

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANKSHARES INC  
Form 8-K  
February 19, 2010

**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: February 19, 2010**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

**American National Bankshares Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)  
628 Main Street

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

Danville, Virginia 24541

(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (434) 792-5111

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. below):

- .. 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))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On February 19, 2010, American National Bankshares Inc. (the Company) filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). Once declared effective by the SEC, the shelf registration will allow the Company to raise capital as it desires, up to \$50 million, through the sale of various types of securities, subject to market conditions and the Company's capital needs.

A copy of the press release announcing the filing of the registration statement is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.* The following exhibit is being furnished pursuant to Item 8.01 above.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99.1	Press Release issued February 19, 2010.

**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.

**AMERICAN NATIONAL BANKSHARES INC.**

By: */s/* WILLIAM W. TRAYNHAM  
**William W. Traynham**  
**Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

Date: February 19, 2010

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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