## 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) January 31, 2012

# AMERICAN NATIONAL BANKSHARES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 0-12820

(Commission File Number) 54-1284688 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

628 Main Street, Danville, VA

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

24541

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 434-792-5111

Not Applicable

(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 240.13a-4(c))

#### Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year

On January 17, 2012, the Board of Directors of American National Bankshares Inc. amended the Company's Bylaws to increase the size of the Board of Directors from 14 to 15 shareholders and added references to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. The amendments became effective January 1, 2012 with the Board's approval.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits:

3.2 Bylaws of American National Bankshares Inc., as amended effective January 1, 2012

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

Date: January 31, 2012

/s/ William W. Traynham Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer