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

FORM 8-K/A

Current Report
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **April 30, 2016**

First Busey Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-15950
(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) 365-4544
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

On April 30, 2016, First Busey Corporation, a Nevada corporation ("First Busey"), completed its previously announced merger (the "Merger") with Pulaski Financial Corp., a Missouri corporation ("Pulaski"), pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated December 3, 2015, by and between First Busey and Pulaski. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, Pulaski was merged into First Busey with First Busey remaining as the surviving entity. On May 2, 2016, First Busey filed a Current Report on Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission to report the completion of the Merger and other related matters. The purpose of this filing is to amend the Form 8-K filed on May 2, 2016 to include the information required by Item 9.01(a) and (b).

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired.

The audited consolidated financial statements of Pulaski as of September 30, 2015 and 2014 and for each of the three years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, as well as the accompanying notes thereto and the related Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, filed on Form 10-K are filed as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements of Pulaski as of December 31, 2015 and for the three months ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, as well as the accompanying notes thereto, filed on Form 10-Q are filed as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements of First Busey as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015 and for the three months ended March 31, 2016, are filed as Exhibit 99.3 and incorporated herein by reference.

(d) Exhibits.

23.1 Consent of KPMG LLP

99.1 Audited consolidated financial statements of Pulaski Financial Corp. as of September 30, 2015 and 2014 and for each of the three years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, as well as the accompanying notes thereto and the related Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (incorporated by reference to the Form 10-K filed by Pulaski on December 11, 2015 (File No. 000-24571))

99.2 Unaudited consolidated financial statements of Pulaski as of December 31, 2015 and for the three months ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, as well as the accompanying notes thereto (incorporated by reference to the Form 10-Q filed by Pulaski on February 9, 2016 (File No. 000-24571))

99.3 Unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements of First Busey as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015 and for the three months ended March 31, 2016

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 12, 2016

FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robin N. Elliott

Name: Robin N. Elliott

Title: Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors
First Busey Corporation:

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Form 8-K/A of First Busey Corporation, of our reports dated December 11, 2015, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of Pulaski Financial Corp. and subsidiaries as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended September 30, 2015, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2015, which reports appear in the 2015 Annual Report to Stockholders incorporated by reference in the September 30, 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K of Pulaski Financial Corp.

/s/ KPMG LLP

St. Louis, Missouri
July 12, 2016

SELECTED UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following tables show selected unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information about the financial condition and results of operations of First Busey Corporation ("First Busey"), including per share data, after giving effect to the merger with Pulaski Financial Corp. ("Pulaski") and other pro forma adjustments. The selected unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information assumes that the merger is accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting for business combinations in accordance with GAAP, and that the assets and liabilities of Pulaski will be recorded by First Busey at their respective fair values as of the date the merger is completed. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined balance sheet gives effect to the transactions as if the transactions had occurred on December 31, 2015. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined income statements for the three months ended March 31, 2016, and the year ended December 31, 2015, give effect to the transactions as if the transactions had become effective at January 1, 2015.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information is presented for illustrative purposes only and does not indicate the financial results of the combined company had the companies actually been combined at the beginning of each period presented. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information also does not consider any expense efficiencies, increased revenue or other potential financial benefits of the merger. The fair values are estimates as of the date hereof and actual amounts are still in the process of being finalized. Fair values are subject to refinement for up to one year after the closing date as additional information regarding the closing date fair values becomes available.

Pulaski's fiscal year end was September 30 and First Busey's is December 31. In order to provide stockholders with comparable information, for purposes of the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statements of income, certain financial information for Pulaski has been presented as if Pulaski's year end was December 31. To calculate operating results for the year ended December 31, 2015, the operating results for Pulaski's quarter ended December 31, 2015 were added to the operating results for Pulaski's year ended September 30, 2015 and the operating results for Pulaski's quarter ended December 31, 2014 were subtracted.

Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2015
(in thousands, except per share data)

	First Busey Corporation	Pulaski Financial Corp.	Pro Forma Adjustments		Pro Forma Combined
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 319,280	\$ 88,510	\$ -		\$ 407,790
Investment securities	884,670	47,909	105	(1)	932,684
Residential mortgage loans held for sale	9,351	189,669	-		199,020
Loans	2,627,739	1,238,087	(28,873)	(1)	3,836,953
Allowance for loan losses	(47,487)	(15,853)	15,853	(2)	(47,487)
Premises and equipment, net	63,088	17,591	95	(3)	80,774
Goodwill	25,510	3,939	70,068	(4)(5)	99,517
Core deposit and other intangible assets, net	7,432	-	15,468	(6)	22,900
Other assets	109,393	75,884	(2,824)	(7)	182,453
Total assets	\$ 3,998,976	\$ 1,645,736	\$ 69,892		\$ 5,714,604
Liabilities					
Deposits	\$ 3,289,106	\$ 1,214,220	\$ 1,102	(8)	\$ 4,504,428
Borrowings	252,972	269,600	906	(9)	523,478
Trust preferred securities	55,000	19,589	(3,805)	(10)	70,784
Other liabilities	28,712	18,325	15,134	(11)(12)	62,171
Total liabilities	3,625,790	1,521,734	\$ 13,337		5,160,861
Common stockholders' equity	373,186	124,002	56,555	(13)(14)	553,743
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,998,976	\$ 1,645,736	\$ 69,892		\$ 5,714,604
Book value per common share	\$ 13.01	\$ 10.37			\$ 14.52
Shares outstanding	28,695	11,958	(2,516)	(14)	38,137

**Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statement of Income for the
Three Months Ended March 31, 2016
(in thousands, except per share data)**

	First Busey Corporation	Pulaski Financial Corp.	Pro Forma Adjustments		Pro Forma Combined
Total interest income	\$ 29,524	\$ 13,684	\$ 1,865	(15)	\$ 45,073
Total interest expense	1,582	1,836	(284)	(16)(17)	3,134
Net interest income	27,942	11,848	2,149		41,939
Provision for loan losses	1,000	-	-		1,000
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	26,942	11,848	2,149		40,939
Non-interest income	16,846	3,036	-		19,882
Non-interest expense	27,688	11,344	516	(18)	39,548
Income before income taxes	16,100	3,540	1,633		21,273
Income taxes	5,666	1,164	572	(19)	7,402
Net income	10,434	2,376	1,061		13,871
Preferred stock dividends	-	-	-		-
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 10,434	\$ 2,376	\$ 1,061		\$ 13,871
Basic	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.20	-		\$ 0.36
Diluted	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.20	-		\$ 0.36
Average shares for basic earnings per share	28,739	11,931	9,442		38,181
Average shares for diluted earnings per share	28,929	12,087	9,557	(20)	38,486

**Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statement of Income for the Year Ended
December 31, 2015**
(in thousands, except per share data)

	First Busey Corporation	Pulaski Financial Corp.	Pro Forma Adjustments		Pro Forma Combined
Total interest income	\$ 118,022	\$ 51,115	\$ 6,422	(15)	\$ 175,559
Total interest expense	6,207	5,880	(740)	(16)(17)	11,347
Net interest income	111,815	45,235	7,162		164,212
Provision for loan losses	1,600	700	-		2,300
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	110,215	44,535	7,162		161,912
Non-interest income	64,792	17,837	-		82,629
Non-interest expense	115,305	41,300	2,062	(18)	158,667
Income before income taxes	59,702	21,072	5,100		85,874
Income taxes	20,696	6,926	1,785	(19)	29,407
Net income	39,006	14,146	3,315		56,467
Preferred stock dividends	700	-	-		700
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 38,306	\$ 14,146	\$ 3,315		\$ 55,767
Basic	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.19			\$ 1.45
Diluted	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.17			\$ 1.44
Average shares for basic earnings per share	28,928	11,871	9,442		38,370
Average shares for diluted earnings per share	29,103	12,086	9,557	(20)	38,660

Note 1—Basis of Presentation

First Busey acquired Pulaski on April 30, 2016 for a fixed exchange ratio of 0.79 shares of First Busey common stock for each share of Pulaski common stock. The acquisition is accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting and, accordingly, the assets and liabilities of Pulaski presented in these pro forma condensed combined financial statements have been adjusted to their estimated fair values based upon conditions as of the merger date and as if the transaction had been effective on January 1, 2015 for statement of income data. Since these are pro forma statements, we cannot assure that the amounts reflected in these financial statements would have been representative of the actual amounts earned had the companies been combined at that time. The fair values are estimates as of the date hereof and actual amounts are still in the process of being finalized. Fair values are subject to refinement for up to one year after the closing date as additional information regarding the closing date fair values becomes available.

