

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 DOWNS KELLY A

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1 HANCE DRIVE  
 (Street)

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

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, Director of Human Resource

CHARLESTON, IL 61920

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) |         |   |         |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------|---|---------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |         |   |         |
| Common Stock                    | 02/21/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 375   | A  | \$ 18.17  | 375     | D |         |
| Common Stock                    | 02/21/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 565   | A  | \$ 31   | 940     | D |         |
| Common Stock                    | 02/22/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 940   | D  | \$ 41.25  | 0       | D |         |
| Common Stock                    | 01/09/2006                           |  | J <sup>(4)</sup>               | V   | 2.242   | A  | \$ 41   | 355.814 | I | By 401K |

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 Options                              | \$ 18.17   | 02/21/2006                           |  | M                              | 375   | 01/01/2006 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/16/2012                     | Common Stock  | 375                           |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 31  | 02/21/2006                           |  | M                              | 565   | 01/01/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/16/2013                     | Common Stock  | 1,125                         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 41  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/01/2006 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/14/2014                     | Common Stock  | 2,250                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                         | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| DOWNS KELLY A<br>1 HANCE DRIVE<br>CHARLESTON, IL 61920 |               |           | VP, Director of Human Resource |       |

## Signatures

Kelly Downs 02/22/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Options become exercisable on 1/1/2007.

(2) Options are exercisable as follows: 562.5 on 1/1/07; 562.5 on 1/1/08.

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- (3) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 1/1/2006.
- (4) Shares acquired through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan with dividends paid on shares of common stock held.

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