

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 TAYLOR MICHAEL L

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)  
 19 CAMBRIDGE DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/15/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Financial Officer

MATTOON, IL 61938  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/15/2005		S	243.583	D \$ 40.75	842.33	D
Common Stock						309.974	I By 401K

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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 12.56					01/01/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/18/2010	Common Stock	2,531.25		
Stock Option	\$ 16					01/01/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/18/2011	Common Stock	3,375		
Stock Option	\$ 18.17					01/01/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/16/2012	Common Stock	3,375		
Stock Option	\$ 31					01/01/2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/16/2013	Common Stock	3,375		
Stock Option	\$ 41					01/01/2006 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/14/2014	Common Stock	3,375		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TAYLOR MICHAEL L 19 CAMBRIDGE DRIVE MATTOON, IL 61938			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

Michael L. Taylor                      03/16/2005

\*\*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 3 equal annual installments beginning on 1/1/2003.
- (2) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 1/1/2003.
- (3) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 1/1/2004.

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(4) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 1/1/2005.

(5) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 1/1/2006.

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