
Oconee Financial Corporation Reports Fourth Quarter 2024 Results

WATKINSVILLE, Ga., February 7, 2025/OTC Markets/ -- Oconee Financial Corporation ("Oconee") (OTCQX: OSBK) is pleased to report results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2024. Unaudited net income for the three months ending December 31, 2024, was \$1.2 million or \$1.11 per common share. This compares to \$847 thousand or \$0.90 per common share for the fourth quarter of 2023. The increase in net earnings for the fourth quarter 2024 was attributable to an increase in net interest income of \$305,000 and an increase in non-interest income of \$470,000, offset by an increase in provision for loan losses of \$265,000. The increase in net interest income was due to increases in interest income on loans of \$1.4 million, offset by decreases in interest income on investments of \$168,000, decreases in interest income on interest-bearing bank balances of \$494,000 and increases in interest expense on deposits and interest expense on borrowings of \$395,000. The increase in non-interest income was primarily due to increases in mortgage banking income of \$127,000, SBA income of \$206,000 and non-recurring other income of \$424,000. The increases in non-interest income were offset by a restructuring loss on the sale of securities of \$550,000. The provision for loan losses increased \$265,000 compared to the prior year fourth quarter due to strong loan growth in the fourth quarter.

Unaudited net income for the year ended December 31, 2024, was \$4.9 million, or \$4.71 per common share. This compares to \$5.9 million or \$6.32 per common share for year-to-date as of December 31 of the prior year. Year-to-date earnings for 2023 included the recorded bargain purchase gain of \$1.8 million and expenses relating to the merger with Elberton Federal of \$625,000. Excluding these items, net income for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$4.6 million, or \$4.87 per share.

Total assets as of December 31, 2024, were \$640.0 million, compared to total assets of \$589.1 million as of December 31, 2023, an increase of 8.7%. Total loans, net of unearned income were \$409.6 million and total deposits were \$565.7 million as of December 31, 2024. This compared to total loans of \$347.0 million and total deposits of \$532.0 million at December 31, 2023. For the year ended December 31, 2024, total loans increased 18.0% and total deposits increased 6.4% versus December 31, 2023. Book value per share at December 31, 2024 was \$46.09 versus \$40.44 at December 31, 2023. The increase in book value per share at December 31, 2024 was largely due to the retention of earnings after accounting for the annual dividend of \$0.95 per share paid on April 1, 2024. Also affecting the increase in book value per share is a year-to-date increase in Other Comprehensive Income, which includes a decrease in the Bank's unrealized loss in the investment portfolio of \$1.3 million and an increase in the Bank's unrealized gain in the fair value of derivatives of \$715,000.

Neil Stevens, President and Chief Executive Officer of Oconee, commenting on the fourth quarter results noted "the fourth quarter was a very solid quarter for earnings and loan growth, capping off a very successful year for the bank in terms of earnings, loan growth and asset quality. We are also very excited about our newly announced expansions in Southeast Georgia and Johnson City, Tennessee."

Oconee Financial Corporation is headquartered in Watkinsville, Georgia and operates six full-service financial centers in Georgia, located in Oconee, Athens Clarke, Elbert, Gwinnett, Macon-Bibb counties. In February 2025, Oconee State bank celebrated 65 years of service and continues to be the only locally owned and operated community bank headquartered in Oconee County. Oconee State Bank proudly serves its communities, providing unparalleled commitment to personalized service, innovative products and solutions, and brings exceptional value to all stakeholders, through local ownership, involvement, and decision making. The bank strives to be essential to those it serves, by creating remarkable experiences that significantly mark the lives of others. Oconee Financial Corporation was established in January 1999 to serve as the holding company of Oconee State Bank.

