

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 ROWLAND WILLIAM S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC [FMBH.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 # 1 PRAIRIE SUN LANE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/11/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Pres & Chief Executive Officer

MATTOON, IL 61938

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					5,428.447	I	By 401K
Common Stock					16,425.685	I	By IRA
Common Stock					635.18	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2005		P	0.016 A	\$ 41 4,037.626	I	By Deferred Comp

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 10.45					10/21/1998 <sup>(1)</sup> 10/21/2007	Common Stock	9,000
Stock Option	\$ 14.99					10/01/1999 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/12/2008	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Option	\$ 15.56					01/01/2000 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/22/2008	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Option	\$ 15.33					01/01/2001 <sup>(4)</sup> 12/13/2009	Common Stock	12,375
Stock Option	\$ 12.56					01/01/2002 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/18/2010	Common Stock	5,625
Stock Option	\$ 16					01/01/2003 <sup>(6)</sup> 12/18/2011	Common Stock	13,500
Stock Option	\$ 18.17					01/01/2004 <sup>(7)</sup> 12/16/2012	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option	\$ 31					01/01/2005 <sup>(8)</sup> 12/16/2013	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option	\$ 41					01/01/2006 <sup>(9)</sup> 12/14/2014	Common Stock	12,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pres & Chief Executive Officer

ROWLAND WILLIAM S  
# 1 PRAIRIE SUN LANE  
MATTOON, IL 61938

## Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a Power of Attorney filed on  
12/19/2002.

03/14/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 10/21/1998.
- (2) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/1999.
- (3) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/2000.
- (4) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/2001.
- (5) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/2002.
- (6) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/2003.
- (7) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/2004.
- (8) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/2005.
- (9) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/2006.

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