# 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): July 24, 2012

# **First Busey Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-15959 (Commission File Number)

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

100 W. University Ave.

Champaign, Illinois 61820

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(217) 365-4516

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) 0

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) 0

### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On Tuesday, July 24, 2012, the Company issued a press release disclosing financial results for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2012. The press release is made part of this Form and is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The press release made a part of this Current Report on Form 8-K includes forward looking statements that are intended to be covered by the safe-harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward looking statements include but are not limited to comments with respect to the objectives and strategies, financial condition, results of operations and business of the Registrant.

These forward looking statements involve numerous assumptions, inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, and the risk that predictions and other forward looking statements will not be achieved. The Registrant cautions you not to place undue reliance on these forward looking statements as a number of important factors could cause actual future results to differ materially from the plans, objectives, expectations, estimates and intentions expressed in such forward looking statements.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued by the Company, dated July 24, 2012.

#### 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: July 24, 2012

### FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION

By: <u>/s/ David B. White</u> Name: David B. White Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### First Busey Announces 2012 Second Quarter Earnings

#### Champaign, IL – (Nasdaq: BUSE)

#### Message from our President & CEO

First Busey Corporation's net income for the second quarter of 2012 was \$4.9 million and net income available to common stockholders was \$4.0 million, or \$0.05 per fully-diluted common share, as compared to net income of \$7.4 million and net income available to common stockholders of \$6.2 million, or \$0.07 per fully-diluted common share, for the second quarter of 2011. In comparison, the Company reported net income for the first quarter of 2012 of \$7.6 million and net income available to common stockholders of \$6.7 million, or \$0.08 per fully-diluted common share.

The Company's 2012 year-to-date net income through June 30 was \$12.5 million and net income available to common stockholders was \$10.7 million, or \$0.12 per fully diluted share, compared to net income of \$16.6 million, and net income available to common stockholders of \$13.5 million, or \$0.16 per fully diluted share, for the comparable period of 2011.

Changes in net income between comparative periods were influenced by seasonal changes in agriculture-based products, large gains on the Company's private equity funds in the first quarter of 2012, one-time expenses, and increased investments in 2012 to support future balance sheet strength, profitability and growth. In addition, our 2012 results were impacted positively by our exit from the TARP program in August 2011, which reduced the year-to-date cost of preferred stock dividends by \$0.7 million and the second quarter cost by \$0.4 million. Also contributing to our lower year-to-date cost of preferred stock dividends was the March 2011 conversion of our Series B preferred stock, which had \$0.5 million of associated preferred dividend costs in the first quarter of 2011. These reductions in preferred stock dividends favorably impacted net income available to common stockholders in 2012.

Our previously announced loan growth initiative began showing positive results late in the second quarter and gross loan balances ended the quarter at \$2.02 billion, which reflected an increase of \$15.8 million over the prior quarter-end. Growth occurred in targeted portfolios with positive changes in mix. Commercial & Industrial loans grew \$21.4 million while Commercial Real Estate and Construction loans declined \$12.6 million in the aggregate. Loans related to residential real estate also rose \$7.2 million, including \$5.6 million in loans held for sale. Loans with the strongest risk grades exhibited positive growth, while loans with weaker grades declined during the quarter<sup>1</sup>.

Our non-interest bearing deposits of \$555.6 million at June 30, 2012 grew from \$503.1 million at December 31, 2011 and \$447.7 million at June 30, 2011. Furthermore, our core

deposits of \$2.7 billion at June 30, 2012 increased from \$2.5 billion at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011. In addition, as of June 30, 2012, our services per household increased to

five services per household, which is approximately 5% greater than June 30, 2011. We believe this growth is indicative of the success of our **B**<sup>5</sup> relationship sales model, which

includes improved cross-sales to our customer base.

At the end of the second quarter of 2012, Busey Bank continued to exceed the capital adequacy requirements necessary to be considered "well-capitalized" under the regulatory guidance. Additionally, Tangible Common Equity (TCE) increased to \$313.0 million at June 30, 2012 from \$310.4 million at March 31, 2012 and \$298.6 million at June 30, 2011. TCE represented 8.96% of tangible assets at June 30, 2012 compared to 8.85% at March 31, 2012 and 8.68% at June 30, 2011.

On July 27, 2012, we will pay a cash dividend of \$0.04 per common share to stockholders of record as of July 20, 2012. The Company has an uninterrupted history of paying quarterly dividends to its common stockholders since 1998, when it first began trading on the NASDAQ exchange.

