

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 3, 2020

BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-21886
(Commission File Number)

52-0812977
(IRS Employer Identification
No.)

8100 N.E. Parkway Drive, Suite 200
Vancouver, Washington
(Address of principal executive offices)

98662
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (360) 828-0700

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	BBSI	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 3, 2020, Barrett Business Services, Inc. (the “Company”), issued a news release announcing its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2020. The release also provides management’s forecast of diluted earnings per share for the 2020 full year, including related assumptions regarding gross billings and effective tax rate. A copy of the news release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated by reference.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On November 3, 2020, the Company announced that its Board of Directors has declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.30 per share. The dividend is payable on December 4, 2020, to all stockholders of record as of November 20, 2020.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits: The following exhibit is furnished with this Form 8-K:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 [News Release dated November 3, 2020.](#)

104.1 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.

Dated: November 3, 2020

By: /s/ Anthony J. Harris
Anthony J. Harris
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



BBSI Reports Third Quarter 2020 Financial Results and Raises Full-Year Outlook

- Third Quarter Results Exceed Management Expectations, Diluted EPS for 2020 Now Expected to be \$4.10 -

VANCOUVER, Washington, November 3, 2020 – Barrett Business Services, Inc. (“BBSI” or the “Company”) (NASDAQ: BBSI), a leading provider of business management solutions, reported financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2020.

Third Quarter 2020 Financial Summary vs. Year-Ago Quarter

- Net revenues down 8% to \$227.5 million.
- Gross billings down 3% to \$1.51 billion.
- Net income of \$18.5 million, or \$2.40 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$25.0 million, or \$3.24 per diluted share.
- Unrestricted cash and investments up 8% to \$147.9 million (up 14% versus Q2 2020).

“Our third quarter results exceeded our expectations and are reflective of the adaptability and resilience of small businesses in America,” said Gary Kramer, CEO of BBSI. “I am proud of the work and support that we are providing to our clients as we navigate these unprecedeted times together.”

Third Quarter 2020 Financial Results

Net revenues in the third quarter of 2020 were down 8% to \$227.5 million compared to \$248.0 million in the third quarter of 2019.

Total gross billings in the third quarter decreased 3% to \$1.51 billion compared to \$1.55 billion in the same year-ago quarter (see “Key Performance Metrics and Non-GAAP Financial Measures” below). The decrease was directly attributable to the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the economy and operations of small businesses.

Non-GAAP gross workers’ compensation expense as a percent of gross billings was 3.4% in the third quarter and benefited from a favorable one-time adjustment of prior accident year liability of \$3.0 million as well as other cost-saving measures. This compares to 3.6% in the third quarter of 2019.

Net income for the third quarter of 2020 decreased to \$18.5 million, or \$2.40 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$25.0 million, or \$3.24 per diluted share, in the year-ago quarter. The decline in net income is primarily attributable to the decline in billing volume, decreased favorable development on claims incurred in prior years, and lower investment income in the quarter, partially offset by reductions in operating expenses in the period.

Liquidity

As of September 30, 2020, unrestricted cash and investments increased 8% to \$147.9 million compared to \$137.2 million in the year-ago quarter and increased 14% compared to the second quarter of 2020. BBSI remains debt free apart from the \$3.8 million mortgage on its corporate headquarters. Due to available unrestricted cash and investments and the general resilience of operations, BBSI reduced its borrowing capacity on its revolving line of credit back to \$33 million from \$50 million as of September 30, 2020.

Capital Allocation

BBSI's board of directors has confirmed its regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.30 per share. The cash dividend will be paid on December 4, 2020 to all stockholders of record as of November 20, 2020.

The Company also reinstated its stock repurchase plan and repurchased 57,018 shares at an average price of \$53.61 per share.

Increased Outlook

For the full year 2020, BBSI is raising its outlook for diluted earnings per share to \$4.10 from \$3.70. This continues to assume an estimate that gross billings will decrease approximately 3% for the year, as well as an effective tax rate of approximately 21%.

Conference Call

BBSI will conduct a conference call on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern time (9:00 a.m. Pacific time) to discuss its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2020.

