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## **First Busey Finalizes Merger of First Community Financial Bank**

**Champaign, IL** – First Busey Corporation (“Busey”) (NASDAQ:BUSE), the holding company for Busey Bank, today announced the completion of the merger of First Community Financial Bank (“First Community”) with and into its banking subsidiary, Busey Bank. As of close of business on November 3, 2017, First Community’s branches became branches of Busey Bank in connection with Busey’s acquisition of First Community Financial Partners, Inc.

“As we partner together, we are pleased to expand upon shared values, beliefs and focus on customer service, lasting relationships and community commitment,” said Van Dukeman, President & Chief Executive Officer of First Busey Corporation. “Customers can expect the same level of service from the same team of dedicated associates and local leadership. In addition, George Barr—former Director and Chairman of the Board of First Community Financial Partners—joined First Busey’s Board of Directors in July 2017. We are excited about the partnership and will work to serve the comprehensive financial needs of Busey customers—today and in the future.”

Roy Thygesen, Executive Vice President & Commercial Market President for Northern Illinois at Busey Bank, said, “As two strong, community banks committed to premier customer service, this partnership combines the best of both organizations, including added expertise and additional services—from trust, estate and wealth management offerings to expanded commercial capabilities. We look forward to building upon Busey’s 150-year history of serving customers’ needs.”

Founded in 2003, and with \$1.5 billion in total assets as of September 30, 2017, First Community was based in Joliet, Illinois and operated nine locations in the southwestern suburbs of Chicago, Illinois: Joliet, Plainfield, Homer Glen, Channahon, Naperville, Burr Ridge, Mazon, Braidwood and Diamond. Through the merger with and into Busey Bank, customers have access to an additional twenty-eight banking centers serving downstate Illinois, thirteen banking centers in the St. Louis, Missouri metropolitan area, five banking centers serving southwest Florida and a banking center in Indianapolis, Indiana.

## Corporate Profile

First Busey Corporation (NASDAQ: BUSE) is an approximately \$7.6 billion financial holding company headquartered in Champaign, Illinois. Busey Bank, First Busey Corporation's wholly-owned bank subsidiary, is also headquartered in Champaign, Illinois and has thirty-seven banking centers serving Illinois, thirteen banking centers in the St. Louis, Missouri metropolitan area, five banking centers serving southwest Florida and a banking center in Indianapolis, Indiana. Trevett Capital Partners, a wealth management division of Busey Bank, provides asset management, investment and fiduciary services to high net worth clients in southwest Florida. The wealth management professionals of Trevett Capital Partners can be reached through [trevettcapitalpartners.com](http://trevettcapitalpartners.com).

Busey Bank had total assets of \$5.4 billion as of September 30, 2017.

South Side Trust & Savings Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Busey Corporation. Headquartered in Peoria, Illinois, South Side Trust & Savings Bank has thirteen locations in Peoria, Chillicothe, Bartonville, East Peoria, West Peoria, Pekin and Washington.

In addition, Busey Bank owns a retail payment processing subsidiary, FirsTech, Inc., which processes approximately 28 million transactions per year using online bill payment, lockbox processing and walk-in payments at its 3,000 agent locations in 36 states. More information about FirsTech, Inc. can be found at [firstechpayments.com](http://firstechpayments.com).

Busey Wealth Management is a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Busey Corporation. Through Busey Trust Company, Busey Wealth Management provides asset management, investment and fiduciary services to individuals, businesses and foundations. As of September 30, 2017, Busey Wealth Management's assets under care were approximately \$5.9 billion.

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