<sup>1</sup>A detailed description of the loan grading policy can be found in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Asset Quality: While much internal focus is currently being directed toward organic growth, our commitment to credit quality remains strong, as evidenced by another quarter of positive trends across a range of credit indicators. We expect to maintain gradual improvement in our overall asset quality during 2012; however, this continues to be dependent upon market-specific economic conditions. The key metrics are as follows:

• Non-performing loans decreased to \$33.8 million at June 30, 2012 from \$34.1 million at March 31, 2012 and \$38.5 million at December 31, 2011.

- o Illinois/Indiana non-performing loans decreased to \$25.3 million at June 30, 2012 from \$25.6 million at March 31, 2012 and \$27.7 million at December 31, 2011.
- o Florida non-performing loans of \$8.5 million at June 30, 2012 remained consistent with the amount recorded at March 31, 2012, but decreased from \$10.8 million at December 31, 2011.
- · Loans 30-89 days past due decreased to \$4.2 million at June 30, 2012 from \$15.9 million at March 31, 2012 and \$4.7 million at December 31, 2011. As discussed in our prior period release, the primary reason for the increase in the first quarter of 2012 related to two large commercial credits which have since been sold or reclassified to non-performing
- · Other non-performing assets, primarily consisting of other real estate owned, decreased to \$7.8 million at June 30, 2012 from \$8.7 million at March 31, 2012 and \$8.5 million at December 31, 2011.
- The ratio of non-performing assets to total loans plus other non-performing assets at June 30, 2012 decreased to 2.05% from 2.13% at March 31, 2012 and 2.28% at December 31, 2011.
- The allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans ratio decreased to 150.42% at June 30, 2012 from 157.75% at March 31, 2012 and 151.91% at December 31, 2011.
- The allowance for loan losses to total loans ratio decreased to 2.52% at June 30, 2012 compared to 2.68% at March 31, 2012 and 2.85% at December 31, 2011.
- · Net charge-offs of \$7.5 million recorded in the second quarter of 2012 were lower than the \$9.7 million recorded in the first quarter of 2012 and the \$10.4 million recorded in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- · Provision expense decreased to \$4.5 million in the second quarter of 2012 from \$5.0 million recorded in both the first quarter of 2012 and the fourth quarter of 2011.

Operating Performance: We made great progress in 2011 to strengthen our balance sheet, and the Company is dedicated to continuing efforts actively underway to

## support

organic growth. Our business outreach across our footprint has increased substantially, and we are encouraged by the volumes building in our loan pipeline and the new loan

growth experienced in the second quarter of 2012.

While our expenses increased as we continued to build out the infrastructure to support our growth strategy, we were able to maintain stable revenue generation

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diversified sources during the quarter. Total revenue, net of interest expense and security gains, for the second quarter of 2012 was \$41.0 million, compared to \$43.6 million for the

first quarter of 2012 and \$41.6 million for the second quarter of 2011. Net of private equity fund gains of \$2.1 million recorded in the first quarter of 2012, revenue was

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steady on both a linked-quarter and year-over-year basis. Quarterly revenue was further impacted by seasonal changes in agriculture-based trust fees, declining by

\$1.4 million

on a linked quarter basis in 2012.

Total revenue for the first six months of 2012 was \$84.6 million as compared to \$85.5 million for the same period of 2011. Non-interest income revenue sources are helping offset

declines in net interest income arising from slow asset growth and continuing margin pressure. Revenues from trust, brokerage and commissions, and remittance processing

activities, which are primarily generated through Busey Wealth Management and FirsTech, represent 43% of non-interest income and approximately one third of

#### total net income

to the Company, providing a balance to traditional banking activities in a slow growth economy.

Busey Wealth Management's net income of \$1.0 million for the second quarter of 2012 increased from \$0.9 million for the first quarter of 2012, and was consistent with the amount

#### earned in the second quarter of 2011. Busey Wealth Management's net income for the first six months of 2012 was \$1.9 million as compared to \$1.7 million for the first six months

of 2011. FirsTech's net income of \$0.2 million for the second quarter of 2012 decreased from \$0.3 million for the first quarter of 2012 and \$0.4 million for the second quarter of 2011.

FirsTech's net income for the first six months of 2012 was \$0.5 million as compared to \$0.9 million for the same period of 2011.

