

GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 TURNER JOSEPH W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP INC [GSBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2190 N. FARM ROAD 213
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/22/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President/CEO

STRAFFORD, MO 65757

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common stock | 02/22/2006 | | M | V | Amount | | |
| | | | | | \$ | | |
| | | | | | 14.1872 | | |
| | | | | | 112,040 | D | |
| Common stock | 02/22/2006 | | F | V | Amount | | |
| | | | | | \$ | | |
| | | | | | 28.34 | | |
| | | | | | 104,531 | D | |
| Trust Preferred Issue | | | | | 2,500 | D | |
| Common stock | | | | | 4,283 | I | 401k Plan |
| Common stock | | | | | 8,700 | I | Children's Trust |

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|--------------|---------|---|---------------------|
| Common stock | 369,738 | I | Limited Partnership |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |
| Option to purchase | \$ 20.01 | | | | | (1) | 09/18/2007 | Common stock | 15,000 |
| Option to purchase | \$ 20.12 | | | | | (2) | 09/25/2013 | Common stock | 16,000 |
| Option to purchase | \$ 32.07 | | | | | (3) | 09/22/2014 | Common stock | 12,000 |
| Option to purchase | \$ 30.34 | | | | | (4) | 09/20/2015 | Common stock | 12,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TURNER JOSEPH W 2190 N. FARM ROAD 213 STRAFFORD, MO 65757 | X | X | President/CEO | |

Signatures

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| Matt Snyder, Attorney-in-fact for Joseph W. Turner | 02/23/2006 |
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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 3,750 shares vest on 9/18/2003, 9/18/2004, 9/18/2005 & 9/18/2006

(2) 4,000 shares vest on 9/25/2005, 9/25/2006, 9/25/2007 & 9/25/2008

(3) 3,000 shares vest on 9/22/2006, 9/22/2007, 9/22/2008 & 9/22/2009

(4) 3,000 shares vest on 9/20/2007, 9/20/2008, 9/20/2009 & 9/20/2010

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