
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):

April 20, 2006

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-2525

(Commission
File Number)

31-0724920

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

41 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio

(Address of principal executive offices)

43287

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

614-480-8300

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 20, 2006, Huntington issued a news release announcing, among other things, that on that day the board of directors authorized a new share repurchase program for up to 15 million shares. Purchases will be made from time-to-time in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions depending on market conditions. The current share repurchase authorization, announced October 18, 2005, with 5.0 million shares remaining, has been cancelled and replaced by this new authorization. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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.

April 26, 2006

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated

By: Richard A. Cheap

Name: Richard A. Cheap

Title: Secretary

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	News release of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, dated April 20, 2006

NEWSRELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 20, 2006

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HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED

- **DECLARES QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND ON ITS COMMON STOCK**
- **ANNOUNCES NEW 15 MILLION SHARE REPURCHASE AUTHORIZATION**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Huntington Bancshares Incorporated (NASDAQ: HBAN) today announced that the board of directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend on its common stock of \$0.25 per common share. The dividend is payable July 3, 2006, to shareholders of record on June 16, 2006.

Huntington Bancshares also announced that the board of directors today authorized a new share repurchase program for up to 15 million shares. This represents 6% of the 245 million shares outstanding as of March 31, 2006, and \$356 million worth of stock based on the closing price of \$23.74 on April 19, 2006. Purchases will be made from time-to-time in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions depending on market conditions. The current share repurchase authorization announced October 18, 2005, with 5.0 million shares remaining, has been cancelled and replaced by this new program.

“This authorization provides the capacity for future share repurchases whenever market conditions or other factors deem that to be appropriate, including share repurchases related to the Unizan merger,” Hoaglin said.

About Huntington

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated is a \$36 billion regional bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Through its affiliated companies, Huntington has more than 140 years of serving the financial needs of its customers. Huntington provides innovative retail and commercial financial products and services through more than 380 regional banking offices in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia. Huntington also offers retail and commercial financial services online at huntington.com; through its technologically advanced, 24-hour telephone bank; and through its network of almost 1,000 ATMs. Selected financial service activities are also conducted in other states including: Dealer Sales offices in Arizona, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Tennessee; Private Financial and Capital Markets Group offices in Florida; and Mortgage Banking offices in Maryland and New Jersey. International banking services are made available through the headquarters office in Columbus and an office located in the Cayman Islands and an office located in Hong Kong.

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