Other specific areas of operating performance are detailed as follows:

- Net interest income declined to \$25.3 million in the second quarter of 2012 compared to \$25.7 million in the first quarter of 2012 and \$27.8 million in the second quarter of 2011. Net interest income for the first six months of 2012 was \$51.0 million compared to \$56.2 million for the same period of 2011. Net interest income declines were driven by decreases in average loan volumes, which have prompted recent initiatives to guide quality asset growth. Additional liquidity generated by our growing deposit base has primarily been deployed into our investment portfolio.
- Net interest margin decreased to 3.21% for the second quarter of 2012 as compared to 3.31% for the first quarter of 2012 and 3.54% for the second quarter of 2011. The net interest margin for the first six months of 2012 decreased to 3.26% compared to 3.54% for the same period of 2011. The Company continues to experience downward pressure on its yield on interest-earning assets resulting from a protracted period of historically low rates and heightened competition for assets, which is being experienced throughout the banking industry.
- Driven by strong loan production, an active market for refinancing and positive momentum in the home purchase market, gains on sales of residential mortgage loans increased to \$3.3 million in the second quarter of 2012 compared to \$2.4 million in the first quarter of 2012 and \$1.8 million in the second quarter of 2011. During the first six months of 2012, gains on sales of mortgage loans increased to \$5.7 million from \$4.5 million for the first six months of 2011.
- Other non-interest income declined to \$1.4 million in the second quarter of 2012 compared to \$3.4 million in the first quarter of 2012, but increased from \$0.8 million in the second quarter of 2011. Other non-interest income for the first six months of 2012 increased to \$4.8 million from \$2.0 million for the comparable period of 2011. As discussed in the prior period release, the Company recorded a net gain of \$2.1 million in the first quarter of 2012 from income earned on private equity funds. The majority of this gain was non-ordinary; therefore, a decline in non-interest income for the second quarter of 2012 had been expected. Increases in other non-interest income from the second quarter of 2011 were primarily attributable to current quarter gains of \$0.2 million in private equity funds and \$0.2 million in the cash surrender value of BOLI policies, as well as a loss of \$0.2 million on the sale of fixed assets recorded during the comparable period in 2011.
- Salaries and wages and employee benefits increased to \$16.3 million in the second quarter of 2012 compared to \$15.0 million in the first quarter of 2012 and \$12.5 million in the second quarter of 2011. In the first six months of 2012, salaries and wages and employee benefits totaled \$31.3 million as compared to \$24.9 million for the same period of 2011. These expenses were at a four-year low in the first six months of 2011, and the planned increase in 2012 represents the investment in talent to drive future business expansion as discussed in prior earnings releases. The primary investment is related to our commercial banking segment to support

profitable asset growth through value-added services to commercial clients in our existing and surrounding footprint. Busey Wealth Management has undertaken a similar strategy to support a diversified revenue stream and expanded client service capabilities. One-time charges during the quarter related to insurance and other benefits also increased expenses by approximately \$0.3 million.

- Total non-interest expense was impacted favorably by a decline in regulatory expense as a result of a change in the FDIC's rate assessment methodology. Regulatory expense for the second quarter of 2012 declined to \$0.6 million from \$1.3 million for the second quarter of 2011. For the first six months of 2012, regulatory expense was \$1.2 million as compared to \$3.2 million for the same period of 2011. In addition, various other expenses rose during the second quarter of 2012 by approximately \$0.7 million compared to the first quarter of 2012 and the second quarter of 2011 from one-time charges related to other real estate owned and strategic technology initiatives.
- Our quarterly efficiency ratio increased to 69.68% for the second quarter of 2012 from 59.79% for the first quarter of 2012 and 57.80% for the second quarter of 2011 due to planned expense increases as part of our growth strategy and the one-time charges discussed in the preceding paragraphs. The efficiency ratio for the first six months of 2012 was 64.59%, as compared to 56.81% for the same period of 2011. Peer data from Federal Reserve system sources suggests that the Company has historically compared favorably to similarly-sized companies in terms of efficiency ratios, with averages for peers ranging between 65% and 67% during 2011 and the first quarter of 2012.

#### **Overview and Strategy:**

Our results this quarter reflect the culmination of months of planning and focused effort to retool our teams and rebuild our balance sheet in constructive ways for the long-term benefit of the Company. We understood that this commitment would require the deployment of capital to support our investment in the future, and earnings thus far in 2012 have aligned with estimates of the short-term effects of our long-term strategy.

Positive changes are occurring in our balance sheet, with the initial inflection of loan volumes in areas specifically targeted for growth and the consistent strengthening in our mix of funding through non-interest bearing deposits. Capital and asset quality continue to trend favorably, and the marriage of old competencies and new is melding together to create a more diverse organization.

We have embraced forward-looking practices regarding sustainability and were recently awarded certification through the Illinois Green Business Association (IGBA), a non-profit organization dedicated to helping business reduce their ecological footprint by attaining certification. To date, Busey is the largest organization to earn this achievement through the IGBA. Environmentally responsible business reduces costs and renews our commitment as a good steward to our communities.

