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## **Consumers National Bank Receives Regulatory Approval For New Canton Office**

*Canton, Ohio* – Consumers National Bank announced today that it has received approval from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) for its application to operate a new full-service branch office at its existing facility located at 4026 Dressler Road NW. The approval marks the twelfth branch in the bank's network and seventh location in Stark County. Consumers National Bank anticipates that banking operations at the new Jackson-Belden office will begin in August.

Consumers National Bank's mortgage lending department, headed by Vice President of Mortgage Services Mike Stoffer, currently operates from the Jackson-Belden office. The bank's Stark County business team led by Stark County Commercial Lending Senior Vice President Larry Marcus also operates from the office.

"OCC approval of our Jackson-Belden branch application indicates that Consumers National Bank is a strong, safe, and secure financial organization with a solid history of community reinvestment," said Ralph J. Lober, II, president and CEO of Consumers National Bank. "I am pleased that Consumers now has the opportunity to bring community banking to the Jackson and Canton communities," said Lober.

Consumers National Bank was established by local business men in Minerva, Ohio, in 1965. Since that time, the bank has expanded beyond Stark to Carroll and Columbiana counties taking its philosophy of community banking and knowledgeable, personalized service to these markets. The bank, now at \$325 million in assets is the largest community bank in Stark County and holds a four-star (excellent) Bauer Financial bank rating.

"Consumers National Bank has grown primarily by investing back into the communities in which we do business," said Lober. "We provide customers direct access to local decision making and state-of-the-art technology. Jackson is a growing community whose residents share many of the characteristics that our current customers in Stark, Carroll, and Columbiana counties have, such as a strong work ethic and pride in their community. We believe that the Jackson community will appreciate the kind of personalized service and product offerings we provide. We have locally-based service and offer all the technology that the regional and mega-banks offer. It is a win-win for consumers," said Lober.

In addition to the mortgage and commercial lending staff, the new location will bring approximately six full and part-time jobs to the area, including a branch manager, customer service representative, and tellers. The facility will include a traditional bank lobby, three drive-up teller lanes, and a drive-up ATM.

"We look forward to building new personal and business banking relationships out of our Jackson-Belden branch and to making a difference in the community," said Lober.

Consumers National Bank is an independent community bank that provides a comprehensive line of banking and other investment services to business and personal customers through its main office in Minerva, and branches in Alliance, Canton, Carrollton, East Canton, Hanoverton, Hartville, Lisbon, Louisville, Malvern, Salem, and Waynesburg, Ohio. More information about Consumers National Bank can be accessed online at [www.ConsumersBank.com](http://www.ConsumersBank.com). Member FDIC.