

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): July 28, 2022

SMARTFINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <u>Tennessee</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | <u>001-37661</u> (Commission File Number) | <u>62-1173944</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| <u>5401 Kingston Pike, Suite 600</u> <u>Knoxville, Tennessee</u> (Address of principal executive offices) | | <u>37919</u> (Zip Code) |
| <u>(865) 437-5700</u> (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) | | |

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)
- 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Common Stock, \$1.00 par value | SMBK | The Nasdaq Stock Market |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 28, 2022, the board of directors of SmartFinancial, Inc. ("*SmartFinancial*") declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.07 per share of SmartFinancial common stock (the "*Dividend*") payable on August 29, 2022, to shareholders of record as of the close of business on August 12, 2022. On July 28, 2022, SmartFinancial issued a press release announcing the Dividend. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instructions B.2 of Form 8K, the information in Item 7.01 of this report (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) EXHIBITS

99.1 [Press Release issued by SmartFinancial, Inc., dated July 28, 2022](#)

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the inline XBRL document)

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.

Date: July 28, 2022

SMARTFINANCIAL, INC.

By: /s/ William Y. Carroll, Jr.
Name: William Y. Carroll, Jr.
Title: *President & Chief Executive Officer*



SmartFinancial

SMARTFINANCIAL APPROVES REGULAR QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 28, 2022 – SmartFinancial, Inc. (“SmartFinancial”) (Nasdaq: SMBK), the parent company for SmartBank, announced that on July 28, 2022, the board of directors of SmartFinancial declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.07 per share of SmartFinancial common stock payable on August 29, 2022, to shareholders of record as of the close of business on August 12, 2022.

About SmartFinancial, Inc.

SmartFinancial, Inc., based in Knoxville, Tennessee, is the publicly-traded bank holding company for SmartBank. SmartBank is a full-service commercial bank founded in 2007 with branches across Tennessee, Alabama, and the Florida Panhandle. Recruiting the best people, delivering exceptional client service, strategic branching, and a disciplined approach to lending have all contributed to the company’s success. More information about SmartFinancial can be found on its website: www.smartfinancialinc.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of and subject to the safe harbor protections of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In general, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as “may,” “depend,” “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “will,” “should,” “plan,” “estimate,” “predict,” “continue” and “potential”, or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. Forward-looking statements represent management’s beliefs with regard to the matters addressed, based upon information available at the time the statements are made; they are not guarantees of future performance, and they should not be relied upon as representing management’s views as of any date subsequent to the date first made. Forward-looking statements are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties that change over time and could cause actual results or financial condition to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by such statements.

Factors that could affect the forward-looking statements in this release can be found in the cautionary language included under the headings “Forward-Looking Statements” and “Risk Factors” in SmartFinancial’s Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, and other documents subsequently filed by SmartFinancial with the SEC. No forward-looking statement can be guaranteed. SmartFinancial expressly disclaims any obligation to update any factors or to announce publicly the result of revisions to any of the forward-looking statements included herein to reflect future events or developments.

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