,929					228,204			
Total assets	\$ 6,159,783				\$	5,490,482			
Interest-bearing liabilities					-				
Transaction deposits	\$ 528,725	\$	2,772	2.08%	\$	543,088	\$	216	0.16%
Savings and money market deposits	2,742,026		18,359	2.66		2,272,307		1,824	0.32
Time deposits	868,029		5,699	2.60		661,978		1,694	1.02
Total interest-bearing deposits	 4,138,780		26,830	2.57		3,477,373		3,734	0.43
FHLB and short-term borrowings	202,705		1,470	2.88		261,600		1,999	3.03
Trust preferred securities, net of fair value adjustments	1,213		48	15.70		1,000		24	9.67
Non-interest-bearing deposits	1,141,977		-	-		1,058,462		-	-
Cost of funds	 5,484,675	\$	28,348	2.05%		4,798,435	\$	5,757	0.48%
Other liabilities	85,521					35,632			
Stockholders' equity	589,587					656,415			
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 6,159,783				\$	5,490,482			
Net interest income - FTE ⁽²⁾		\$	54,833				\$	44,207	
Net interest spread - FTE ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾				3.43%					3.24%
Net interest margin - FTE ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾				3.61%					3.30%
								:	

⁽¹⁾ The Company changed the annualization method on the available-for-sale securities portfolio from Actual/Actual to 30/360 and moved the unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities from an interest-earning asset to a non-interest-earning asset. All periods presented reflect this change.

⁽²⁾ Tax exempt income is calculated on a tax-equivalent basis. Tax-free municipal securities are exempt from federal income taxes. The incremental income tax rate used is 21.0%.

⁽³⁾ Average loan balances include non-accrual loans.

⁽⁴⁾ Actual unrounded values are used to calculate the reported yield or rate disclosed. Accordingly, recalculations using the amounts in thousands as disclosed in this release may not produce the same amounts.

TABLE 5. NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to disclosing financial measures determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the Company discloses non-GAAP financial measures in this release including "tangible common stockholders' equity," "tangible book value per share," "adjusted efficiency ratio – fully tax equivalent (FTE)," "adjusted net income," "adjusted diluted earnings per share," "adjusted return on average assets (ROAA)," and "adjusted return on common equity (ROE)." We consider the use of select non-GAAP financial measures and ratios to be useful for financial and operational decision making and useful in evaluating period-to-period comparisons. We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures provide meaningful supplemental information regarding our performance by excluding certain expenditures or gains that we believe are not indicative of our primary business operating results. We believe that management and investors benefit from referring to these non-GAAP financial measures in assessing our performance and when planning, forecasting, analyzing and comparing past, present and future periods.

These non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered a substitute for financial information presented in accordance with GAAP and you should not rely on non-GAAP financial measures alone as measures of our performance. The non-GAAP financial measures we present may differ from non-GAAP financial measures used by our peers or other companies. We compensate for these limitations by providing the equivalent GAAP measures whenever we present the non-GAAP financial measures and by including a reconciliation of the impact of the components adjusted for in the non-GAAP financial measure so that both measures and the individual components may be considered when analyzing our performance.

A reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to the comparable GAAP financial measures follows.

					Quarter Ende	d						Twelve M	Ionths I	Ended
	12/	31/2022	9/30/2022		6/30/2022		3/3	31/2022	12	2/31/2021	12	2/31/2022	12	/31/2021
		<u> </u>	_	_	(Dollars	in th	housa	nds, except p	per shar	e data)		_		
Adjusted net income:														
Net income	\$	11,946	\$ 17,280		\$ 15,545		\$	16,828	\$	20,801	\$	61,599	\$	69,413
Add: Acquisition costs		3,570	81		239			-		-		3,890		-
Add: Acquisition - Day 1 CECL provision		4,400	-		-			-		-		4,400		-
Add: Employee separation		-	-		1,063			-		-		1,063		-
Add: Unrealized loss on equity security		-	-		-			-		-		-		6,200
Add: Accelerated employee benefits		-	-		-			-		-		-		719
Less: BOLI settlement benefits ⁽¹⁾		-	-		-			-		-		-		(1,841)
Less: Tax effect ⁽²⁾		(2,045)	(17)		(273)			-		-		(2,335)		(1,512)
Adjusted net income	\$	17,871	\$ 17,344		\$ 16,574		\$	16,828	\$	20,801	\$	68,617	\$	72,979
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	49	9,165,578	49,725,207		50,203,725		5	0,910,490		51,660,723		50,002,054	5	2,030,582
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.24	\$ 0.35		\$ 0.31		\$	0.33	\$	0.40	\$	1.23	\$	1.33
Adjusted diluted earnings per share	\$	0.36	\$ 0.35	_	\$ 0.33		\$	0.33	\$	0.40	\$	1.37	\$	1.40

⁽¹⁾ No tax effect.

