Commercial National Financial Corporation Reports 4th Quarter 2023 Earnings

Ithaca, Michigan, January 26, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Commercial National Financial Corporation (Pink Sheets: CEFC) today announced that net income for the fourth quarter of 2023 was \$1,458,000 or \$0.37 per share compared to fourth quarter 2022 net income of \$1,912,000 or \$0.48 per share. Return on Equity (ROE) was 13.34% for the fourth quarter of 2023 compared to 19.86% for the fourth quarter of 2022.

Net interest income for the fourth quarter of 2023 decreased by \$523,000 or 10.3% compared to the fourth quarter of 2022. While interest income increased due to higher market interest rates, interest expense on deposits increased at a higher pace during 2023, which resulted in lower net interest margins and reduced income. Additionally, non-interest income decreased by \$34,000 or 7.0%, as miscellaneous income was down, while operating expenses increased by \$53,000 or 1.6%, as occupancy and equipment costs were higher.

Total loans increased by \$6.1 million or 1.5% year-over-year, mainly due to new commercial loan originations. Total assets were \$579.2 million at December 31, 2023 compared to \$613.8 million at December 31, 2022. The decrease in assets was due to the repayment of wholesale borrowings with excess liquidity and lower deposit balances. CEFC's wholly owned subsidiary, Commercial Bank, remains significantly above "well capitalized" for regulatory purposes.

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Selected Financial Data (unaudited):

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	Quarter Ended D	ecember 31,	Year Ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2023	2022	
Return on Equity (ROE)	13.34%	19.86%	14.40%	19.20%	
Return on Assets (ROA)	0.99%	1.22%	1.04%	1.29%	
Net Interest Margin	3.28%	3.41%	3.26%	3.44%	
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	2023	2022			
Non-performing Assets Ratio	0.16%	0.11%			
Tier 1 Leverage Capital ⁽¹⁾	9.63%	8.68%			
Total Risk-based Capital ⁽¹⁾	15.58%	15.18%			
Book Value Per Share	\$11.80	\$9.91			
Market Value Per Share	\$9.26	\$10.50			
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⁽¹⁾ Ratios are for Commercial Bank.

Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited):

	Quarter Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,					
	2023		2022		2023		2022	
Interest Income	\$	6,580,148	\$ 6,190,953	\$	25,392,219	\$	23,422,328	
Interest Expense		2,014,110	 1,101,926		7,026,000		3,005,219	
Net Interest Income		4,566,038	5,089,027		18,366,219		20,417,109	
Provision for loan losses		(57,494)	-		(165,494)		-	
Non-interest income		456,500	490,764		1,998,998		2,207,795	
Operating Expenses		3,281,896	3,229,000		13,005,407		12,747,566	
Income before taxes		1,798,136	2,350,791		7,525,304		9,877,338	
Income tax expense		340,000	 439,000		1,352,663		1,796,000	
Net Income	\$	1,458,136	\$ 1,911,791	\$	6,172,641	\$	8,081,338	
Net Income per share – diluted	\$	0.37	\$ 0.48	\$	1.56	\$	2.04	
Dividends declared	\$	0.14	\$ 0.14	\$	0.56	\$	0.56	
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Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited):

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	2023	2022
Assets	_	_
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 32,942,957	\$ 61,071,786
Time deposits with other banks	3,735,000	8,960,000
Securities	94,306,770	101,705,429
Loans	417,403,567	411,293,661
Allowance for loan losses	(3,570,271)	(4,154,073)
Loans, net	413,833,296	407,139,588
Premises and equipment, net	9,252,193	8,795,376
Other assets	25,090,633	26,082,215
Total Assets	\$ 579,160,849	\$ 613,754,394
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Liabilities		
Deposits	\$ 501,646,583	\$ 538,732,322
FHLB borrowings	14,000,000	19,000,000
Trust preferred	13,403,000	13,403,000
Other liabilities	3,301,371	3,305,797
Total Liabilities	532,350,954	574,441,119
Equity		
Total Equity	46,809,895	39,313,275
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 579,160,849	\$ 613,754,394

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