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Elmira, New York, October 20, 2021 --- Elmira Savings Bank (NASDAQ:ESBK)

Elmira Savings Bank Reports Third Quarter Earnings

Highlights

- Net income was \$1,511,000 and \$4,117,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021 compared to \$948,000 and \$2,875,000 for the same periods in 2020.
- Diluted earnings per share were \$.43 per share and \$1.17 per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021 compared to \$.27 per share and \$.82 per share for the same periods in 2020.
- Return on average assets was .92% and .85% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021 compared to .55% and .60% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020.
- Return on average equity was 9.49% and 8.83% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021 compared to 6.27% and 6.44% for the same periods in 2020.

"We are pleased with the improvement in core earnings and asset quality," said Thomas M Carr, President and CEO. Carr continued, "We are focused on serving our customers and anticipate a successful transition to Community Bank, N.A. during the first quarter of 2022."

Net Income

Net income totaled \$4,117,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2021, an increase of \$1,242,000 or 43% from the \$2,875,000 of net income recorded for the same period in 2020. This increase was the net result of an increase in noninterest income of \$121,000, an increase in net interest income of \$1,299,000, and a decrease in the provision for loan losses of \$925,000, offset by an increase in noninterest expense of \$590,000 and an increase in tax expense of \$513,000.

Net income totaled \$1,511,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2021, an increase of \$563,000 or 59% from the \$948,000 recorded for the same period in 2020. This increase was the net result of an increase in net interest income of \$856,000 and a decrease in the provision for loan losses of \$450,000, offset by an increase in noninterest expense of \$152,000, a decrease in noninterest income of \$364,000, and an increase in tax expense of \$227,000.

Basic and diluted earnings per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 were both \$1.17 per share compared to \$.82 per share for both for the same period in 2020. Basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended September 30, 2021 were both \$.43 per share compared to \$.27 per share for both for the same period in 2020.

Net Interest Margin

The net interest margin for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 was 3.62% compared to 2.98% for the same period in 2020. The yield on average earning assets was 4.20% for the nine months

ended September 30, 2021 compared to 4.13% for the same period in 2020. The average cost of interestbearing liabilities was 0.62% for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 compared to 1.32% for the same period in 2020.

The net interest margin for the three months ended September 30, 2021 was 3.81% compared to 2.81% for the same period in 2020. The average yield on earning assets was 4.24% for the three months ended September 30, 2021 compared to 3.91% for the same period in 2020. The average cost of interestbearing liabilities was 0.46% for the three months ended September 30, 2021 compared to 1.20% for the same period in 2020.

Assets

Total assets decreased \$991,000 or 0.2% to \$643.6 million at September 30, 2021 compared to \$644.6 million at December 31, 2020. Loans, including loans held for sale, decreased 4.4% to \$467.6 million at September 30, 2021 compared to December 31, 2020. The available-for-sale investment portfolio decreased \$1.5 million from December 31, 2020 to September 30, 2021. Total cash and cash equivalents were \$111.6 million at September 30, 2021, an increase of \$22.4 million from December 31, 2020 when cash totaled \$89.2 million.

Nonperforming Loans

Our nonperforming loans to total loans ratio was 0.70% at September 30, 2021 and 1.07% at December 31, 2020. Net loan charge-offs to average loans for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 was 0.08% compared to 0.06% for the nine months ended September 30, 2020. The allowance for loan losses was 1.21% of total loans at September 30, 2021 and 1.19% of total loans at December 31, 2020.

Liabilities

Deposits total \$544.8 million at September 30, 2021, a decrease of \$2.3 million or 0.4% from the December 31, 2020 total of \$547.0 million. Borrowed funds totaled \$24.0 million as of September 30, 2021, a decrease of \$5.0 million from December 31, 2020 when borrowed funds totaled \$29.0 million.

Shareholders' Equity

Shareholders' equity increased \$2,635,000 to \$63.4 million at September 30, 2021 compared to December 31, 2020. The current level of shareholders' equity equates to a book value per share of \$17.86 at September 30, 2021, compared to \$17.23 at December 31, 2020. Dividends paid for common shareholders were \$0.15 and \$0.45 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021 and \$0.15 and \$0.53 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020.

Elmira Savings Bank, with \$643.6 million in total assets, is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and is a state-chartered bank with five offices in Chemung County, NY; three offices in Tompkins County, NY; two offices in Steuben County, NY; one office in Cayuga County, NY; one office in Schuyler County; and a loan center in Broome County, NY.

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