⁽²⁾ Represents the tax impact of the adjustments at a tax rate of 21.0%, plus permanent tax expense associated with merger related transactions and permanent tax benefit associated with stock-based grants

				Q	uarter Ended						Twelve Mo	nths	s Ended
	12/31/	2022	9/30/2022		6/30/2022		3/31/2022		12/31/2021		12/31/2022		12/31/2021
	-					(Dol	lars in thousands)					
Adjusted return on average assets:													
Net income	\$ 17	1,946	17,280	\$	15,545	\$	16,828	\$	20,801	\$	61,599	\$	69,413
Adjusted net income	17	7,871	17,344		16,574		16,828		20,801		68,617		72,979
Average assets	\$ 6,159	9,783	5,764,347	\$	5,545,657	\$	5,563,738	\$	5,490,482	\$	5,760,031	\$	5,591,471
Return on average assets		0.77 %	1.19 %	,	1.12 %		1.23 %		1.50 %		1.07 %		1.24 %
Adjusted return on average assets		1.15 %	1.19 %		1.20 %		1.23 %	_	1.50 %	_	1.19 %	_	1.31 %
				Q	Quarter Ended						Twelve Mo	nths	s Ended
	12/31/	2022	9/30/2022		6/30/2022		3/31/2022		12/31/2021		12/31/2022		12/31/2021
	-					Dol	lars in thousands)					

	1	2/31/2022	9/30/2022			6/30/2022		3/31/2022		12/31/2021		12/31/2022		12/31/2021
		_					Dollars in thousands)			_		_		
Adjusted return on common equity:														
Net income	\$	11,946	\$	17,280	\$	15,545	\$	16,828	\$	20,801	\$	61,599	\$	69,413
Adjusted net income		17,871		17,344		16,574		16,828		20,801		68,617		72,979
Average common equity	\$	589,587	\$	613,206	\$	614,541	\$	653,747	\$	656,415	\$	617,582	\$	640,202
Return on average common equity		8.04 %		11.18 %		10.15 %		10.44 %		12.57 %		9.97 %		10.84 %
Adjusted return on common equity		12.03 %		11.22 %		10.82 %		10.44 %		12.57 %		11.11 %		11.40 %

	Quarter Ended												
	12/31/2022		9/	30/2022	6/	/30/2022	3/	31/2022	12	2/31/2021			
		(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)											
Tangible common stockholders' equity:													
Total stockholders' equity	\$	608,599	\$	580,547	\$	608,016	\$	623,199	\$	667,573			
Less: goodwill and other intangible assets		29,081		71		91		110		130			
Tangible common stockholders' equity	\$	579,518	\$	580,476	\$	607,925	\$	623,089	\$	667,443			
Tangible book value per share:			-										
Tangible common stockholders' equity	\$	579,518	\$	580,476	\$	607,925	\$	623,089	\$	667,443			
Shares outstanding at end of period	4	8,448,215	4	8,787,696	4	19,535,949	4	9,728,253	:	50,450,045			
Book value per share	\$	12.56	\$	11.90	\$	12.27	\$	12.53	\$	13.23			
Tangible book value per share	\$	11.96	\$	11.90	\$	12.27	\$	12.53	\$	13.23			

		Quarter Ended										Twelve Months Ended			
	1	12/31/2022		9/30/2022		6/30/2022		3/31/2022	12/31/2021		12/31/2022		12/31/2021		
				_			(Dolla	ars in thousand:	s)						
Adjusted Efficiency Ratio - Fully Tax Equivalent (FTE) ⁽¹⁾															
Non-interest expense	\$	36,423	\$	28,451	\$	29,203	\$	27,666	\$	26,715	\$	121,742	\$	99,382	
Less: Acquisition costs		(3,570)		(81)		(239)		-		-		(3,890)		-	
Less: Core deposit intangible amortization		(291)		-		-		-		-		(291)		-	
Less: Employee separation		-		-		(1,063)		-		-		(1,063)		-	
Less: Accelerated employee benefits		-		-		-		-		-		-		(719)	
Adjusted Non-interest expense (numerator)	\$	32,562	\$	28,370	\$	27,901	\$	27,666	\$	26,715	\$	116,498	\$	98,663	
Net interest income		54,015		49,695		46,709		43,115		43,445		193,534		168,691	
Tax equivalent interest income ⁽¹⁾		818		820		808		775		762		3,221		2,948	
Non-interest income		4,359		3,780		4,201		4,942		4,796		17,281		13,660	
Add: Unrealized loss on equity security		-		-		-		-		-		-		6,200	
Less: BOLI settlement benefits		-		-		-		-		-		-		(1,841)	
Total tax-equivalent income (denominator)	\$	59,192	\$	54,295	\$	51,718	\$	48,832	\$	49,003	\$	214,036	\$	189,658	
Efficiency Ratio		62.40 %		53.20 %		57.36 %	Ó	57.57 %		55.38 %)	57.75 %		54.50 %	
Adjusted Efficiency Ratio - Fully Tax Equivalent (FTE) ⁽¹⁾		55.01 %		52.25 %		53.95 %	ó	56.66 %		54.52 %		54.43 %		52.02 %	

⁽¹⁾ Tax exempt income (tax-free municipal securities) is calculated on a tax equivalent basis. The incremental tax rate used is 21.0%.