

FIRST BUSEY CORP /NV/

Form 4

December 10, 2004

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEISTER V B

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST BUSEY CORP /NV/ [BUSE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1808 BENTBROOK DR.
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/08/2004

___X___ Director _____ 10% Owner
 _____ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify
 below) below)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

CHAMPAIGN, IL 61821

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common	12/08/2004	12/08/2004	M		4,500	A \$ 13.38	24,115	D	
Common							3,375	I	Carter's Moving & Storage
Common							15,000	I	Spouse
Common							2,130	I	Custodian for Children

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	\$ 13.38	12/08/2004	12/08/2004	M	4,500	01/16/2001 12/15/2004	Common	4,500
Stock Option	\$ 11.92					01/15/2002 12/15/2005	Common	4,500
Stock Option	\$ 18.07					01/21/2005 12/15/2008	Common	4,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEISTER V B 1808 BENTBROOK DR. CHAMPAIGN, IL 61821	X			

Signatures

Nicole M. Warren
- POA 12/09/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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