

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
GRISSOM STEVEN L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC [FMBH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/12/2012

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

C/O CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, 121 S. 17TH STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MATTOON, IL 61938

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 07/12/2012 | | M | V 2,250 A \$ 12.11 | 45,392.5 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 198,096 | I | By Trust FBO Benjamin I. Lumpkin |
| Common Stock | | | | | 198,096 | I | By Trust FBO Elizabeth L. Celio |

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|--------------|-----------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 300 | I | By 1978 Trust FBO Mary Lee Sparks |
| Common Stock | 2,298,412 | I | By Deferred Comp Plan |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option | \$ 12.11 | 07/12/2012 | | M | 2,250 | 12/16/2002 12/16/2012 | Common Stock | 2,250 |
| Stock Option | \$ 20.67 | | | | | 12/16/2003 12/16/2013 | Common Stock | 3,375 |
| Stock Option | \$ 27.33 | | | | | 12/14/2004 12/14/2014 | Common Stock | 3,375 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GRISSOM STEVEN L
C/O CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS
121 S. 17TH STREET
MATTOON, IL 61938

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Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a power of attorney filed
12/19/2002

07/13/2012

__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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