

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

SCHEDULE 14A

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)**

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FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Your **Vote** Counts!

FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION

2021 Annual Meeting

Vote by May 18, 2021 11:59 PM ET for shares held directly.

Vote by May 16, 2021 for shares held in the First Busey Corporation Profit Sharing Plan and Trust and in the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION
100 WEST UNIVERSITY AVENUE
CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820



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You invested in FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy material for the stockholder meeting to be held on May 19, 2021.**

Get informed before you vote

View the Notice and Proxy Statement, Annual Report and Form 10-K online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to May 5, 2021. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future stockholder meetings, you may (1) visit www.ProxyVote.com, (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com. If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



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Vote Virtually at the Meeting*

May 19, 2021
5:30 PM CDT

Virtually at:
www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/BUSE2021

*Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

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THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming stockholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

Voting Items	Board Recommends
1. Election of Directors Nominees: 01) Samuel P. Banks 04) Michael D. Cassens 07) Frederic L. Kenney 10) Thomas G. Sloan 02) George Barr 05) Van A. Dukeman 08) Stephen V. King 03) Stanley J. Bradshaw 06) Karen M. Jensen 09) Gregory B. Lykins	☑ For
2. To approve, in a non-binding, advisory vote, the compensation of our named executive officers, as described in the accompanying proxy statement, which is referred to as a "say-on-pay" proposal.	☑ For
3. To approve the First Busey Corporation 2021 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.	☑ For
4. To ratify the appointment of RSM US LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2021.	☑ For
NOTE: This proxy will be voted in the discretion of the named proxies upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.	

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