

FIRST BUSEY CORP /NV/
Form 8-K
August 18, 2015

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): August 17, 2015

First Busey Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nevada

0-15950

37-1078406

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

100 W. University Ave.

Champaign, Illinois 61820

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(217) 365-4544

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 17, 2015, the board of directors of First Busey Corporation, a Nevada corporation ("First Busey"), approved a one-for-three reverse stock split of First Busey's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Reverse Stock Split"). Under the terms of the Reverse Stock Split, (i) each three (3) shares of common stock held by First Busey's stockholders shall be reclassified and converted to one (1) share of common stock, (ii) the number of shares of common stock authorized by First Busey's Articles of Incorporation shall be reduced from 200,000,000 shares to 66,666,667 shares, and (iii) the number of issued and outstanding shares of First Busey's common stock shall be reduced from approximately 87,073,160 shares to approximately 29,024,386 shares. The Reverse Stock split shall be effective as of 12:01 am CST on September 8, 2015.

The par value of First Busey's common stock will not be affected by the Reverse Stock Split. No fractional shares will be issued in connection with the Reverse Stock Split. Stockholders who otherwise would be entitled to receive fractional shares will be entitled to a cash payment in lieu thereof equal to the fraction to which the stockholder would otherwise be entitled multiplied by the closing price of First Busey's common stock, as such price is reported on The Nasdaq Global Select Market on September 4, 2015.

All outstanding stock warrants and equity awards, including stock options and restricted stock units, will be proportionally adjusted, as applicable following the Reverse Stock Split. Our existing stock repurchase program of 2,000,000 shares will likewise be reduced to 666,667 shares available for repurchase.

We anticipate that the Reverse Stock Split will have a minimal impact on the overall level of dividends distributed to common stockholders. The proportional change in shares is expected to be similarly offset by a change in the level of the dividend per share to effect a comparable outcome to recent periods. Cash dividends are determined quarterly by the board of directors of First Busey, which has a long history of paying regular dividends as disclosed in First Busey's Form 10-K. Determination of quarterly dividends will continue to be governed by a prudent evaluation of appropriate factors under ongoing capital policy and applicable banking regulations.

Notwithstanding the decrease in the number of shares issued and outstanding following the Reverse Stock Split, the Reverse Stock Split is not intended to be, and will not have the effect of, a "going private transaction" covered by Rule 13e-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 18, 2015 First Busey Corporation

By: /s/ Robin N. Elliott

Name: Robin N. Elliott

Title: Chief Financial Officer