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## FDIC TO PAY OFF DEPOSITORS IN PRAIRIE COUNTY BANK, HAZEN, ARKANSAS

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today announced that it is preparing to pay off depositors beginning early next week in the Prairie County Bank, Hazen, Arkansas. The bank was closed on March 24, 1983, by Arkansas State Banking Commissioner Beverly J. Lambert, Jr., and the FDIC was named receiver.

Commissioner Lambert said the bank's board of directors voluntarily turned over the bank after a meeting with state banking officials. He said the bank's solvency was threatened due to unusual transactions not reflected on the bank's books.

Deposits in the Prairie County Bank totalled about \$12.7 million in 3,500 accounts. The FDIC estimates that about \$12.4 million of the bank's deposits are within the federal insurance limit of \$100,000 or are otherwise secured.

The FDIC Board of Directors decided to pay off depositors after determining that it was impractical to arrange a deposit assumption with another bank.

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