

Texas Department of Banking

Press Release

Commissioner James Approves Charter for AimBank, Littlefield, Texas

Date: July 8, 2003

Banking Commissioner Randall S. James has issued a state charter for AimBank, Littlefield, Texas, effective July 8, 2003. AimBank, with assets of approximately \$12 million, opened as The First National Bank of Littlefield in 1925. The bank has two locations in Littlefield, and plans to open a branch in Levelland in the near future.

The Board of Directors consists of Scott Wade, who serves as Chairman, Kenny Willmon, serving as President, Andrew Kupper, Juneta Mitchell, Senior Vice-President, and Jay Lee, who will continue to manage the Littlefield locations. Chairman Wade stated "Our management team has extensive experience in West Texas banking, and we are convinced that a state charter is the most effective organizational form for a Texas community bank. We will strive to improve services for our current customers, and hope that many others will be attracted to our style of community banking." President Kenny Willmon added: "We will focus on the delivery of high quality personal customer service and meeting the needs of area businesses. I believe we can demonstrate that you don't have to be big to be better."

Commissioner James welcomed AimBank to the family of state-chartered banks and expressed his confidence in AimBank's ability and dedication to providing the highest level of banking services to its customers.