Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2023

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
AMERICO BANCSHARES, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2014

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
AMERICO BANCSHARES, INC.

PO DRAWER 9
WOLFFORTH, TX 79382

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 75-1797099

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 806-775-5163

2d Business code (see instructions) 551111

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/11/2024	LESLIE DEMMA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:

a Sponsor's name

4b EIN

c Plan Name

4d PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	156
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	129
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	128
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	2
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	31
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	161
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	161
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	154
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	161
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	10
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [ ] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [ ] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(4)** [ ] **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- **(5)** [ ] **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [ ] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2023** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan	**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	
AMERICO BANCSHARES, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN		002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)	
AMERICO BANCSHARES, INC.	75-1797099	

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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62-1657685

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13	ADMINISTRATOR	10000	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H
(Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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A Name of plan
AMERICO BANCSHARES, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
AMERICO BANCSHARES, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
75-1797099

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reported on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	143000	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	6449	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	7183	43848
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	1255666	1151774
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	1412298	1195622
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j	1275	975
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	1275	975
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	1411023	1194647

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)		
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		0
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	2518	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		2518
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	3224	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		3224
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	-103892	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		-103892

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		-98150
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	107251	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		107251
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	10000	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	975	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		10975
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		118226
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		-216376
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [X] Unmodified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [ ] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [X] neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: PAYNE & SMITH, LLC **(2)** EIN: 27-0316262

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. **(2)** [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	**4a**		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	**4b**		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	**4c**		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	**4d**		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**	X		2000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	**4n**			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2023

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan
AMERICO BANCSHARES, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
AMERICO BANCSHARES, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
75-1797099

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 47-2276682

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%

High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:

☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

20 **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation._____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☒ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 05 / 11 / 2021 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q704471A .

AMERICO BANCSHARES, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Financial Statements and
Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2023

(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)

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PAYNE & SMITH, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Independent Auditors' Report

ESOP Trustee Committee
Americo Bancshares, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Wolfforth, Texas

Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Americo Bancshares, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("the Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2023 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments; administering the plan; and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

2023 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the form and content of the supplemental schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the 2023 financial statements as a whole, and the form and content is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Auditor's Report on the 2022 Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2022, were audited by predecessor auditors whose report dated October 13, 2023, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

Payne & Smith, LLC

October 2, 2024

AMERICO BANCSHARES, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Investments at fair value:		
Company common stock	$ 1,151,774	$ 1,255,666
Interest-bearing cash	43,848	7,183
Total investments at fair value	1,195,622	1,262,849
Receivables:		
Dividend income	-	6,449
Employer contributions	-	143,000
Total receivables	-	149,449
Total assets	1,195,622	1,412,298
LIABILITIES		
Distribution fees	975	1,275
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 1,194,647	$ 1,411,023

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

AMERICO BANCSHARES, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Investment income (loss):		
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	$ (103,892)	$ (65,448)
Interest and dividends	5,742	16,342
Total investment income (loss)	(98,150)	(49,106)
Employer contribution	-	143,000
Total additions	(98,150)	93,894
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Benefits paid to participants	107,251	71,570
Administration fees	10,975	11,341
Total deductions	118,226	82,911
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	(216,376)	10,983
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:		
Beginning of year	1,411,023	1,400,040
End of year	$ 1,194,647	$ 1,411,023

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

1. Description of the Plan

The following description of the Americo Bancshares, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("the Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document and Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

Americo Bancshares, Inc. ("Company or Sponsor") established the Plan, effective January 1, 2014, and the Plan operates as an employee stock ownership plan ("ESOP") for employees of American Bank of Commerce (the Sponsor). As of December 31, 2015, the Plan was amended and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("IRC") and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

The Plan is administered by a Board of Trustees ("the Committee") comprised of three people appointed by the Company's Board of Directors. Financial Consulting Group is the third-party administrator for the Plan. In 2019, the Sponsor acquired a subsidiary company, Infinity Mortgage Holdings, LLC ("Infinity") and the Plan was amended effective January 1, 2021, to allow employees of Infinity to become participants in the Plan while giving credit for prior service with Infinity for vesting purposes.

