



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**  
**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

September 22, 2006  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**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  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

201 W. Main Street  
Urbana, IL 61801  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(217) 365-4513  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

As previously announced on September 21, 2006, First Busey Corporation, a Nevada corporation (“First Busey”), announced it has entered into a merger of equals transaction pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of September 20, 2006 (the “Merger Agreement”), by and between First Busey and Main Street Trust, Inc., an Illinois corporation (“Main Street”), to be effected through the merger of Main Street with and into First Busey (the “Merger”), with First Busey surviving the Merger. Immediately following the effectiveness of the Merger, Busey Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Busey, and Main Street Bank & Trust, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Main Street, will be merged, with Busey Bank surviving the merger. On September 24, 2006, First Busey will take out space jointly with Main Street in several newspapers in their markets in central Illinois to discuss the proposed combination (the “Press Release”). A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Additional Information About This Transaction**

In connection with the merger, First Busey will file a registration statement, which will include a joint proxy statement/prospectus to be sent to each company’s stockholders, and Main Street will file the joint proxy statement, and each of First Busey and Main Street may file other relevant documents concerning the merger with the SEC. Stockholders are urged to read the registration statement and the joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the merger when they become available and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, as well as any amendments or supplements to those documents, because they will contain important information.

You will be able to obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about First Busey and Main Street, at the SEC’s website (<http://www.sec.gov>). You will also be able to obtain these documents, free of charge, by accessing First Busey’s website (<http://www.busey.com>), or by accessing Main Street’s website (<http://www.mainstreettrust.com>). Copies can also be obtained, free of charge, by directing a request to First Busey Corporation, attn: Barbara J. Harrington, 201 West Main Street, Urbana, IL 61801, telephone number: (217) 365-4513; or to Main Street Trust, Inc., attn: David B. White, 100 West University Avenue, Champaign, IL 61820, telephone number: (217) 351-6500.

First Busey and Main Street and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of First Busey and/or Main Street in connection with the merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of First Busey is set forth in the proxy statement for First Busey’s 2006 annual meeting of shareholders, as filed with the SEC on March 29, 2006, and in Current Reports on Form 8-K filed by First Busey with the SEC in 2006. Information about the directors and executive officers of Main Street is set forth in the proxy statement for Main Street’s 2006 annual meeting of shareholders, as filed with the SEC on April 12, 2006. Additional information regarding the interests of those participants and other persons who may be deemed participants in the transaction may be obtained by reading the joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the

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merger when it becomes available. You may obtain free copies of these documents as described above.

### **Safe Harbor Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995**

The information in this report may contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These may include statements as to the benefits of the merger, including future financial and operating results, cost savings, enhanced revenues and the accretion/dilution to reported earnings that may be realized from the merger as well as other statements of expectations regarding the merger and any other statements regarding future results or expectations. Each of First Busey and Main Street intends such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and is including this statement for purposes of these safe harbor provisions. Forward-looking statements, which are based on certain assumptions and describe future plans, strategies, and expectations of each of First Busey and Main Street, are generally identified by the use of words such as “believe,” “expect,” “intend,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” or “project” or similar expressions. The companies’ respective ability to predict results, or the actual effect of future plans or strategies, is inherently uncertain. Factors which could have a material adverse effect on the operations and future prospects of each of First Busey and Main Street and their respective subsidiaries include, but are not limited to: the risk that the businesses of First Busey and/or Main Street in connection with the merger will not be integrated successfully or such integration may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected; expected revenue synergies and cost savings from the merger may not be fully realized or realized within the expected time frame; revenues following the merger may be lower than expected; customer and employee relationships and business operations may be disrupted by the merger; the ability to obtain required governmental and stockholder approvals, and the ability to complete the merger on the expected timeframe; changes in interest rates, general economic conditions, legislative/regulatory changes, monetary and fiscal policies of the U.S. government, including policies of the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board; the quality and composition of the loan or securities portfolios; demand for loan products; deposit flows; competition; demand for financial services in the companies’ respective market areas; their implementation of new technologies; their ability to develop and maintain secure and reliable electronic systems; and accounting principles, policies, and guidelines. These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements.

### **Item 9.01. Financial Statements And Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release to run on September 24, 2006.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

**FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION,**  
a Nevada corporation

By: /s/ Barbara J. Harrington  
Barbara J. Harrington  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 22, 2006

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**We are renewing  
our commitment  
to our customers,  
our employees,  
our shareholders  
and to our communities.**



VAN A. DUKEMAN, CFA  
President/CEO, Main Street Trust, Inc.



DOUGLAS D. MILLS  
Chairman/CEO, First Busey Corporation

First Busey Corporation and Main Street Trust, Inc. are joining forces in a merger of equals transaction. Our vision is to become downstate Illinois' premier, independent financial services franchise. What this means to you is an even stronger locally owned and operated community bank with added access and convenience.

The merger of the two holding companies is expected to be completed by June 2007 followed by a bank merger in the fall of 2007.