BBSI's CEO Gary Kramer and CFO Anthony Harris will host the conference call, followed by a question and answer period.

Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Time: 12:00 p.m. Eastern time (9:00 a.m. Pacific time)

Toll-free dial-in number: 1-877-407-4018

International dial-in number: 1-201-689-8471

Conference ID: 13711855

Please call the conference telephone number 5-10 minutes prior to the start time. An operator will register your name and organization. If you have any difficulty connecting with the conference call, please contact Gateway Investor Relations at 1-949-574-3860.

The conference call will be broadcast live and available for replay[here](#) and via the Investors section of the BBSI website at www.mybbsi.com.

A replay of the conference call will be available after 3:00 p.m. Eastern time on the same day through December 4, 2020.

Toll-free replay number: 1-844-512-2921

International replay number: 1-412-317-6671

Replay ID: 13711855

Key Performance Metrics and Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We report PEO revenues net of direct payroll costs because we are not the primary obligor for wage payments to our clients' employees. However, management believes that gross billing amounts and wages are useful in understanding the volume of our business activity and serve as an important performance metric in managing our operations, including the preparation of internal operating forecasts and establishing executive compensation performance goals. We therefore present for purposes of analysis gross billing and wage information for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019.

	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
	Three Months Ended September 30,	2019	Nine Months Ended September 30,	2019
(in thousands)				
Gross billings	\$ 1,511,908	\$ 1,552,882	\$ 4,321,018	\$ 4,377,089
PEO and staffing wages	\$ 1,300,352	\$ 1,322,469	\$ 3,710,788	\$ 3,725,416

Because safety incentives represent consideration payable to PEO customers, safety incentive costs are netted against PEO revenue in our consolidated statements of operations. Management considers safety incentives to be closely connected to our workers' compensation program because they encourage client companies to maintain safe work practices and minimize workplace injuries. We therefore present below for purposes of analysis non-GAAP gross workers' compensation expense, which represents workers' compensation costs including safety incentive costs. We believe this non-GAAP measure is useful in evaluating the total costs of our workers' compensation program.

	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
	Three Months Ended September 30,	2019	Nine Months Ended September 30,	2019
(in thousands)				
Workers' compensation	\$ 46,685	\$ 46,887	\$ 146,120	\$ 154,290
Safety incentive costs	5,369	8,265	19,150	22,801
Non-GAAP gross workers' compensation	\$ 52,054	\$ 55,152	\$ 165,270	\$ 177,091

In monitoring and evaluating the performance of our operations, management also reviews the following ratios, which represent selected amounts as a percentage of gross billings. Management believes these ratios are useful in understanding the efficiency and profitability of our service offerings.

	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
	Percentage of Gross Billings	Three Months Ended September 30,	Percentage of Gross Billings	Nine Months Ended September 30,
PEO and staffing wages	86.0%	85.2%	85.9%	85.1%
Payroll taxes and benefits	6.6%	6.8%	7.3%	7.3%
Non-GAAP gross workers' compensation	3.4%	3.6%	3.8%	4.0%

About BBSI

BBSI (NASDAQ: BBSI) is a leading provider of business management solutions, combining human resource outsourcing and professional management consulting to create a unique operational platform that differentiates it from competitors. The Company's integrated platform is built upon expertise in payroll processing, employee benefits, workers' compensation coverage, risk management and workplace safety programs, and human resource administration. BBSI's partnerships help businesses of all sizes improve the efficiency of their operations. The Company works with more than 7,200 clients across all lines of business in 35 states. For more information, please visit www.mybbsi.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this release about future events or performance, including expectations regarding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business operations and product relevance, and future gross billings, effective tax rates, earnings per share, and workers' compensation expense as a percentage of gross billings, are forward-looking statements. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results of the Company to be materially different from any future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could affect future results include economic conditions in the Company's service areas, the effects of governmental orders imposing business closures and stay-at-home and physical distancing requirements, changes in the Company's mix of services on gross margin, the Company's ability to retain current clients and attract new clients, the availability of financing or other sources of capital, the Company's relationship with its primary bank lender, the potential for material deviations from expected future workers' compensation claims experience, changes in the workers' compensation regulatory environment in the Company's primary markets, litigation costs, the effect of governmental investigations, security breaches or failures in the Company's information technology systems, the collectability of accounts receivable, changes in executive management, the carrying value of deferred income tax assets and goodwill, and the effects of the pandemic, economic slowdown, and conditions in the global capital markets on the Company's investment portfolio, among others. Other important factors that may affect the Company's prospects are described in the Company's 2019 Annual Report on Form 10-K and in subsequent reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Although forward-looking statements help to provide complete information about the Company, readers should keep in mind that forward-looking statements are less reliable than historical information. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements in this release to reflect events or changes in circumstances that occur after the date of this release.