In the initial year of the Plan, the Plan purchased Company common stock using discretionary employer contributions, and proceeds from a direct transfer to the Trustee of all or portions of participants' accounts in the American Bank of Commerce 40l(k) Profit-Sharing Plan ("the Profit-Sharing Plan"), as elected by each participant. These direct transfers from the Profit-Sharing Plan were made pursuant to rules established by the Committee and were applied on a uniform and non-discriminatory basis. Such direct transfers were accounted for separately and subject to the right of each participant to direct its investment into Company common stock. If no such directions were provided by the participant to the Trustee, the Committee provided the necessary direction. During the Plan year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no such direct transfers from the Profit-Sharing Plan.

The Plan permits the Trustee to incur acquisition loans from time to time to finance the acquisition of Company common stock for the Trust, or to repay a prior acquisition loan. An acquisition loan shall be for a specific term, shall bear a reasonable rate of interest, and shall not be payable on demand except in the event of default. An acquisition loan may be secured by a collateral pledge of the financed shares so acquired, and any other Plan assets which are permissible securities under the provisions of 26 CFR Section 54.4975-7(b). No other assets of the Plan or Trust may be pledged as collateral for an acquisition loan, and no lender shall have any recourse against any other Trust assets. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan had not entered into an acquisition loan agreement.

Eligibility

Any employee of the Company who has completed one year of service, defined as 1,000 hours of service in one calendar year, and is 21 years of age or older is eligible to participate in the Plan as of the January 1 or July 1 coincident with or following the date the requirements have been satisfied. An individual who is a 100 percent commissioned employee of the Company is not be eligible to participate in the Plan.

Employer Contribution

For each Plan year, the Company may make a non-elective contribution in the form of cash or shares of Company common stock, or both, to the Plan from its current or accumulated profits as determined by the Committee within applicable regulatory guidelines. For the Plan year ended December 31, 2023, the Employer did not make a contribution. For the Plan year ended December 31, 2022, the Employer made a contribution of $143,000.

Participant Accounts

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate account is maintained for each participant's share of employer contribution, forfeitures, and trust earnings or losses as allocated. The Employer contribution and forfeitures are allocated among the participants eligible to receive an allocation in proportion to their eligible compensation for the year. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the last day of the Plan year will receive an allocation. Plan earnings or losses are allocated to each participant's account balance based on the ratio of the participant's compensation for the year as defined in the Plan Document.

Vesting

For periods prior to January 1, 2014, every three calendar years of service in which a participant completed 1,000 hours of service will be counted as one year of service. For the purpose of direct transfers of funds from the Profit-Sharing Plan, years of service shall include any years that are considered for vesting purposes under the Profit-Sharing Plan. For periods after January 1, 2014, every 1,000 hours of service completed by a participant will be counted as one year of service. The participant shall have a non-forfeitable right to their account in accordance with the following schedule:

Years of service	Vested Percentage
Less than 2 years	0%
At least 2 but less than 3 years	20%
At least 3 but less than 4 years	40%
At least 4 but less than 5 years	60%
At least 5 but less than 6 years	80%
At least 6 years	100%

Put Option

Under federal income tax regulations, the Company common stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market or is subject to trading limitations includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the current appraised value of the stock. The Company can pay for the purchase with interest over a period of five years. The purpose of the put option is to ensure the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

Payment of Benefits

Distributions due to death, disability, or retirement may commence no later than the close of the Plan year following the Plan year in which employment is terminated. In general, distributions for other separations from service commence no later than the close of the sixth Plan year following the Plan year in which employment is terminated. Distributions generally are in the form of cash and will be paid in equal installments over a period of up to five years. However, if the vested account balance is over $800,000, special rules apply. Distributions are made in cash or, if a participant elects, in the form of Company common stock shares plus cash for any fractional share.

Voting Rights

Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to their account and is notified by the Trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. The Trustee is not permitted to vote any allocated share for which a participant has not given instructions. The Trustee is required, however, to vote any unallocated shares on behalf of the collective best interest of Plan participants and beneficiaries.