Early stage success in building a stronger balance sheet structure is generally a positive leading indicator for future profitability. We are realistic that our strategies will take time to produce results and are working diligently to expand fee-based aspects of our business to counter headwinds the industry is collectively facing due to pressures on net interest margins.

As we move forward into future phases of our strategic evolution, we thank our associates for their efforts, our customers for their business and you, our stockholders, for your continued support of Busey.

\s\ Van A. Dukeman

President & Chief Executive Officer

First Busey Corporation

	dollars in thousands, except per share data) As of and for the Three Months Ended					As of and for the Six Months Ended				
	June 30, 2012	Μ	March 31, 2012		June 30, 2011		June 30, 2012		June 30, 2011	
EARNINGS & PER SHARE DATA										
Net income		<b>388</b> \$	· · ·	\$	7,447	\$	12,531	\$	16,557	
Income available to common stockholders <sup>1</sup>	3,9	980	6,735		6,164		10,715		13,498	
Revenue <sup>2</sup>	40,9		43,578		41,587		84,558		85,475	
Fully-diluted earnings per share		.05	0.08		0.07		0.12		0.16	
Cash dividends paid per share	0	.04	0.04		0.04		0.08		0.08	
Net income by operating segment										
Busey Bank	\$ 4,1	187 \$	6,030	\$	7,096	\$	10,217	\$	15,916	
Busey Wealth Management	1,0	004	863		974		1,867		1,668	
FirsTech	2	244	265		422		509		872	
AVERAGE BALANCES										
Assets	\$ 3,521,8	300 <b>\$</b>	3,465,407	\$ 3	3,491,237	\$	3,493,603	\$ 3	3,540,399	
Earning assets	3,239,3		3,183,248		3,209,961		3,211,305		3,251,797	
Deposits	2,878,1		2,815,795		2,823,136		2,846,984		2,860,618	
Interest-bearing liabilities	2,559,9		2,526,097		2,569,520		2,543,010		2,611,737	
Stockholders' equity - common	340,5		337,665	-	325,608		339,120	-	307,641	
Tangible stockholders' equity - common	305,0		301,274		286,586		303,143		268,176	
PERFORMANCE RATIOS										
Return on average assets <sup>3</sup>	0.45	5%	0.78%		0.71%		0.62%		0.77%	
Return on average common equity <sup>3</sup>	4.70		8.02%		7.59%		6.35%		8.85%	
Return on average tangible common equity <sup>3</sup>	5.25		8.99%		8.63%		7.11%		10.15%	
Net interest margin <sup>3</sup>	3.2		3.31%		3.54%		3.26%		3.54%	
Efficiency ratio <sup>4</sup>	69.68		59.79%		57.80%		64.59%		56.81%	
Non-interest income as a % of total revenues <sup>2</sup>	38.33		41.03%		33.05%		39.72%		34.26%	
ASSET QUALITY										
Gross loans	\$ 2,021,9	101	\$ 2,006,157	¢ -	2,168,240					
Allowance for loan losses	\$ 2,021,3 50,8		53,835	<u>م</u> 2	69,329					
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Net charge-offs		469	9,671		10,520		17,140		16,709	
Allowance for loan losses to loans	2.52		2.68%		3.20%					
Allowance as a percentage of non-performing loans	150.42	2 %0	157.75%		128.94%					
Non-performing loans		700	22.702		FD 4FC					
Non-accrual loans	33,7		33,763		52,456					
Loans 90+ days past due		57	363		1,314					
Geographically			0- 0		04055					
Illinois/ Indiana	25,3		25,675		34,260					
Florida		452	8,451		19,510					
Loans 30-89 days past due		240	15,930		17,057					
Other non-performing assets	7,7	783	8,719		6,855					

# SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

1Net income, net of preferred dividends and discount accretion

<sup>2</sup>Total revenue, net of interest expense and security gains <sup>3</sup>Quarterly ratios annualized and calculated on net income available to common stockholders <sup>4</sup>Net of security gains and intangible charges

