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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 8, 2021

CARTER BANKSHARES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-39731 (Commission file number) 85-3365661 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1300 Kings Mountain Road, Martinsville, Virginia 24112 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(276) 656-1776 (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):

□ 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 CFR240.14d-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	CARE	NASDAQ Global Select 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 \Box

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. \Box

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

Carter Bankshares, Inc. Issues Statement Regarding the Dismissal of the Lawsuit Filed by WV Governor Justice and Related Entities

In order to provide clarity and further information regarding the dismissal on September 8, 2021 of the lawsuit filed against Carter Bank & Trust and its board of directors (together "Carter Bank") in the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia (Beckley Division) on Memorial Day, May 31, 2021 (the "Lawsuit") by WV Governor James C. Justice, II, his wife Cathy L. Justice, his son James C. Justice, III (individually and collectively the "Justices") and various related entities that he and/or they own (collectively the "Justice Entities"), Carter Bankshares, Inc. (the "Company") issues this statement.

Carter Bank has now obtained a voluntary dismissal of the Lawsuit "with prejudice." This means that the Justices and the Justice Entities may not bring any future legal action in any court based on the facts alleged in the Lawsuit. Moreover, in connection with the dismissal of the Lawsuit, the Justices and the Justice Entities have executed releases (the "Releases") that waive any and all causes of action of any kind that they might claim to have against Carter Bank.

Carter Bank continues to believe that it is fully secured on all loans it has outstanding to the Justices and the Justice Entities. In connection with the dismissal of the Lawsuit and the execution of the Releases, the Justices and the Justice Entities have also enhanced Carter Bank's collateral position, including cross-collateralizations, and executed documents reaffirming the legality, validity and binding nature of all loan documents they have executed in favor of Carter Bank.

Important Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain matters discussed in this Current Report on Form 8-K constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements generally relate to the Company's financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, outlook for earnings, revenues, expenses, capital and liquidity levels and ratios, asset levels, asset quality, financial position, and other matters regarding or affecting the Company and its future business and operations, and specifically including information related to the dismissal of the Lawsuit, the Releases and Carter Bank's loans outstanding to the Justice Entities including the collateralization thereof. Forward looking statements are typically identified by words or phrases such as "will likely result," "expect," "anticipate," "forecast," "forecast," "project," "intend," " believe," "assume," "strategy," "trend," "plan," "outlook," "outcome," "continue," "remain," "potential," "opportunity," "comfortable," "current," "position," "maintain," "sustain," "seek," "achieve" and variations of such words and similar expressions, or future or conditional verbs such as will, would, should, could or may. Although we believe the assumptions upon which these forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, any of these assumptions could prove to be inaccurate and the forward-looking statements based on these assumptions could be incorrect. The matters discussed in these forward-looking statements are subject to various risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results and trends to differ materially from those made, projected, or implied in or by the forward-looking statements. For a discussion of factors that could affect our business and financial results, see the "Risk Factors" outlined in our periodic and current report filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements are based on beliefs and assumptions using information available at the time the statements are made. We caution you not to unduly rely on forward-looking statements because the assumptions, beliefs, expectations and projections about future events may, and often do, differ materially from actual results. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as to the date on which it is made, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect developments occurring after the statement is made.

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.

CARTER BANKSHARES, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: September 8, 2021

By: /s/ Litz H. Van Dyke

Name: Litz H. Van Dyke

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Sep. 08, 2021

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