

**UNITED STATES
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
Washington, D.C. 20429**

**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 3, 2020 (December 30, 2019)

Bank OZK

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arkansas (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **110** (FDIC Certificate Number) **71-0130170** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

17901 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, Arkansas
(Address of principal executive offices)

72223
(Zip Code)

(501) 978-2265
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2.):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, \$0.01 per value per share	OZK	NASDAQ Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

On December 30, 2019, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Bank OZK (the “Bank”) appointed Stan Thomas, age 48, as the Chief Accounting Officer of the Bank, effective January 2, 2020. Mr. Thomas joined the Bank in 2011 and served as Senior Vice President/Director of Financial Reporting from 2011 to 2015 and Executive Vice President/Director of Financial Reporting from 2015 to 2019 prior to his appointment as Chief Accounting Officer. From 2008 to 2011, Mr. Thomas was a senior audit manager with a regional accounting firm. Prior to 2008, Mr. Thomas held various positions with big-four accounting firms, leaving as a senior audit manager. Mr. Thomas is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a B.S. in Accounting and an M.B.A from Louisiana Tech University. Mr. Thomas’ new title will be Chief Accounting Officer.

Greg McKinney, who has served as both Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer, will continue to serve as the Bank’s Chief Financial Officer. The separation of the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer roles is in response to the expanding duties and responsibilities associated with each role as the Bank has continued to grow and reflects Mr. Thomas’ professional growth and development and increasing contribution to the Bank.

As an executive officer, Mr. Thomas (i) has entered into the standard indemnification agreement with the Bank in the form previously approved by the Board and filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Bank’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, which was filed with the FDIC and is incorporated by reference herein and (ii) will participate in the Bank’s standard executive compensation programs, as disclosed in the Bank’s proxy statement.

There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Thomas and any other person(s) pursuant to which he was selected as Chief Accounting Officer. Mr. Thomas does not have any family relationships with any director, executive officer or person nominated to or chosen by the Bank to become a director or executive officer of the Bank. Mr. Thomas is not a party to any transaction required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

