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

FORM 10-QSB

QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15 (d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004
 TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT
FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____
COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 0-32535

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION
(EXACT NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS ISSUER AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

37-1406661
(IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

206 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE
PARIS, ILLINOIS
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

61944
(ZIP CODE)

217-465-6381
(ISSUER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

CHECK WHETHER THE ISSUER: (1) FILED ALL REPORTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY SECTION
13 OR 15(d) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS (OR FOR SUCH SHORTER
PERIOD THAT THE REGISTRANT WAS REQUIRED TO FILE SUCH REPORTS), AND (2) HAS BEEN
SUBJECT TO SUCH FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PAST 90
DAYS. YES NO

STATE THE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING OF EACH OF THE ISSUER'S CLASSES OF
COMMON EQUITY AS OF THE LATEST PRACTICABLE DATE.

AS OF NOVEMBER 10, 2004 THE REGISTRANT HAD OUTSTANDING 2,500,450 SHARES OF
COMMON STOCK.

TRANSITIONAL SMALL BUSINESS DISCLOSURE FORMAT (CHECK ONE): YES NO

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FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands of dollars except share data)

	SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 (unaudited)	DECEMBER 31, 2003
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ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 5,994	\$ 1,000
Interest-bearing demand deposits	3,711	1,000
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Cash and cash equivalents	9,705	1,000
Available-for-sale securities	83,097	9,000
Loans held for sale	834	1,000
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$2,305 and \$2,124	115,256	10,000
Premises and equipment	3,251	1,000
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	4,193	1,000
Foreclosed assets held for sale, net	214	1,000
Interest receivable	2,115	1,000
Loan servicing rights, net of valuation allowance of \$71 and \$267	817	1,000
Cash surrender value of life insurance	4,420	1,000
Deferred income taxes	1	1,000
Other assets	780	1,000
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Total assets	\$ 224,683	\$ 22,000
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Noninterest bearing deposits	\$ 15,288	\$ 1
Interest bearing deposits	143,365	14
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Total deposits	158,653	16
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	35,500	3
Short-term borrowings	2,000	
Pass through payments received on loans sold	111	
Advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance	8	
Interest payable	144	
Other	1,033	
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Total liabilities	197,449	19
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COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Preferred stock, \$.005 par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized and unissued		
Common stock, \$.005 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized; 3,041,750 shares issued and 2,500,450 shares outstanding	15	
Additional paid-in capital	14,730	1
Retained earnings	18,168	1
Unearned employee stock ownership plan shares - 136,912 and 159,718 shares	(791)	
Unearned incentive plan shares - 88,552 and 98,830 shares	(731)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	407	
Treasury stock, at cost - 541,300 shares	(4,564)	(
	-----	-----
Total stockholders' equity	27,234	2
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 224,683	\$ 22
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See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
FOR NINE MONTH PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND 2003
(in thousands of dollars-except share data)
(unaudited)

NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30	2004	2003
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INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME		
Loans		
Taxable	\$ 5,893	\$ 6,398
Tax exempt	48	27
Securities		
Taxable	2,204	1,996
Tax exempt	285	249
Dividends on Federal Home Loan Bank stock	187	159

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Deposits with financial institutions and other	31	51
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Total interest and dividend income	8,648	8,880
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INTEREST EXPENSE		
Deposits	2,154	2,422
Federal Home Loan Bank advances and other debt	1,103	1,046
Short-term borrowings	12	--
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Total interest expense	3,269	3,468
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NET INTEREST INCOME	5,379	5,412
Provision for loan losses	388	484
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NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	4,991	4,928
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NONINTEREST INCOME		
Customer service fees	660	575
Other service charges and fees	560	677
Net gains on loan sales	243	660
Net realized gains on sales of available-for-sale securities	64	133
Net loan servicing fees	532	392
Brokerage fees	62	60
Abstract and title fees	266	337
Other	235	211
	-----	-----
Total noninterest income	2,622	3,045
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NONINTEREST EXPENSE		
Salaries and employee benefits	3,468	3,170
Net occupancy expense	223	161
Equipment expense	580	494
Data processing fees	327	319
Professional fees	374	204
Foreclosed assets expense, net	68	85
Marketing expense	221	193
Amortization of loan servicing rights	475	668
Recovery of impairment of loan servicing rights	(195)	(316)
Other expenses	774	687
	-----	-----
Total noninterest expense	6,315	5,665
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INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX	1,298	2,308
Income tax expense	449	801
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NET INCOME	\$ 849	\$ 1,507
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BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.65
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DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.62
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DIVIDENDS PER SHARE	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.125
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See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
FOR THREE MONTH PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND 2003
(in thousands of dollars-except share data)
(unaudited)

