

NEW PEOPLES BANKSHARES INC  
Form 8-K  
January 13, 2010

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## Form 8-K

Current Report

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 7, 2010

## New Peoples Bankshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 000-33411

VA  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

31-1804543  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

67 Commerce Drive

Honaker, VA 24260

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(276) 873-7000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On January 7, 2010, New Peoples Bankshares, Inc. (the Company ) terminated the employment of Kenneth D. Hart under the Separation Agreement and Release, dated as of June 29, 2009, between the Company and Mr. Hart.

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**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.

**NEW PEOPLES BANKSHARES, INC.**  
(Registrant)

Date: January 13, 2010

By: /s/ C. Todd Asbury  
C. Todd Asbury  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer