

GREEN BANKSHARES, INC.

Form 8-K

December 23, 2008

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**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): December 23, 2008  
GREEN BANKSHARES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Tennessee

0-14289

62-1222567

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

100 North Main Street, Greeneville, Tennessee

37743-4992

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (423) 639-5111

N/A

(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):

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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 23, 2008, as part of the Capital Purchase Program established by the U.S. Department of the Treasury ( Treasury ) under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (the EESA ), Green Bankshares, Inc. (the Company ) entered into a Letter Agreement (including the Securities Purchase Agreement Standard Terms incorporated by reference therein, the Purchase Agreement ) with Treasury dated December 23, 2008 pursuant to which the Company issued and sold to Treasury (i) 72,278 shares of the Company s Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, having a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share (the Series A Preferred Stock ), and (ii) a ten-year warrant to purchase up to 635,504 shares of the Company s common stock, par value \$2.00 per share ( Common Stock ), at an initial exercise price of \$17.06 per share (the Warrant ), for an aggregate purchase price of \$72,278,000 in cash.

The Series A Preferred Stock will qualify as Tier 1 capital and will pay cumulative dividends at a rate of 5% per annum for the first five years following issuance, and 9% per annum thereafter. Dividends are payable on the Series A Preferred Stock quarterly and are payable on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year. If the Company fails to pay a total of six dividend payments on the Series A Preferred Stock, whether or not consecutive, holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will have the right to elect two directors to the Company s board of directors until the Company has paid all such dividends that it had failed to pay.

The Series A Preferred Stock has no maturity date and ranks senior to the Common Stock with respect to the payment of dividends and distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution and winding up of the Company. The Series A Preferred Stock generally is non-voting.

The Series A Preferred Stock may be redeemed by the Company following February 15, 2012. Prior to that date, the Series A Preferred Stock may be redeemed in whole or in part, only with the proceeds of a Qualified Equity Offering (as defined below) that results in proceeds to the Company of not less than \$18,069,500. A Qualified Equity Offering is the sale by the Company for cash, following the date of issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock, of Common Stock or perpetual preferred stock that qualifies as Tier 1 capital under the risk-based capital guidelines of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Any redemption of the Series A Preferred Stock, whether before or after February 15, 2012, is subject to the consent of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Prior to December 23, 2011, unless the Company has redeemed the Series A Preferred Stock or Treasury has transferred the Series A Preferred Stock to a third party, the consent of Treasury will be required for the Company to (1) declare or pay any dividend or make any distribution on the Common Stock (other than regular quarterly cash dividends of not more than \$0.13 per share of Common Stock) or (2) redeem, purchase or acquire any shares of Common Stock or other equity or capital securities, other than in connection with benefit plans consistent with past practice and certain other circumstances specified in the Purchase Agreement.

The Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant were issued in a private placement exempt from registration pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Company has agreed to register the resale of the Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant, and the issuance of shares of Common Stock upon exercise of the Warrant (the Warrant Shares ), as soon as practicable after the date of the issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant. Neither the Series A Preferred Stock nor the Warrant are subject to any contractual restrictions on transfer, except that Treasury may only transfer or exercise an aggregate of one-half of the Warrant Shares prior to the earlier of (i) the date on which the Company has received aggregate gross proceeds of not less than \$18,069,500 from one or more Qualified

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Equity Offerings and (ii) December 31, 2009. The Warrant is immediately exercisable and the exercise price and number of Warrant Shares issuable upon exercise of the Warrant is subject to anti-dilution and adjustment provisions.

In the Purchase Agreement, the Company agreed that, until such time as Treasury ceases to own any debt or equity securities of the Company acquired pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, the Company will take all necessary action to ensure that its benefit plans with respect to its senior executive officers comply with Section 111(b) of EESA as implemented by any guidance or regulation under the EESA that has been issued and is in effect as of the date of issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant, and has agreed to not adopt any benefit plans with respect to, or which covers, its senior executive officers that do not comply with the EESA.

This description of the Purchase Agreement and the Warrant is a summary and does not purport to be a complete description of all of the terms of the Purchase Agreement and the Warrant, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Purchase Agreement and the Warrant, filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 and Exhibit 4.2, respectively.

**Item 3.02. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.**

The information set forth in Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement above with respect to the issuance and sale of the Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth herein.

**Item 3.03. Material Modification to the Rights of Security Holders.**

Prior to December 23, 2011, unless the Company has redeemed the Series A Preferred Stock or Treasury has transferred the Series A Preferred Stock to a third party, the consent of Treasury will be required for the Company to (1) declare or pay any dividend or make any distribution on the Common Stock (other than regular quarterly cash dividends of not more than \$0.13 per share of Common Stock) or (2) redeem, purchase or acquire any shares of the Common Stock or other equity or capital securities, other than in connection with benefit plans consistent with past practice and certain other circumstances specified in the Purchase Agreement.

In addition, as set forth in the Articles of Amendment to the Company's Charter filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee on December 23, 2008 (the Articles of Amendment), in which the rights and preferences of the Series A Preferred Stock are set forth, the ability of the Company to declare or pay dividends or distributions on, or repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire for consideration, shares of Common Stock will be subject to restrictions, including the Company's restriction against increasing dividends from the last quarterly cash dividend per share (\$0.13) declared on the Common Stock prior to December 23, 2008, in the event that the Company fails to declare and pay full dividends (or declare and set aside a sum sufficient for payment thereof) on its Series A Preferred Stock. These restrictions are set forth in the Articles of Amendment described in more detail in Item 5.03 below.

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

The information concerning executive compensation set forth under Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

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**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On December 19, 2008, the Company filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee Articles of Amendment to the Company's Charter pursuant to which subsection (c) to Article 6 has been added to the Company's Charter in which 1,000,000 shares of blank-check preferred stock have been authorized for issuance by the Company. On December 19, 2008, the Company filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee Articles of Amendment to the Company's Charter pursuant to which, effective as of 8:00 a.m. Central time on December 23, 2008, subsection (d) to Article 6 the designations, preferences, limitations and relative rights of the Series A Preferred Stock is set forth. A copy of the Articles of Amendment to the Company's Charter establishing 1,000,000 shares of blank-check preferred stock is filed herewith as Exhibit 3.1 and is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.03. A copy of the Articles of Amendment to the Company's Charter establishing the Series A Preferred Stock is filed herewith as Exhibit 3.2 and is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.03.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits*

- 3.1 Articles of Amendment to the Charter of Green Bankshares, Inc.
  - 3.2 Articles of Amendment to the Charter of Green Bankshares, Inc.
  - 4.1 Form of Certificate for the Series A Preferred Stock.
  - 4.2 Warrant for Purchase of Shares of Common Stock dated December 23, 2008.
  - 10.1 Letter Agreement, dated December 23, 2008, between the Company and the United States Department of the Treasury, including Securities Purchase Agreement Standard Terms, with respect to the issuance and sale of the Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant.
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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.

GREEN BANKSHARES, INC.

By: /s/ James E. Adams

Name: James E. Adams

Title: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 23, 2008

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