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Citizens Bank of West Virginia announces the appointment of Nathaniel S. Bonnell to its board of directors. He joins the twelve-member board who actively works to guide and strengthen the framework of the community bank with offices in Randolph, Tucker, Pocahontas and Upshur Counties.

“Nathaniel is a strong asset for Citizens Bank and we are delighted to have him join our board,” said Thomas K. Derbyshire, Citizens Bank of WV President & CEO. “His interest in the growth of this Bank and our community is personal. He has worked at Citizens since entering college 14 years ago and has been a lifelong resident of Randolph County. Our Board and Citizens Bank are equally invested in the ongoing development of our communities as a place for businesses and families to thrive.”

Bonnell is employed by Citizens Bank as Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, a position he has held since 2011. He started his banking career with Citizens in 2000 as a teller and in the internal auditing department. He served as special projects officer and financial reporting manager before advancing to vice president and chief financial officer in 2007 and senior vice president in 2008.

Citizens’ newest board member earned a Master of Business Administration from West Virginia University and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. in Accounting & Management from Davis & Elkins College. He is a graduate of Elkins High School.

Bonnell is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Information Systems Auditor. He is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and WV Society of CPAs.

In the community, he is a member of the board of directors of the Randolph County Development Authority and vice president of the board of the Randolph County Children’s Advocacy Center. Bonnell is currently a member of the 2014 Leadership West Virginia Class.

He has received numerous awards and recognitions over the years, including the Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce 2013 Businessman of the Year, D&E’s 2007 Outstanding Young Alumnus, and WVSCPA’s 2003 Merit Award for earning the highest score on the CPA exam in the state of WV.

Married to Christina Bonnell, they reside in Montrose with their two children, Braelyn and Kelsea. He is a member of the Mercy Chapel United Methodist Church in Montrose.

In addition to Bonnell, Citizens Bank of West Virginia’s board of directors includes: Thomas K. Derbyshire; Max L. Armentrout; William J. Brown; John W. Carte II; William T. Johnson, Jr.; Cyrus K. Kump; Robert L. Morris, Jr.; Franklin M. Santmyer; Thomas A. Wamsley; John A. Yeager; and C. Curtis Woodford.