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30 -----	2004 -----	2003 -----
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME		
Loans		
Taxable	\$ 1,933	\$ 2,058
Tax exempt	16	9
Securities		
Taxable	700	632
Tax exempt	98	94
Dividends on Federal Home Loan Bank stock	61	16
Deposits with financial institutions and other	13	52
	-----	-----
Total interest and dividend income	2,821	2,861
	-----	-----
INTEREST EXPENSE		
Deposits	692	768
Federal Home Loan Bank advances and other debt	377	366
Short-term borrowings	12	--
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Total interest expense	1,081	1,134
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NET INTEREST INCOME	1,740	1,727
Provision for loan losses	126	151
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NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	1,614	1,576
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NONINTEREST INCOME		
Customer service fees	241	209
Other service charges and fees	199	231
Net gains on loan sales	87	239
Net realized gains on sales of available-for-sale securities	27	133
Net loan servicing fees	277	129
Brokerage fees	27	3

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Abstract and title fees	94	110
Other	70	72
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Total noninterest income	1,022	1,126
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NONINTEREST EXPENSE		
Salaries and employee benefits	1,146	1,119
Net occupancy expense	83	59
Equipment expense	220	157
Data processing fees	116	113
Professional fees	146	56
Foreclosed assets expense, net	22	24
Marketing expense	85	81
Amortization of loan servicing rights	154	201
Recovery of impairment of loan servicing rights	(77)	(179)
Other expenses	276	236
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Total noninterest expense	2,171	1,867
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INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX	465	835
Income tax expense	166	299
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NET INCOME	\$ 299	\$ 536
	=====	=====
BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.24
	=====	=====
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.22
	=====	=====
DIVIDENDS PER SHARE	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.05
	=====	=====

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands of dollars)
(unaudited)

NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30	2004	2003
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OPERATING ACTIVITIES		

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Net income	\$	849	\$	1,507
Items not requiring (providing) cash				
Depreciation and amortization		213		205
Provision for loan losses		388		484
Investment securities amortization, net		166		389
Amortization of loan servicing rights		475		668
Recovery of impairment of loan servicing rights		(195)		(316)
Deferred income taxes		--		(6)
Net realized gains on available-for-sale securities		(64)		(133)
Net loss on sales of foreclosed assets		8		28
Net loss (gain) on sale of premises and equipment		6		(5)
Net gains on loan sales		(243)		(660)
Loans originated for sale		(13,548)		(41,034)
Proceeds from sales of loans originated for sale		13,277		41,179
Federal Home Loan Bank stock dividends		(187)		(159)
Compensation expense related to employee stock ownership plan		285		224
Compensation expense related to incentive plan		82		82
Changes in				
Interest receivable		123		205
Cash surrender value of life insurance		(74)		(129)
Other assets		47		(181)
Interest payable		17		28
Other liabilities		256		(96)
		-----		-----
Net cash provided by operating activities		1,881		2,280
		-----		-----
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchases of available-for-sale securities		(16,212)		(83,833)
Proceeds from maturities of available-for-sale securities		26,586		67,597
Proceeds from sales of available-for-sale securities		257		417
Net change in loans		(9,760)		(2,636)
Proceeds from sales of foreclosed assets		400		457
Proceeds from sales of premises and equipment		10		5
Purchases of premises and equipment		(699)		(199)
Net cash received from purchase of deposits (plus cash acquired)				3,192
		-----		-----
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities		582		(15,000)
		-----		-----
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Net increase (decrease) in demand deposits, money market, NOW and savings deposits	\$	(2,868)	\$	12,427
Net decrease in certificates of deposit		(1,507)		(704)
Proceeds from the issuance of Federal Home Loan Bank advances		--		18,000
Repayment of Federal Home Loan Bank advances and other debt		--		(9,001)
Proceeds from short-term borrowings		4,000		--
Repayment of short-term borrowings		(2,000)		--
Pass through payments received on loans sold		(151)		(201)
Net decreases in advances by borrowers for taxes and insurance		(101)		(119)
Dividends paid		(425)		(324)
Purchase of treasury stock		--		(1,954)
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Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	(3,052)	18,124
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INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(589)	5,404
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	10,294	10,453
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 9,705	\$ 15,857
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 SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOWS INFORMATION		
Real estate acquired in settlement of loans	\$ 527	\$ 391
Interest paid	\$ 3,252	\$ 3,421
Income tax paid	\$ 3	\$ 975