# **Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

June 30, 2012         December 31, 2011         June 30, 2011           Assets         2011         2011         2011           Cash and due from banks         \$ 320,349         \$ 315,053         \$ 357,193           Investment securities         980,785         831,749         742,793           Net loans, including loans held for sale         1,971,065         1,992,838         2,098,911           Premises and equipment         70,119         69,398         71,162           Goodwill and other intangibles         35,050         36,704         384,74           Other assets         147,355         156,380         162,355           Total assets         \$ 3,524,723         \$ 3,402,122         \$ 3,470,888           Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity         \$ 2,366,191         \$ 2,366,191           Non-interest bearing deposits         \$ 2,365,10         \$ 2,763,454         \$ 2,281,341           Securities sold under agreements to repurchase         19,115         127,867         126,796           Long-term debt         14,417         19,417         19,434         \$ 2,992,855         \$ 3,109,876         \$ 2,992,855         \$ 3,041,112           Total labilities         \$ 3,109,876         \$ 2,992,855         \$ 3,041,112         127,867         126,796	Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets							
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<sup>1</sup> Total common equity less goodwill and other intangibles divided by shares outstanding as of period end

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited, in thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended June 30,			June 30,	5	Six Months E	nded Ju	Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2012			2011		2012		2011			
Interest and fees on loans	\$	24,512	\$	29,173	\$	50,038	\$	59,681			
Interest on investment securities		4,713		4,700		9,283		9,098			
Total interest income	\$	29,225	\$	33,873	\$	59,321	\$	68,779			
Interest on deposits		3,318		4,820		7,066		10,079			
Interest on short-term borrowings		85		110		172		231			
Interest on long-term debt		220		486		446		982			
Junior subordinated debt owed to unconsolidated trusts	•	328		616		665		1,299			
Total interest expense	<u></u>	3,951	\$	6,032	\$	8,349	\$	12,591			
Net interest income	\$	25,274	\$	27,841	\$	50,972	\$	56,188			
Provision for loan losses		4,500		5,000		9,500		10,000			
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	<u></u>	20,774	\$	22,841	\$	41,472	\$	46,188			
Trust fees		4,090		3,757		9,285		8,305			
Commissions and brokers' fees		564		479		1,070		920			
Fees for customer services		4,316		4,523		8,508		8,852			
Remittance processing		2,111		2,403		4,278		4,784			
Gain on sales of loans		3,256		1,835		5,669		4,467			
Net security gains (losses)		64		-		64		(2)			
Other	\$	1,369	¢	749	¢	4,776	¢	1,959			
Total non-interest income	<u> </u>	15,770	\$	13,746	\$	33,650	\$	29,285			
Salaries and wages		13,148		10,028		25,259		19,588			
Employee benefits		3,122		2,506		6,018		5,265			
Net occupancy expense		2,156		2,136		4,361		4,551			
Furniture and equipment expense		1,310		1,340		2,582		2,664			
Data processing expense		2,639		2,170		4,798		4,280			
Amortization expense		827		884		1,654		1,768			
Regulatory expense		620		1,308		1,246		3,155			
OREO expense		510		135		515		347			
Other operating expenses	<b>^</b>	5,447	<i>•</i>	4,678	<i>•</i>	10,548	¢	9,232			
Total non-interest expense	\$	29,779	\$	25,185	\$	56,981	\$	50,850			
Income before income taxes	\$	6,765	\$	11,402	\$	18,141	\$	24,623			
Income taxes		1,877		3,955		5,610		8,066			
Net income	\$	4,888	\$	7,447	\$	12,531	\$	16,557			
Preferred stock dividends and discount accretion	\$	908	\$	1,283	\$	1,816	\$	3,059			
Income available for common stockholders	\$	3,980	\$	6,164	\$	10,715	\$	13,498			
Per Share Data											
Basic earnings per common share	\$	0.05	\$	0.07	\$	0.12	\$	0.16			
Fully-diluted earnings per common share	\$	0.05	\$	0.07	\$	0.12	\$	0.16			
Diluted average common shares outstanding		86,637		86,617		86,633		84,001			

#### **Corporate Profile**

First Busey Corporation is a \$3.5 billion financial holding company headquartered in Champaign, Illinois. Busey Bank, First Busey Corporation's wholly-owned bank subsidiary, is headquartered in Champaign, Illinois and has thirty-one full service and four limited service banking centers serving Illinois, a full service banking center in Indianapolis, Indiana, and seven full service banking centers serving southwest Florida. Busey Bank had total assets of \$3.5 billion as of June 30, 2012.

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 June 30, 2012, Busey Wealth Management managed approximately \$4.0 billion in assets.

Through Busey Bank, First Busey Corporation owns a retail payment processing subsidiary, FirsTech, Inc., which processes over 22 million transactions per year through online bill payments, lockbox processing and walk-in payments through its 3,100 agent locations in 38 states.

Busey Bank also provides electronic delivery of financial services through its website, www.busey.com.

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#### Special Note Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

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