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COMMUNITY FIRST BANCORPORATION

ANNOUNCES

September 30, 2015 Financial Results

Walhalla, SC – Community First Bancorporation, Inc. (CFOK) (the “Company”), the parent company for Community First Bank, Inc., Walhalla, South Carolina, reported total consolidated earnings of \$793,000 for the nine month period ending September 30, 2015 compared to a total consolidated loss of \$838,000 for the nine month period ending September 30, 2014. For the third quarter ending September 30, 2015, the Company reported \$47,000 in total consolidated earnings compared to a total consolidated loss of \$254,000 for the third quarter of 2014.

Total assets at September 30, 2015 were \$339,820,000 compared to \$342,376,000 in total assets at September 30, 2014, and \$370,541,000 in total assets at December 31, 2014. At September 30, 2015 total gross loans and deposits were \$148,664,000 and \$303,568,000, respectively, compared to \$146,862,000 and \$312,622,000 at September 30, 2014, respectively, and \$143,924,000 and \$335,434,000 at December 31, 2014, respectively.

Commenting on the Company’s performance, Company President and CEO, Richard D. Burleson stated, “While earnings were positive for the quarter and remained positive for the first nine months of 2015, they are not where we would like for them to be. Our asset quality continued to improve during the quarter as we continued our concerted efforts in problem loan resolutions and the marketing of foreclosed assets. Adversely classified loans continue to decline during the third quarter. The Company’s adversely classified loans declined to \$12,280,000 at September 30, 2015 compared to \$12,835,000 at June 30, 2015 and to \$15,200,000 at December 31, 2014. Since December 31, 2014, adversely classified loans have declined \$2,920,000, or 19.2%. Foreclosed assets declined to \$2,690,000 at September 30, 2015, compared to \$3,545,000 at June 30, 2015 and to \$6,873,000 at December 31, 2014. The significant decline since December 31, 2014 amounts to \$4,183,000, or 60.9%. We have continued to be aggressive

in dealing with our non-performing assets. Net loan charge-offs for the first nine months of 2015 amounted to \$515,000 compared to \$2,480,000 for the first nine months of 2014 and to \$2,506,000 for all of 2014. Because the level of non-performing assets remains high compared to historical levels and our peers, we continue to maintain our allowance for loan losses at levels we believe are sufficient to absorb losses inherent in our current loan portfolio.”

Burleson continued, commenting further on the Company and its performance, “The Company’s Tier 1 Capital Ratio at September 30, 2015 was 9.39% compared to 8.94% at December 31, 2014 and to 7.96% at September 30, 2014. Our Total Capital to Risk-weighted Assets Ratio was 18.98% at September 30, 2015 compared to 17.27% at December 31, 2014 and to 15.43% at September 30, 2014. Our liquidity levels remain at historically high levels with no dependence on brokered deposits or borrowed funds at September 30, 2015.”

“During the fourth quarter of this year, Burleson stated, “we intend to take a closer look at our portfolio of foreclosed properties and non-performing loans to ensure they are adequately valued and can be liquidated or otherwise disposed of without significant future losses to the Company or having a significant impact on our existing capital levels. We expect earnings to continue to be positive for the remainder of 2015 and believe the Company will be able to begin utilizing some of its \$9 plus million in Net Operating Loss Carryforwards that have accumulated over the past several years.”

In closing, Mr. Burleson stated, “We appreciate the continued support from our customers and our shareholders. As previously reported, 2015 has been a year of transition for the Company and the Bank as the new management team transitions into their new roles and begins building for the future. We expect the fourth quarter of 2015 to be a continuation of the same.”

Currently, Community First Bank, Inc., maintains seven locations: two in Seneca, two in Anderson, one in Williamston, one in Walhalla and one in Westminster, South Carolina.

To the extent that the foregoing information refers to matters that may occur in the future, please be aware that such forward-looking statements may differ materially from actual results.

COMMUNITY FIRST BANCORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
(Unaudited)

(All Amounts, Except Share Data, in Thousands)

	NINE MONTHS ENDED		
	September 30,		
	2015	2014	CHANGE
INCOME STATEMENT			
Net interest income	\$ 7,329	\$ 8,040	-8.84%
Provision for loan losses	230	1,101	-79.11%
Other income	3,426	1,763	94.33%
Other expenses	9,676	9,540	1.43%
Income (loss) before income taxes	849	(838)	201.31%
Provision for income taxes	(56)	0	100.00%
Net income (loss)	\$ 793	\$ (838)	194.63%
Dividends paid or accumulated on preferred stock	118	118	0.00%
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$ 675	\$ (956)	170.61%
Income (loss) per common share:			
Basic	\$ 0.16	\$ (0.23)	
Diluted	\$ 0.16	\$ (0.23)	

	THREE MONTHS ENDED		
	September 30,		
	2015	2014	CHANGE
INCOME STATEMENT			
Net interest income	\$ 2,407	\$ 2,606	-7.64%
Provision for loan losses	0	300	-100.00%
Other income	1,060	532	99.25%
Other expenses	3,378	3,092	9.25%
Income (loss) before income taxes	89	(254)	135.04%
Provision for income taxes	(42)	0	100.00%
Net income (loss)	\$ 47	\$ (254)	118.50%
Dividends paid or accumulated on preferred stock	38	38	0.00%
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$ 9	\$ (292)	103.08%
Income (loss) per common share:			
Basic	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.07)	
Diluted	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.07)	

	September 30,	September 30,	December 31,
	2015	2014	2014
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
BALANCE SHEET			
Total assets	\$ 339,820	\$ 342,376	\$ 370,541
Gross loans	148,664	146,862	143,924
Allowance for loan losses	3,268	3,259	3,553
Loans, net	145,396	143,603	140,371
Securities	120,632	145,908	139,475
Total earning assets	319,861	318,494	344,975
Total deposits	303,568	312,622	335,434
Shareholders' equity	32,444	24,963	30,156
Book value per common share	7.06	5.26	6.51

ASSET QUALITY DATA			
Non-performing loans			
Non-accrual loans	\$ 5,944	\$ 8,518	\$ 7,714
Past due loans 90 days or more	0	0	0
Total non-performing loans	5,944	8,518	7,714
Foreclosed assets	2,690	7,486	6,873
Total non-performing assets	\$ 8,634	\$ 16,004	\$ 14,587
Net charge-offs	\$ 515	\$ 2,480	\$ 2,506
Non-performing assets as a percentage of total loans and foreclosed assets	5.70%	10.37%	9.67%
Non-performing assets to total assets	2.54%	4.67%	3.94%

Allowance for loan losses to Non-performing loans	54.98%	38.26%	46.06%
Allowance for loans losses to total loans outstanding	2.20%	2.22%	2.47%
Net charge-offs to total loans outstanding	0.35%	1.69%	1.74%
CAPITAL RATIOS			
Total Capital (to risk-weighted assets)	18.98%	15.43%	17.27%
Tier 1 Capital (to risk-weighted assets)	17.72%	14.18%	16.03%
Tier 1 Capital (to average assets)	9.39%	7.96%	8.94%