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

(table dollar amounts in thousands of dollars-except share data)

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations for reporting on Form 10-QSB. Accordingly, certain disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America are not included herein. These interim statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, included in the Company's Form 10-KSB filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Interim statements are subject to possible adjustments in connection with the annual audit of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2004. In the opinion of management of the Company, the accompanying unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated financial position and consolidated results of operations for the periods presented. The results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

The Company has a stock-based employee compensation plan, which is described more fully in the Notes to Financial Statements included in the December 31, 2003 Annual Report to shareholders. The Company accounts for this plan under the recognition and measurement principles of APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and related interpretations. No stock-based employee compensation cost is reflected in net income, as all options granted under the plan had an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying common stock on the grant date. The following table illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per share if the Company had applied the fair value provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, to stock-based employee compensation.

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	Three Months Ended September 30, 2004	Three Months Ended September 30, 2003	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004
Net income, as reported	\$ 299	\$ 536	\$ 849
Less: Total stock-based employee compensation cost determined under the fair value based method, net of income taxes	(33)	(33)	(99)
Pro forma net income	\$ 266	\$ 503	\$ 750
EARNINGS PER SHARE:			
Basic - as reported	\$0.13	\$0.24	\$0.38
Basic - pro forma	\$0.12	\$0.22	\$0.33
Diluted - as reported	\$0.12	\$0.23	\$0.35
Diluted - pro forma	\$0.11	\$0.21	\$0.31

Note 2 - Employee Stock Ownership Plan

The Bank has an Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP") for the benefit of its employees. The ESOP purchased required shares in the open market with funds borrowed from the Company. The ESOP expense was \$91,000 and \$83,000 for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 and \$285,000 and \$224,000 for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2004 and 2003.

Shares purchased by the ESOP are held in a suspense account and are allocated to ESOP participants based on a pro rata basis as debt service payments are made to the Company. The loan is secured by the shares purchased with the proceeds and will be repaid by the ESOP with funds from the Company's discretionary contributions to the ESOP and earnings on ESOP assets. Principal payments are scheduled to occur over an eight-year period.

Note 3 - Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share have been computed based upon the weighted average common shares outstanding for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2004 and 2003. Diluted earnings per share reflect the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock or resulted in the issuance of common stock that then shared in the earnings of the Company.

Earnings per share were computed as follows:

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Weighted
Average Per Share

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	Income	Shares	Amount
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FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004:			
Basic Earnings Per Share:			
Income available to common stockholders	\$ 849	2,260,285	\$ 0.38
Effect of Dilutive Securities:			
Unearned recognition and retention plan shares		104,452	
Stock Options		56,165	
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Diluted Earnings per Share:			
Income available to common stockholders and assumed conversions	\$ 849	2,420,902	\$ 0.35
	=====	=====	=====
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003:			
Basic Earnings Per Share:			
Income available to common stockholders	\$1,507	2,303,118	\$ 0.65
Effect of Dilutive Securities:			
Unearned recognition and retention plan shares		111,802	
Stock Options		14,460	
	-----	-----	-----
Diluted Earnings per Share:			
Income available to common stockholders and assumed conversions	\$1,507	2,429,380	\$ 0.62
	=====	=====	=====
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004:			
Basic Earnings Per Share:			
Income available to common stockholders	\$ 299	2,271,313	\$ 0.13
Effect of Dilutive Securities:			
Unearned recognition and retention plan shares		100,044	
Stock Options		46,985	
	-----	-----	-----
Diluted Earnings per Share:			
Income available to common stockholders and assumed conversions	\$ 299	2,418,342	\$ 0.12
	=====	=====	=====
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003:			
Basic Earnings Per Share:			
Income available to common stockholders	\$ 536	2,260,434	\$ 0.24
Effect of Dilutive Securities:			
Unearned recognition and retention plan shares		109,618	
Stock options		31,248	
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Diluted Earnings per Share:			
Income available to common stockholders and assumed conversions	\$ 536	2,401,300	\$ 0.22
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Note 4 - Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 is listed as follows:

