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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): June 24, 2014

Ameris Bancorp

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Georgia (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-13901 (Commission File Number) 58-1456434 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (229) 890-1111

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On June 24, 2014, the Board of Directors of Ameris Bancorp (the Company) declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.05 per share of the Company s common stock. The dividend will be paid on July 15, 2014 to shareholders of record as of July 7, 2014. Future dividends will be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

SIGNATURE

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

AMERIS BANCORP

By: /s/ Dennis J. Zember Jr. Dennis J. Zember Jr.

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(principal accounting and financial officer)

Dated: June 25, 2014