Note 2—Pro Forma Adjustments Footnotes

- (1) To adjust interest-earning assets of Pulaski to approximate fair value, consisting of an increase to investments by \$0.1 million and a decrease to loans by \$28.9 million. The loan fair value adjustment includes a \$19.8 million discount to adjust for credit deterioration of the acquired portfolio, a \$4.0 million discount for the impact of changes in market interest rates and a \$5.1 million write-off of net deferred loan costs. \$15.5 million is expected to be accreted over an estimated 4 year remaining life of the respective loans in a manner that approximates level yield.
- (2) To eliminate Pulaski's allowance for loan losses of \$15.9 million.
- (3) To record the fair value adjustment to increase premises and equipment by \$0.1 million.
- (4) To record goodwill of \$74.0 million resulting from the difference between the purchase price and identifiable net assets as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	
Total Purchase Price	\$ 195,449
Allocated to:	
Historical book value of Pulaski's assets and liabilities	<u>124,002</u>
Adjustments to record assets and liabilities at fair value:	
Investments, fair value adjustment	105
Loans, fair value adjustment	(28,873)
Eliminate Pulaski's allowance for losses	15,853
Premises and equipment, fair value adjustment	95
Core deposit intangible asset	15,468
Other real estate owned, fair value adjustment	(2,512)
Eliminate Pulaski's goodwill	(3,939)
Deposit, fair value interest rate adjustment	(1,102)
Borrowings, fair value adjustment	(906)
Deferred taxes	(1,225)
Other assets, fair value adjustment	(312)
Other liabilities, fair value adjustment	983
Trust preferred securities, fair value adjustment	<u>3,805</u>
Resulting goodwill	<u>\$ 74,007</u>

- (5) To eliminate Pulaski's existing goodwill of \$3.9 million.
- (6) To record core deposit intangible asset of \$15.5 million. Amount to be amortized using a sum of years digits method over a 14 year useful life.
- (7) To record the fair value adjustment to reduce other real estate owned by \$2.5 million and other assets by \$0.3 million.
- (8) To record the fair value adjustment to increase time deposits by \$1.1 million. Amount to be accreted over 2 years.
- (9) To record the fair value adjustment to increase borrowings by \$0.9 million. Such borrowings were repaid shortly after the merger date, so no discount accretion is presented in these pro forma financial statements.
- (10) To record the fair value adjustment to decrease trust preferred securities by \$3.8 million. Amount to be accreted over the weighted average remaining life of 18 years.
- (11) To record estimated transaction costs to be incurred totaling \$21.1 million, net of tax of \$14.9 million. Significant costs include \$6.6 million of vendor termination costs, \$4.8 million of employee related costs, net of tax, and \$2.9 million of professional fees. For purposes of the pro forma presentation, the aggregate amount of these transaction costs is excluded from the pro forma income statements, which is consistent with applicable guidance.
- (12) To record fair value adjustments to reduce other liabilities by \$1.0 million and a net deferred tax liability related to the fair value adjustments and establishment of the core deposit intangible assets of \$1.2 million.
- (13) To eliminate Pulaski's stockholders' equity of \$124.0 million. The adjustment also includes a \$15.7 million decrease in retained earnings to record transaction costs, net of tax.
- (14) To record the issuance of 9.4 million shares of First Busey common stock at \$20.44 per share totaling \$193.0 million. The purchase price is also

adjusted for cash in lieu of fractional shares and the fair value of outstanding Pulaski stock options.

- (15) To record accretion on the credit adjustment and interest rate adjustment on the loan portfolio.
- (16) To record accretion on interest rate adjustment on time deposits.
- (17) To record accretion on interest rate adjustment on trust preferred securities.
- (18) To record amortization of core deposit intangible.
- (19) To record tax effects at an effective rate of 35%.
- (20) Includes estimated 115,000 shares of equivalent roll over option for Pulaski's existing option awards.