	NINE MONTHS ENDED 2004

NET INCOME	\$ 849

OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on available-for-sale securities	93
Less: Reclassification adjustment for realized gains included in net income	42

	51

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$ 900
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	THREE MONTHS ENDED 2004

NET INCOME	\$ 299

OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on available-for-sale securities	1,237
Less: Reclassification adjustment for realized gains included in net income	18

	1,219

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 1,518
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Note 5 - Stock Split

On April 19, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a two for one stock split of the Company's common stock payable as a 100% stock dividend on May 21, 2004 to shareholders of record on April 30, 2004. Prior period financial information has been adjusted to reflect the stock split.

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Note 6 - Authorized Share Repurchase Program

On May 13, 2004, the Board of Directors authorized the open-market stock repurchases of up to 100,000 shares of the Company's outstanding stock over the one-year period ending May 13, 2005. The Company has not yet purchased any of these shares. Previously, the Company had completed four other repurchase programs for stock repurchases of 541,300 shares. As of November 12, 2004, the Company owned a cumulative total of 541,300 shares in treasury stock.

Note 7 - Recent Accounting Pronouncements

SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 105, "Application of Accounting Principles to Loan Commitments." SAB 105 summarizes the views of the staff of the SEC regarding the application of generally accepted accounting principles to loan commitments accounted for as derivative instruments. SAB 105 provides that the fair value of recorded loan commitments that are accounted for as derivatives under SFAS 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," should not incorporate the expected future cash flows related to the associated servicing of the future loan. In addition, SAB 105 requires registrants to disclose their accounting policy for loan commitments. The provisions of SAB 105 must be applied to loan commitments accounted for as derivatives that are entered into after March 31, 2004. The adoption of this accounting standard did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue 03-1, "The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments." EITF 03-1 provides guidance for determining when an investment is considered impaired, whether impairment is other-than-temporary, and measurement of an impairment loss. An investment is considered impaired if the fair value of the investment is less than its cost. Generally, an impairment is considered other-than-temporary unless: (i) the investor has the ability and intent to hold an investment for a reasonable period of time sufficient for an anticipated recovery of fair value up to (or beyond) the cost of the investment; and (ii) evidence indicating that the cost of the investment is recoverable within a reasonable period of time outweighs evidence to the contrary. If impairment is determined to be other-than-temporary, then an impairment loss should be recognized equal to the difference between the investment's cost and its fair value. Certain disclosure requirements of EITF 03-1 were adopted in 2003 and the Company began presenting the new disclosure requirements in its consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003. The recognition and measurement provisions were initially effective for other-than-temporary impairment evaluations in reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2004. However, in September 2004, the effective date of these provisions was delayed until the finalization of a FASB Staff Position (FSP) to provide additional implementation guidance. Currently, the FASB expects to issue the FSP no later than December 2004.

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statement of Position (SOP) No. 03-3, "Accounting for Certain Loans or Debt Securities Acquired in a Transfer." SOP 03-3 addresses accounting for differences between the contractual cash flows of certain loans and debt securities and the cash flows expected to be collected when loans or debt securities are acquired in a transfer and those cash flow differences are attributable, at least in part, to credit quality. As

such, SOP 03-3 applies to loans and debt securities acquired individually, in pools or as part of a business combination and does not apply to originated