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OCONEE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
BALANCE SHEET

	12/31/2024	12/31/2023
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 58,478,454	\$ 53,094,864
Securities available for sale (at fair value)	139,228,148	159,634,267
Other investment	893,974	449,274
Mortgage loans held for sale	2,109,500	516,750
Loans, net of unearned income	409,602,471	346,988,279
Allowance for loan loss	(5,424,417)	(4,600,281)
Loans, net	404,178,054	342,387,998
Premises and equipment	10,653,530	8,795,018
Other assets	24,490,557	24,179,471
Total Assets	\$ 640,032,216	\$ 589,057,642
<u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u>		
Liabilities:		
Deposits	\$ 565,740,790	\$ 531,966,215
Federal Home Loan Bank Advances	10,000,000	1,000,000
Subordinated debenture, net of capitalized expenses	9,366,290	9,342,342
Dividends payable	--	--
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	6,680,716	4,438,495
Total Liabilities	591,787,796	546,747,052
Stockholder's Equity:		
Common Stock	2,097,076	2,096,560
Restricted Stock	(56,404)	(71,214)
Additional Paid in Capital	7,050,073	7,042,299
Retained earnings	47,789,446	43,853,919
Unrealized gain/loss on securities and derivatives	(8,635,771)	(10,610,974)
Total Stockholder's Equity	48,244,421	42,310,590
Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity	\$ 640,032,216	\$ 589,057,642
Book Value Per Share	\$ 46.09	\$ 40.44

OCONEE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
STATEMENT OF INCOME-QTD

	12/31/2024	12/31/2023
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Interest Income:		
Loans	\$ 6,600,001	\$ 5,238,907
Securities available for sale		
State, County & Municipal	188,730	189,258
Treasuries & Agencies	938,249	1,105,512
Corporate	94,766	94,766
Federal funds sold & other	878,839	1,373,046
	8,700,585	8,001,488
Interest Expense:		
Deposits	2,406,100	1,849,141
Other	282,831	445,200
Total Interest Expense	2,688,931	2,294,341
Net interest income	6,011,654	5,707,147
Provision for loan losses	388,023	123,109
Net income after provision for loan losses	5,623,631	5,584,038
Noninterest income		
Service charges on deposit accounts	186,224	179,051
Gain (loss) on Sale of Assets	--	--
Bargain Purchase Gain - Elberton Federal	--	(221,959)
Securities gains (losses), net	(550,250)	--
Mortgage banking income	389,349	262,196
SBA loan related income	474,997	269,179
Commissions on investment sales	36,107	25,746
Other	842,898	395,100
Total noninterest income	1,379,325	909,314
Noninterest expense		
Salaries and employee benefits	3,606,273	3,409,347
Occupancy	415,904	367,609
Other operating	1,682,460	1,573,030
Total noninterest expense	5,704,638	5,349,985
Income before provision for income taxes	1,298,318	1,143,366
Provision for income taxes	137,819	296,517
Net Income	\$ 1,160,499	\$ 846,849
Period-Ending Outstanding Shares	1,046,700	1,046,262
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	1,045,973	937,599
QTD Earnings Per Common Share	\$ 1.11	\$ 0.90

OCONEE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
STATEMENT OF INCOME-YTD

	12/31/2024	12/31/2023
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Interest Income:		
Loans	\$ 24,197,423	\$ 18,281,215
Securities available for sale		
State, County & Municipal	755,791	757,922
Treasuries & Agencies	4,054,679	4,242,720
Corporate	379,063	389,087
Federal funds sold & other	3,644,841	2,797,443
	33,031,797	26,468,388
Interest Expense:		
Deposits	8,793,135	4,493,800
Other	1,086,516	1,323,201
Total Interest Expense	9,879,651	5,817,001
Net interest income	23,152,146	20,651,386
Provision for loan losses	912,187	225,250
Net income after provision for loan losses	22,239,959	20,426,136
Noninterest income		
Service charges on deposit accounts	738,289	662,425
Gain (loss) on Sale of Assets	(16,377)	3,900
Bargain Purchase Gain - Elberton Federal	--	1,836,838
Securities gains (losses), net	(550,250)	2,237
Mortgage banking income	1,374,019	964,261
SBA loan related income	1,382,173	981,185
Commissions on investment sales	151,479	129,198
Other	1,965,109	1,510,637
Total noninterest income	5,044,442	6,090,682
Noninterest expense		
Salaries and employee benefits	13,125,635	11,436,803
Occupancy	1,529,708	1,354,236
Other operating	6,539,354	6,471,744
Total noninterest expense	21,194,697	19,262,783
Income before provision for income taxes	6,089,703	7,254,035
Provision for income taxes	1,160,524	1,327,858
Net Income	\$ 4,929,179	\$ 5,926,177
Period-Ending Outstanding Shares	1,046,700	1,046,262
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	1,045,973	937,599
YTD Earnings Per Common Share	\$ 4.71	\$ 6.32