

**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) **December 18, 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 **24541**
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 18, 2012, the Board of Directors of American National Bancshares Inc. and its banking subsidiary, American National Bank & Trust Company, announced the following executive changes effective Jan. 1, 2013.

Jeffrey V. Haley will succeed Charles H. Majors as Chief Executive Officer of the company. Haley will remain as President of the Company and as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank. Majors will serve as the full-time Executive Chairman of the Company and the Bank.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits:
99.1 News Release

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: December 18, 2012

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