

SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC

Form 8-K

November 06, 2014

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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) November 5, 2014

Southern First Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Carolina

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-27719

(Commission File Number)

58-2459561

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 Verdae Boulevard, Suite 100, Greenville, SC

(Address of principal executive offices)

29606

(Zip Code)

(864) 679-9000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

On November 5, 2014, Southern First Bancshares, Inc., or the Company, and its wholly-owned bank subsidiary, Southern First Bank, a South Carolina state bank, which is referred to as the Bank, entered into an underwriting agreement, or the Underwriting Agreement, with Sandler O'Neill + Partners, L.P., as underwriter, to issue and sell 1,200,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, or Common Stock, at a public offering price of \$14.40 per share in an underwritten public offering, or the Offering. As part of the Offering, the Company granted the underwriter a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 180,000 shares of Common Stock to cover over-allotments, if any. The underwriting discounts and commissions were \$0.864 per share sold in the Offering. The net proceeds of the Offering, after underwriting discounts and expenses, and without exercise of the underwriter's over-allotment option, will be approximately \$16.0 million.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants among the parties as of the date of entering into such Underwriting Agreement. These representations, warranties and covenants are not factual information to investors about the Company or the Bank. A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. The description of the material terms of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, directors and certain executive officers of the Company and the Bank entered into agreements in substantially the form included as an exhibit to the Underwriting Agreement providing for a 90-day lock-up period with respect to sales of specified securities, subject to certain exceptions.

The offer and sale of shares of Common Stock to be sold in the Offering have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-194020) declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 28, 2014, or the Registration Statement. The offer and sale of the shares of Common Stock in the Offering are described in the Company's prospectus constituting a part of the Registration Statement, as supplemented by a final prospectus supplement dated November 6, 2014.

**ITEM 8.01. Other Events.**

On November 6, 2014, the Company issued a press release announcing the pricing of the public offering, a copy of which is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number

Description

1.1

Underwriting Agreement dated November 5, 2014.

5.1

Opinion of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP.

23.1

Consent of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).

99.1

Press Release dated November 6, 2014.

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**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.

**SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.**

By: /s/ R. Arthur Seaver, Jr.

Name: R. Arthur Seaver, Jr.

Title: Chief Executive Officer

November 6, 2014