

WEST BANCORPORATION INC
Form 8-K
January 09, 2009

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): January 7, 2009

West Bancorporation, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Iowa | 0-49677 | 42-1230603 |
| _____ (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | _____ (Commission File Number) | _____ (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

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| 1601 22nd Street, West Des Moines, Iowa | 50266 |
| _____ (Address of principal executive offices) | _____ (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 515-222-2300

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 240.13e-4(c))

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

On January 7, 2009, Scott D. Eltjes submitted his resignation as Chief Executive Officer of WB Capital Management Inc., (“WB Capital”) a subsidiary of West Bancorporation, Inc. (NASDAQ: WTBA).

Also on January 7, 2009, Jeffrey D. Lorenzen, President and Chief Investment Officer of WB Capital, submitted his resignation.

Douglas R. Gulling, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of West Bancorporation, Inc. and a director and treasurer of WB Capital will serve as interim Chief Executive Officer of WB Capital.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

January 9, 2009

West Bancorporation, Inc.

By: Douglas R. Gulling

Name: Douglas R. Gulling

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer