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): April 29, 2016

First Busey Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

0-15950

37-1078406 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Nevada (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

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.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 April 29, 2016, First Busey Corporation, a Nevada corporation ("First Busey"), announced that its merger with Pulaski Financial Corp., a Missouri corporation ("Pulaski") will close and be effective on April 30, 2016. Following the effective time of the merger, First Busey will be the surviving company and Pulaski Bank, National Association, will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Busey.

Signature

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: April 29, 2016

FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION

By: <u>/s/ Robin N. Elliott</u> Name: Robin N. Elliott Title: Chief Financial Officer