Barrett Business Services, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Uaudited)

(in thousands)	<u>Assets</u>		September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	61,193	\$	44,570
Investments		86,679		82,590
Trade accounts receivable, net		212,362		163,561
Income taxes receivable		1,740		1,335
Prepaid expenses and other		13,883		14,919
Restricted cash and investments		90,608		116,873
Total current assets		466,465		423,848
Property, equipment and software, net		35,148		31,724
Operating lease right-of-use assets		23,730		23,805
Restricted cash and investments		245,035		327,326
Goodwill		47,820		47,820
Other assets		5,081		3,618
Deferred income taxes		-		2,788
	<u>\$</u>	<u>823,279</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>860,929</u>
<u>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</u>				
Current liabilities:				
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	221	\$	221
Accounts payable		6,447		5,993
Accrued payroll, payroll taxes and related benefits		205,476		174,168
Current operating lease liabilities		7,303		6,671
Other accrued liabilities		6,603		8,846
Workers' compensation claims liabilities		96,583		118,273
Safety incentives liability		23,354		27,950
Total current liabilities		345,987		342,122
Long-term workers' compensation claims liabilities		250,765		320,713
Long-term debt		3,565		3,730
Deferred income taxes		2,947		-
Long-term operating lease liabilities		17,355		17,883
Customer deposits and other long-term liabilities		5,348		4,682
Stockholders' equity		197,312		171,799
	<u>\$</u>	<u>823,279</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>860,929</u>

Barrett Business Services, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(Uaudited)

(in thousands, except per share amounts)	(Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30,		(Unaudited) Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Revenues:				
Professional employer service fees	\$ 199,082	\$ 214,156	\$ 573,162	\$ 607,840
Staffing services	28,431	33,806	74,486	89,319
Total revenues	<u>227,513</u>	<u>247,962</u>	<u>647,648</u>	<u>697,159</u>
Cost of revenues:				
Direct payroll costs	21,452	25,464	56,325	67,298
Payroll taxes and benefits	100,142	104,847	313,275	321,341
Workers' compensation	46,685	46,887	146,120	154,290
Total cost of revenues	<u>168,279</u>	<u>177,198</u>	<u>515,720</u>	<u>542,929</u>
Gross margin	59,234	70,764	131,928	154,230
Selling, general and administrative expenses	35,587	41,352	100,957	113,517
Depreciation and amortization	1,341	970	3,512	2,909
Income from operations	22,306	28,442	27,459	37,804
Other income, net	1,294	2,488	5,693	7,946
Income before income taxes	23,600	30,930	33,152	45,750
Provision for income taxes	5,089	5,959	6,538	9,172
Net income	<u>\$ 18,511</u>	<u>\$ 24,971</u>	<u>\$ 26,614</u>	<u>\$ 36,578</u>
Basic income per common share	<u>\$ 2.42</u>	<u>\$ 3.34</u>	<u>\$ 3.51</u>	<u>\$ 4.92</u>
Weighted average basic common shares outstanding	<u>7,639</u>	<u>7,483</u>	<u>7,572</u>	<u>7,433</u>
Diluted income per common share	<u>\$ 2.40</u>	<u>\$ 3.24</u>	<u>\$ 3.46</u>	<u>\$ 4.76</u>
Weighted average diluted common shares outstanding	<u>7,709</u>	<u>7,711</u>	<u>7,688</u>	<u>7,686</u>

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