Diversification

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of their investment in Company common stock into investments that are more diversified. Participants who are at least age 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. In each of the first 5 years, a participant may diversify up to 25 percent of the number of shares allocated to their account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50 percent. The Plan may satisfy the requirements of the diversification by offering at least three investment options to the participant. In addition, if the participant consents, the Plan may distribute the portion of the Company common stock covered by the election.

Forfeitures

Terminated participants may forfeit their non-vested account balance. The Plan permits forfeited account balances to be reinstated to a participant's account in accordance with the Plan's reinstatement of forfeitures provisions. Forfeitures may be used to reinstate previously forfeited account balances, to reduce future Company contribution, to pay administrative expenses, or to be allocated to participant accounts.

Forfeited account balances are reinstated when a terminated participant is re-employed during the five-year period that began on the date of termination, and upon repayment of the entire vested account balance distributed to the participant at the time of termination. Reinstatement of forfeited Company common stock shall be based on the dollar value of the common stock forfeited, adjusted for subsequent gains or losses.

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled $4,117 and $9,992, respectively. During 2023, the Plan reallocated forfeitures to participant accounts based on eligible compensation. During 2022, the Plan reallocated forfeitures to participant accounts based on eligible compensation, which is the same manner the 2022 Employer contribution was allocated.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to Plan provisions. Upon such termination of the Plan, the interest of each participant will be distributed to such participant or their beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan terms and the Code. Additionally, each affected employee's benefits would become fully vested upon Plan termination.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Date of Management's Review and Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through October 2, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets, changes in net assets and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investment in Company common stock shares is stated at estimated fair value based on an independent annual appraisal. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Interest income on interest-bearing cash is accrued. Dividends income on Company common stock is accrued on the ex-dividend date. Purchases and sales are recorded on a trade date basis.

The net depreciation in the fair value of investments consists of the realized gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments. The net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments is determined by the change in fair value from the beginning of the year to the end of the year or change in fair value from date of the purchase to the end of the year.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits to participants are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses may be paid by the Company or the Plan, at the Company's discretion.

3. Administration of Plan Assets

The Trustee of the Plan ("Trustee") holds the Plan's assets, which consist principally of the Company's common stock shares.

Employer contributions are held and managed by the Trustee. The Trustee is also responsible for investing cash received, investing interest and dividend income, and making distributions to participants. The Trustee would also be responsible for administering the payment of interest and principal on an acquisition loan, which would be reimbursed to the Trustee through contributions as determined by the Company.

4. Fair Value Measurements

ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* establishes a fair value hierarchy for valuation inputs that gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The three broad levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority.
- Level 2 inputs consist of observable inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets (Level 1).
- Level 3 inputs consist of unobservable inputs and have the lowest priority.

The Plan uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. When available, the Plan measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. Level 2 inputs are used for investments for which Level 1 inputs are not available. Level 3 inputs are used for investments for which Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available.

Level 1 Fair Value Measurements

Interest-bearing cash - The fair value of interest-bearing cash is based on quoted market values as reported in the money market business account maintained at a Bank owned by the Company.

Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

Company common stock - The fair value of Company common stock is measured at estimated fair market value based on the valuation of an independent third-party valuation specialist performed at an interim date. The value per share (excluding marketability (liquidity) constraints) is determined using a combined valuation approach which considers the fair market value per share of blocks of Company common stocks owned by the Plan using the income value approach and the market value approach. The determined fair value is then discounted to account for lack of marketability/liquidity. During each of the years presented, the marketability (liquidity) discount was 10%.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Fair Value Measurements Using:			
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
December 31, 2023:				
Interest-bearing cash	$ 43,848	$ -	$ -	$ 43,848
Americo Bancshares, Inc. common stock **	-	-	1,151,774	1,151,774
Investments at fair value	$ 43,848	$ -	$ 1,151,774	$ 1,195,622
December 31, 2022:				
Interest-bearing cash	$ 7,183	$ -	$ -	$ 7,183
Americo Bancshares, Inc. common stock **	-	-	1,255,666	1,255,666
Investments at fair value	$ 7,183	$ -	$ 1,255,666	$ 1,262,849