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loans. The application of SOP 03-3 limits the interest income, including accretion of purchase price discounts, that may be recognized for certain loans and debt securities. Additionally, SOP 03-3 does not allow the excess of contractual cash flows over cash flows expected to be collected to be recognized as an adjustment of yield, loss accrual or valuation allowance, such as the allowance for possible loan losses. SOP 03-3 requires that increases in expected cash flows subsequent to the initial investment be recognized prospectively through adjustment of the yield on the loan or debt security over its remaining life. Decreases in expected cash flows should be recognized as impairment. In the case of loans acquired in a business combination where the loans show signs of credit deterioration, SOP 03-3 represents a significant change from current purchase accounting practice whereby the acquiree's allowance for loan losses is typically added to the acquirer's allowance for loan losses. SOP 03-3 is effective for loans and debt securities acquired by the Company beginning January 1, 2005. The adoption of this new standard is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

This report contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Company intends such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 as amended, and is including this statement for purposes of these safe harbor provisions. Forward-looking statements, which are based on certain assumptions and describe future plans, strategies and expectations of the Company, are generally identifiable by use of the words "believe," "expect," "intend," "anticipate," "estimate," "project," or similar expressions. The Company's ability to predict results or the actual effect of future plans or strategies is inherently uncertain. Factors which could have a material adverse affect on the operations and future prospects of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries include, but are not limited to, changes in: interest rates; general economic conditions; legislative/regulatory provisions; monetary and fiscal policies of the U.S. Government, including policies of the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board; the quality and composition of the loan or investment portfolios; demand for loan products; deposit flows; competition; demand for financial services in the Company's market area; and accounting principles, policies, and guidelines. These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statement. Further information concerning the Company and its business, including additional factors that could materially affect the Company's financial results, is included in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The following discussion compares the financial condition of First BancTrust Corporation (Company), First Bank & Trust, s.b. (Bank), First Charter Service Corporation, ECS Service Corporation, and the Bank's wholly owned subsidiary, Community Finance Center, Inc. at September 30, 2004 to its financial condition at December 31, 2003 and the results of operations for the three-month and nine-month periods ending September 30, 2004 to the same periods in 2003. Application was made and approved in 2003 by regulators to establish a new banking facility in Savoy, Illinois in Champaign County. Operations began in a temporary facility in late September, 2003 with the purchase of \$3.2 million in deposits from another area financial institution. The move to a new permanent facility located in a prime commercial area in Savoy was completed in August

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2004. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the interim financial statements and notes included herein.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Total assets of the Company decreased by \$1.5 million or 0.7%, to \$224.7 million at September 30, 2004 from \$226.2 million at December 31, 2003. The decrease in assets was primarily due to decreases in available-for-sale securities of \$10.6 million, cash and cash equivalents of \$589,000, partially offset by an increase in loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$8.8 million, loans held

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for sale of \$381,000, and premises and equipment of \$470,000. The decrease in assets was due primarily to a decrease in deposits.

The Company's cash and due from banks decreased by \$587,000 or 8.9% to \$6.0 million at September 30, 2004 from \$6.6 million at December 31, 2003. Interest-bearing demand deposits remained constant at \$3.7 million at both September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003.

Available-for-sale investment securities amounted to \$83.1 million at September 30, 2004 compared to \$93.7 million at December 31, 2003, a \$10.6 million decrease. The decrease primarily resulted from investment calls and maturities of \$26.6 million, primarily in mortgage-backed securities and Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") agency bonds, and sales of equity securities of \$257,000, partially offset by investment purchases of \$16.2 million.

Loans held for sale increased by \$381,000 from \$453,000 at December 31, 2003 to \$834,000 at September 30, 2004, an increase of 84.1%. Loans held for sale at September 30, 2004 consisted entirely of single-family residential loans.

The Company's net loan portfolio increased by \$8.8 million or 8.3% to \$115.3 million at September 30, 2004 from \$106.4 million at December 31, 2003. Gross loans increased by \$9.0 million while the allowance for loan losses increased by \$181,000. Agricultural production loans increased by \$4.1 million and farmland loans increased by \$2.5 million while nonfarm nonresidential real estate loans increased by \$2.7 million and commercial loans increased by \$326,000. Loans secured by 1-4 family residences decreased by \$1.0 million and second mortgages on 1-4 family residences decreased by \$259,000, although home equity loans increased by \$1.9 million. Consumer loans decreased \$487,000 and construction loans decreased by \$654,000.

