

**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): May 4, 2020

**First Busey Corporation**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**000-15950**  
(Commission File Number)

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

100 W. University Avenue  
**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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	BUSE	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 8.01.****Other Events.**

On May 4, 2020, First Busey Corporation (the “Company”) announced that, due to the COVID-19 executive orders issued by the Governor of the State of Illinois, which prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people in the State of Illinois, and to prioritize the health and well-being of stockholders and Company personnel during the global pandemic, its Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “2020 Annual Meeting”) to be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Central Time, has been changed to a virtual meeting format. The Company’s decision to switch to a virtual-only meeting is only applicable to the 2020 Annual Meeting.

A copy of the Company’s press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01.****Financial Statements and Exhibits.****(d) Exhibits.**

99.1 [Press Release issued by First Busey Corporation, dated May 4, 2020.](#)

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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## 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: May 4, 2020

**First Busey Corporation**

By: /s/ Van A. Dukeman

Name: Van A. Dukeman

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

May 4, 2020

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## **First Busey Corporation Announces Virtual 2020 Annual Stockholder Meeting**

**Champaign, IL** – First Busey Corporation (NASDAQ: BUSE) (“First Busey”) today announced that, due to the COVID-19 executive orders issued by the Governor of the State of Illinois, which prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people in the State of Illinois, and to prioritize the health and well-being of stockholders and Company personnel during the global pandemic, its Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) has been changed to a virtual meeting format.

The Annual Meeting will continue to be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Central Time. As described in the proxy materials for the Annual Meeting, dated April 9, 2020, those eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting are stockholders of record as of the close of business on March 23, 2020 or holders of a legal proxy for the meeting. The proxy card included with the proxy materials previously distributed will not be updated to reflect the change to a virtual meeting format and may continue to be used to vote shares in connection with the Annual Meeting.

Stockholders will be able to attend the meeting online, vote their shares electronically and submit their questions by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/BUSE2020](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/BUSE2020). As always, First Busey encourages stockholders to vote their shares prior to the Annual Meeting. First Busey also encourages all stockholders to provide questions ahead of the Annual Meeting by calling Abby A. Hendren, Executive Vice President, Brand Strategies, at (217) 351-6629, or by sending the question to [abby.hendren@busey.com](mailto:abby.hendren@busey.com).

Additional information regarding this change to the format of the Annual Meeting and how to access the meeting can be found in the supplement to First Busey’s Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 4, 2020.

**Corporate Profile**

As of March 31, 2020, First Busey Corporation (Nasdaq: BUSE) was a \$9.72 billion financial holding company headquartered in Champaign, Illinois.

Busey Bank, the wholly-owned bank subsidiary of First Busey Corporation, had total assets of \$9.70 billion as of March 31, 2020 and is headquartered in Champaign, Illinois, with 61 banking centers serving Illinois, 13 banking centers serving Missouri, five banking centers serving southwest Florida and a banking center in Indianapolis, Indiana. Through the Busey Wealth Management division, the Company provides asset management, investment and fiduciary services to individuals, businesses and foundations. As of March 31, 2020, assets under care were approximately \$8.93 billion. 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 4,000 agent locations in 43 states. More information about FirsTech, Inc. can be found at [firsttechpayments.com](http://firsttechpayments.com).

Busey Bank was named among Forbes’ 2019 Best-In-State Banks—one of five in Illinois and 173 from across the country, equivalent to 2.8% of all U.S. banks. Best-In-State Banks are awarded for exceptional customer experiences as determined by a survey sample of 25,000+ banking customers who rated banks on trust, terms and conditions, branch services, digital services and financial advice.

For more information about us, visit [busey.com](http://busey.com).

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