**The Company common stock presented in the above table represents 7,165 shares of the Company's common stock owned by the Plan at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and whose estimated fair value at each year end is based on independent appraisals performed by the same third-party party entity as of September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022, respectively. Based on the appraisals, the estimated fair value of the Company common stock per share at December 31, 2023 and 2022, was $160.75 and $175.25, respectively. During 2023 and 2022, the Plan did not purchase or sale any shares of Company common stock. See Note 5 for additional disclosure of related party transactions in Company common stock.

5. Related-Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions

Parties-in-interest are defined under DOL regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan or any party rendering services to the Plan, the Company, and certain others.

Certain plan investments represent interest-bearing cash in a money market business account held at American Bank of Commerce, a subsidiary of the Company ("the Bank"). The Bank is a party-in-interest under ERISA and transactions with the Bank qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Bank provides this service at no cost to the Plan.

Financial Consulting Group ("FCG") is the Plan's recordkeeper and third-party contract administrator. Fees paid by the Plan to FCG for contract administration, and recordkeeping services are presented as administration fees in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. During 2023 and 2022, the Plan paid $10,975 and $11,341, respectively, in administration fees to FCG.

Certain plan investments are shares of common stock of Americo Bancshares Inc. (Plan Sponsor or Employer) managed by the Trustees of the Plan and Financial Consulting Group ("FCG"). As discussed in Note 4, the investment in Company common stock represents 7,165 shares of Company common stock held by the Plan at the end of each year presented and recorded at estimated fair value based on an independent annual appraisal performed for the Plan by Sheshunoff & Co Investment Banking ("SSC"), a third-party valuation specialist. The Plan Sponsor, Trustees of the Plan, and SSC are parties-in-interest under ERISA and transactions with the Plan Sponsor, Trustees of the Plan, and SSC qualify as party-in-interest transactions. No fees are charged for transactions between the Plan and the Sponsor or Trustees of the Plan. During 2023 and 2022, fees incurred by the Plan for Company common stock valuation services provided by SSC were absorbed fully by the Plan Sponsor and are not disclosed, not included, and not accrued in the accompanying financial statements.

During 2023 and 2022, Forvis LLP, and Brown, Graham, & Company, P.C. were the Plan's independent public accountants ("IPAs"). Therefore, the IPAs are parties-in-interest under ERISA, and transactions with the IPAs qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for audit and nonattest services provided by the IPAs were absorbed fully by the Company and are not disclosed, not included, and not accrued in the accompanying financial statements.

These party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

6. Tax Status

The Plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") Opinion Letter dated May 11, 2021, in which the IRS stated that the Plan was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Although the Plan has been amended and restated since receiving the Opinion Letter, the Plan Administrator believes this Plan is designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the IRC.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the Plan administrator to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability for any uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by tax authorities; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

7. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan primarily invests in Company common stock, which is exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flows. Due to the level of risk associated with such investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of such investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risk in the near term could materially affect the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

The following table presents concentrations of investments that represented 5% or more of the Plan's net assets at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Americo Bancshares, Inc. common stock	$ 1,151,774	$ 1,255,666

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

AMERICO BANCSHARES, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

FORM 5500 - SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4 (i) – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS
(HELD AT END OF YEAR)

December 31, 2023

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	(a)	(b) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*		American Bank of Commerce -			
		Money market business account	Interest-bearing cash	$ 43,848	$ 43,848
*		Financial Consulting Group -			
		Americo Bancshares, Inc. common stock	7,165 shares of common stock	937,013	1,151,774
			TOTAL ASSETS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023		$ 1,195,622

* Denotes Party in interest to the Plan.

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes thereto.

AMERICO BANCSHARES, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i-SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	Americo Bancshares, Inc.	Common Stock	n/a	$1,151,773.75