At September 30, 2004, the allowance for loan losses was \$2.3 million or 1.96% of the total loan portfolio compared to \$2.1 million, or 1.96% at December 31, 2003. During the first nine months of 2004, the Company charged off \$355,000 of loan losses, of which \$149,000 were consumer loans, \$70,000 related to three commercial loans, \$66,000 pertained to ten 1-4 family residential loans, \$57,000 was a loss from four commercial real estate loans and \$14,000 related to one agricultural production loan. The chargeoffs of \$355,000 were partially offset by \$149,000 in recoveries, \$68,000 of which pertained to one agricultural production loan. The Company's nonperforming loans and troubled debt restructurings as a percentage of total loans decreased from 2.35% or \$2.5 million at December 31, 2003 to 1.75% or \$2.1 million at September 30, 2004. This percentage decrease was primarily a result of reduced delinquencies 90 days and over from \$1.1 million at December 31, 2003 to \$431,000 at September 30, 2004. The Company's troubled debt restructurings of \$1.6 million at September 30, 2004 consists primarily of restructured commercial and agricultural loans. Included in the \$1.6 million of troubled debt restructurings are restructured agricultural loans of \$1.1 million which are 90% guaranteed for \$953,000 by the Farmers Home Administration, thereby limiting the Company's exposure on those

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loans. Management reviews the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses quarterly, and believes that its allowance is adequate; however, the Company cannot assure that future chargeoffs and/or provisions will not be necessary.

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Premises and equipment increased by \$470,000, primarily due to leasehold improvements and furniture and equipment purchases for the new Savoy facility. Interest receivable declined by \$123,000 or 5.5% from \$2.2 million to \$2.1 million primarily due to annual payments received on agricultural loans. Federal Home Loan Bank stock increased by \$187,000 due to the receipt of dividends in the form of stock.

Net foreclosed assets held for sale, totaling \$214,000 at September 30, 2004 increased \$119,000, compared to \$95,000 at December 31, 2003. As of September 30, 2004, the Company had five real estate properties totaling \$126,000 consisting of three single-family residential properties and two nonresidential real estate properties and other repossessed assets of \$88,000. Foreclosed assets are carried at lower of cost or net realizable value.

Loan servicing rights declined by \$147,000 from \$964,000 at December 31, 2003 to \$817,000 at September 30, 2004. Gross loan servicing rights decreased by \$343,000 from \$1.2 million at December 31, 2003 to \$888,000 at September 30, 2004 due to amortization of loan servicing rights of \$475,000 offset by newly capitalized assets of \$132,000. The valuation allowance decreased from \$267,000 at December 31, 2003 to \$71,000 at September 30, 2004, due to a \$196,000 recovery of a previous impairment as a result of current valuations.

The Company's total deposits totaled \$158.6 million at September 30, 2004 compared to \$163.0 million at December 31, 2003, a decrease of \$4.4 million. The 2.7% decrease in total deposits was due to a \$207,000 decrease in non-interest bearing deposits, and a \$4.2 million decrease in interest bearing deposits. The decrease in interest bearing deposits was a result of a decrease of \$6.1 million in interest-bearing checking accounts, partially offset by a \$1.5 million increase in certificates of deposit and by a \$341,000 increase in savings accounts. The decline in interest-bearing checking accounts was primarily due to a reduction of \$5.1 million in investor checking accounts from 102 fewer accounts at September 30, 2004 compared to December 31, 2003. The investor checking product is similar to a traditional money market account without the withdrawal restrictions, paying a slightly lower interest rate.

Federal Home Loan Bank advances and other debt remained constant at \$35.5 million at December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2004. The total average rate of all advances was 4.04% as of September 30, 2004. Other short-term borrowings increased to \$2.0 million at September 30, 2004, and were primarily used to fund loans and deposit withdrawals. The current rate of interest at September 30, 2004 on the short-term borrowings which reprice daily was 2.03%.

