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): May 8, 2007

UNION BANKSHARES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 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 13c-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13c-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 8, 2007, Union Bankshares Corporation issued a press release announcing it had entered into an agreement to acquire six branches of Provident Bankshares Corporation. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statement and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated May 8, 2007.

SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 8, 2007

UNION BANKSHARES CORPORATION

By: <u>/s/ D. Anthony Peay</u> D. Anthony Peay Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



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UNION BANKSHARES ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF SIX BRANCHES

(BOWLING GREEN, VA) - G. William Beale, President and Chief Executive Officer of Union Bankshares Corporation (NASDAQ:UBSH), announced today that an agreement has been reached to acquire six Virginia branches of Provident Bank, a subsidiary of Provident Bankshares Corporation (NASDAQ:PBKS). These six branches are located in Charlottesville, Middleburg, Warrenton (2) and Winchester (2). Deposits assumed in this branch acquisition total approximately \$46 million. There are no loans included in the transaction. The acquisition requires the approval of various regulatory agencies and the satisfaction of certain other standard conditions. It is expected that the acquisition will close in September 2007.

About the acquisition of branches, Beale said, "Union Bankshares is excited to bring these branches into our family of community banks, which will enable us to extend our banking franchise into very attractive markets. We are also excited to welcome these new employees to our organization and look forward to teaming with them to meet and exceed the banking needs and expectations of their customers and the surrounding communities. While it is anticipated that the acquisition will create some earnings dilution for the first two years, this acquisition represents a significant step in our strategic plan for profitable growth and the creation of cost effectiveness through economies of scale."

The new branches will be operated by two of Union Bankshares Corporation's affiliate banks, Rappahannock National Bank and Union Bank and Trust Company.

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ABOUT UNION BANKSHARES CORPORATION

Union Bankshares Corporation is one of the largest community banking organizations based in Virginia, providing full service banking to the Northern, Central, Rappahannock, Tidewater and Northern Neck regions of Virginia through its bank subsidiaries, Union Bank and Trust Company (33 locations in the counties of Albemarle, Caroline, Chesterfield, Fluvanna, Hanover, Henrico, King George, King William, Nelson, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland and the Cities of Fredericksburg and Charlottesville), Northern Neck State Bank (9 locations in the counties of Richmond, Westmoreland, Essex, Northumberland and Lancaster), Rappahannock National Bank (2 locations in Washington and Front Royal, Virginia) and Bay Community Bank (4 locations in Williamsburg, Newport News and Grafton), and Prosperity Bank & Trust Company (3 locations in Springfield and Burke, Virginia). Union Bank and Trust Company also operates a loan production office in Manassas. In addition to banking services, Union Investment Services, Inc. provides full brokerage services; Union Mortgage Group, Inc. provides a full line of mortgage products; and Union Insurance Group, LLC offers various lines of insurance products. Bay Community Bank also owns a non-controlling interest in Johnson Mortgage Company, LLC.

Additional information is available on the Company's website at <u>www.ubsh.com</u>. The shares of the Company are traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "UBSH".

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this report may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are statements that include projections, predictions, expectations or beliefs about future events or results or otherwise and are not statements of historical fact. Such statements are often characterized by the use of qualified words (and their derivatives) such as "expect," "believe," "estimate," "plan," "project," "anticipate" or other statements concerning opinions or judgment of the Company and its management about future events. Although the Company believes that its expectations with respect to forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions within the bounds of its existing knowledge of its business and operations, there can be no assurance that actual results, performance or achievements of the Company will not differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Actual future results and trends may differ materially from historical results or those anticipated depending on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, the effects of and changes in: general economic conditions, the interest rate environment, legislative and regulatory requirements, competitive pressures, new products and delivery systems, inflation, changes in the stock and bond markets, technology, and consumer spending and savings habits. The Company does not update any forward-looking statements that may be made from time to time by or on behalf of the Company.