
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

**Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 4, 2005

UNION BANKSHARES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

0-20293
(Commission File Number)

54-1598552
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

212 North Main Street
P.O. Box 446
Bowling Green, Virginia 22427
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (804) 633-5031

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 4, 2005, Union Bankshares Corporation issued a press release announcing the authorization by its Board of Directors to purchase up to 150,000 shares of the Company's common stock on the open market with such authorization expiring May 31, 2006. A copy of the company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Union Bankshares Corporation press release dated May 4, 2005

SIGNATURES

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

UNION BANKSHARES CORPORATION

Date: May 6, 2005

By: /s/ D. Anthony Peay

D. Anthony Peay
Executive Vice President and
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UNION BANKSHARES ANNOUNCES STOCK REPURCHASE AUTHORIZATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Bowling Green, Virginia) — Union Bankshares (Nasdaq: UBSH—News) is pleased to announce its Board of Directors has renewed its authorization for management to purchase up to 150,000 shares of the Company's common stock on the open market with such authorization expiring May 31, 2006. While the Company's management has not yet determined how many, if any, shares it might purchase subject to this authorization, it is anticipated that any repurchased shares will be used primarily for general corporate purposes, including the dividend reinvestment plan, incentive stock option plan and other employee benefit plans. Under prior authorizations, Union Bankshares Corporation repurchased 174,000 shares in 1999-2003. No shares have been repurchased to date under the existing authorization which expires on May 31, 2005.

Union Bankshares is one of the largest community banking organizations based in Virginia, providing full service banking to the Central, Rappahannock, Williamsburg and Northern Neck regions of Virginia through its bank subsidiaries, Union Bank & Trust (31 locations in the counties of Albemarle, Caroline, Chesterfield, Fluvanna, Hanover, Henrico, King George, King William, Nelson, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland and the Cities of Charlottesville and Fredericksburg), Northern Neck State Bank (9 locations in the counties of Richmond, Westmoreland, Essex, Northumberland and Lancaster), Rappahannock National Bank in Washington, Virginia and Bank of Williamsburg (3 locations in Williamsburg and Newport News). Union Bank & Trust also operates a loan production office in Manassas. In addition to banking services, Union Investment Services, Inc. provides full brokerage services and Mortgage Capital Investors provides a full line of mortgage products. The Bank of Williamsburg also owns a non-controlling interest in Johnson Mortgage Company, LLC.

This press release may contain "forward-looking statements," within the meaning of federal securities laws, that involve significant risks and uncertainties. Statements herein are based on certain assumptions and analyses by the Company and are factors it believes are appropriate in the circumstances. Actual results could differ materially from those contained in or implied by such statements for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to: changes in interest rates; changes in accounting principles, policies, or guidelines; significant changes in economic conditions; significant changes in regulatory requirements; and significant changes in securities markets. Consequently, all forward-looking statements made herein are qualified by these cautionary statements and the cautionary language in the Company's most recent Form 10-K report and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Union Bankshares Corporation does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect circumstances or events that occur after the date the forward-looking statements are made.