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Form 8-K

April 29, 2004

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):
APRIL 28, 2004

FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANCSHARES, INC.
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION)

0-13368 37-1103704
(COMMISSION FILE NUMBER) (IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

1515 CHARLESTON AVENUE, MATTOON, IL 61938
(ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

(217) 234-7454
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

Item 5. Other Events

Incorporated by reference is the quarterly shareholder report issued by the Registrant on April 28, 2004, attached as Exhibit 99, providing information concerning the Registrant's financial statements as of March 31, 2004.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99 - Quarterly shareholder report issued March 31, 2004

SIGNATURE

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has dully caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANCSHARES, INC.

Dated: April 28, 2004

By: /s/ William S. Rowland

William S. Rowland
President and Chief
Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99	Quarterly shareholder report issued April 28, 2004

Exhibit 99

[GRAPHIC OMITTED] [GRAPHIC OMITTED]

First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc. had an excellent first quarter with diluted earnings per share increasing to \$.77 per share as compared to \$.73 per share for the first quarter of 2003. Net income increased to \$2,389,000 compared to \$2,362,000 for the first quarter of 2003. Earnings per share increased more than net income because of our stock buy-back program. In the first quarter of 2004, we acquired 175,818 shares at a total investment of \$8,376,000. This program has proven to be an effective way of increasing value for our shareholders.

Higher net interest income was the primary factor in earnings growth. Loan balances have increased \$44 million since March 31, 2003, which resulted in an improvement in our net interest margin, as well as net interest income. Net interest income increased from \$6,480,000 for the first quarter of 2003 to \$7,040,000 for the same period in 2004 for an increase of \$560,000 or 8.6%. The Company's net interest margin increased to 3.90% on a tax equivalent basis from 3.74% a year earlier. This increase offset the decline in mortgage banking revenue of \$396,000 as mortgage refinancings slowed from their early 2003 levels.

During the first quarter of 2004, we experienced slight declines in loan balances, an increase in overnight funds and a modest increase in our deposit balances, all generally as a result of the cyclical business activities of many of our core customers.

Our provision for loan losses amounted to \$187,000 for the first three months of 2004 as compared to \$250,000 during the same period last year, with net

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charge-offs declining to \$113,000 for the first three months of 2004 compared to \$132,000 for the same period last year. Non-performing loans on March 31, 2004 were \$3,269,000 as compared with \$3,331,000 on December 31, 2003.

We are pleased with the increases we recorded in both trust and brokerage revenue. Revenue from these activities is dependant not only on volume but also on the general levels of the equity markets in the United States and abroad. Since early 2003, our volumes have increased nicely as have the equity markets. Together, these factors resulted in a \$213,000 or 42% increase in revenue from our trust and retail brokerage activities. In late 2002, we formed a strategic alliance with WCM Investment Management, Inc. in Carmel, California to improve our overall trust investment and wealth management capabilities. This alliance is working out well and the return on our common trust fund has exceeded the S & P 500 since this alliance was consummated.

Non-interest expenses increased by \$153,000 compared to the first quarter of 2003 as a result of increased costs for salaries and benefits, and professional fees incurred in implementing the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Since the passage of Sarbanes-Oxley in 2002, First Mid has undertaken a comprehensive review of all aspects of our corporate governance policies and procedures.

During the first quarter of 2004, we issued \$10 million of Trust Preferred Securities. Trust Preferred Securities are long-term debt, callable securities which, because of certain equity-like features, qualify as regulatory capital. While we have no specific plans at this point for this additional capital, these funds could be used for stock repurchases, acquisitions or other corporate purposes.

Our 2004 annual meeting of stockholders will be held at 4:00 PM on May 26, 2004 in the main lobby of First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, N.A., 1515 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois. All shareholders are invited to attend. On behalf of the Board, management and entire staff of the Company, I thank you for your continued support and look forward to visiting with as many of you as possible at the annual meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ William S. Rowland

William S. Rowland
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

April 28, 2004

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS			
(In thousands, except share data)	(unaudited)	March 31,	December 31,

		2004	2003
Assets			

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Cash and due from banks	\$18,340	\$20,659
Federal funds sold and other interest-bearing deposits	21,167	4,290
Investment securities:		
Available-for-sale, at fair value	157,829	176,481
Held-to-maturity, at amortized cost (estimated fair value of \$1,651 and \$1,687 at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively)	1,567	1,677
Loans	550,832	552,824
Less allowance for loan losses	(4,500)	(4,426)

Net loans	546,332	548,398
Premises and equipment, net	15,851	16,059
Goodwill, net	9,034	9,034
Intangible assets, net	3,794	3,969
Other assets	10,916	13,078

Total assets	\$784,830	\$793,645
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Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Deposits:		
Non-interest bearing	\$86,170	\$94,723
Interest bearing	537,413	520,269

Total deposits	623,583	614,992
Repurchase agreements with customers	48,004	59,875
Junior subordinated debentures	10,310	-
Other borrowings	30,400	39,925
Other liabilities	6,404	8,258

Total liabilities	718,701	723,050

Stockholders' Equity:		
Common stock (\$4 par value; authorized 6,000,000 shares; issued 3,694,040 shares in 2004 and 3,667,887 shares in 2003)	14,776	14,672
Additional paid-in capital	16,898	15,960
Retained earnings	55,333	52,942
Deferred compensation	2,065	1,881
Accumulated other comprehensive income	2,058	1,581
Treasury stock at cost, 710,437 shares in 2004 and 534,619 shares in 2003	(25,001)	(16,441)

Total stockholders' equity	66,129	70,595

Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$784,830	\$793,645
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In thousands) (unaudited)

	2004	2003
For the three month period ended March 31,		
Interest income:		
Interest and fees on loans	\$8,167	\$8,008
Interest on investment securities	1,515	1,602
Interest on federal funds sold and other	45	110

Total interest income	9,727	9,720
Interest expense:		
Interest on deposits	2,138	2,698
Interest on repurchase agreements with customers	72	64

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Interest on subordinated debt	37	-
Interest on other borrowings	440	478

Total interest expense	2,687	3,240

Net interest income	7,040	6,480
Provision for loan losses	187	250

Net interest income after provision for loan losses	6,853	6,230
Non-interest income:		
Trust revenues	616	456
Brokerage commissions	110	57
Insurance commissions	430	424
Service charges	1,124	1,038
Securities gains, net	0	370
Mortgage banking revenues	94	490
Other	524	465

Total non-interest income	2,898	3,300
Non-interest expense:		
Salaries and employee benefits	3,338	3,231
Net occupancy and equipment expense	1,073	1,063
Amortization of intangible assets	175	184
Other	1,582	1,458

Total non-interest expense	6,168	5,936

Income before income taxes	3,583	3,594
Income taxes	1,194	1,232

Net income	\$2,389	\$2,362
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Per Share Information
(unaudited)

For the three month period ended March 31,	2004	2003
Basic earnings per share	\$0.78	\$0.74
Diluted earnings per share	\$0.77	\$0.73
Book value per share	\$22.16	\$21.48
Market price of stock	\$48.00	\$28.90

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(In thousands) (unaudited)

For the three month period ended March 31,	2004	2003
Balance at beginning of year	\$70,595	\$66,807
Net income	2,389	2,362
Dividends on stock		
Issuance of stock	1,044	825
Purchase of treasury stock	(8,376)	(1,689)
Changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	477	(388)

Balance at end of year	\$66,129	\$67,917
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