Stockholders' equity at September 30, 2004 was \$27.2 million compared to \$26.4 million at December 31, 2003, an increase of \$843,000. Retained earnings increased by the amount of net income or \$849,000, partially offset by \$425,000 in dividends declared and paid. As shares from the employee stock ownership plan vested to participants from December 31, 2003 to September 30, 2004, stockholders' equity increased by \$285,000, and as shares from the incentive plan were earned by participants for the same period, stockholders' equity increased by \$82,000. Accumulated comprehensive income increased by \$51,000 due to a increase in the fair value of securities available for sale, net of tax.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

COMPARISON OF NINE MONTH PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND 2003

Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 decreased by \$658,000 or 43.7% from \$1.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 to \$849,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. The decrease in net income is primarily due to decreases in noninterest income, and an increase in noninterest expense, partially offset by decreases in the provision for loan losses and income tax expense.

Net interest income decreased \$33,000 or 0.6% from \$5.41 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 to \$5.38 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. The primary reason for the decrease in net interest income was a decrease in interest and dividend income of \$232,000 partially offset by a decrease of \$199,000 in interest expense. The Company's net interest margin was 3.43% and 3.68% during the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The net interest margin decreased as a result of a decrease in interest rates on interest-bearing assets, partially offset by a decrease in interest rates on interest-bearing liabilities.

Total interest and dividend income decreased by \$232,000 or 2.6% from \$8.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 to \$8.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease in loan interest income partially offset by increased interest income on securities available for sale. The decrease of \$484,000 in loan interest income was primarily due to a decrease in the average loan rate of 93 basis points, partially offset by an increase in average loans. Interest and dividend income from available for sale securities increased by \$244,000 primarily due to an increase in the average balance of available for sale investments, partially offset by a decrease in average interest rate of 6 basis points.

Interest expense declined by \$199,000 or 5.7% from \$3.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 to \$3.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. This decline was primarily due to a decrease of \$268,000 in interest on deposits, partially offset by \$57,000 increase in interest on Federal Home Loan Bank advances. The \$268,000 decrease in interest expense on deposits was primarily due to a decrease of 29 basis points in the average interest rate on deposits, partially offset by an increase in the average balance of deposits. The \$57,000 increase in interest on Federal Home Loan Bank advances was due to an increase in the average balance, as well as by an increase in interest rate of 52 basis points.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 the provision for losses on loans was \$388,000 and \$484,000, respectively. The provision for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 was based on the Company's analysis of the allowance for loan losses. Management meets on a quarterly basis to review the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses by classifying loans in compliance with regulatory classifications. Classified loans are individually reviewed to arrive at specific reserve levels for those loans. Once the specific portion for each loan is calculated, management calculates a historical portion for each category based on a combination of loss history, current economic conditions, and trends in the portfolio. While the Company

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cannot assure that future chargeoffs and/or provisions will not be necessary, the Company's management believes that, as of September 30, 2004, its allowance for loan losses was adequate.

Noninterest income decreased \$423,000 or 13.9% from \$3.0 million for the nine

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months ended September 30, 2003 to \$2.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. The decrease was primarily a result of decreases in net gains on loan sales and other service charges and fees, abstracting income, and net realized gains on sales of available for sale securities partially offset by an increase in net loan servicing fees and increased customer service fees. Net gains on loan sales decreased by \$417,000 from \$660,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 to \$243,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. This decline occurred as loan sales decreased from \$41.0 million loans sold in the first nine months of 2003 to \$13.5 million loans sold in the first nine months of 2004. Loan refinancings have slowed significantly compared to last year, due to slightly rising interest rates compared to last year's historic low interest rates. Other service charges and fees decreased by \$117,000 from \$677,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 to \$560,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 primarily due to a decrease in fees associated with residential loans sold into the secondary market resulting from the reduced loan volume. Abstracting and title fees also declined by \$71,000 from \$337,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 to \$266,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, due to the high level of refinancing activity in 2003.

Net loan servicing fees increased by \$140,000 from \$392,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 to \$532,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, as the nine-month average portfolio of loans serviced for others increased by \$6.2 million from 2003 to 2004. Customer service fees increased by \$85,000 from \$575,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 to 660,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, primarily a result of increased non-sufficient funds and overdraft fees associated with checking accounts. Net realized gains on sales of available for sale securities decreased by \$69,000 from \$133,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 to \$64,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. Proceeds from the sales of equity securities totaled \$417,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 compared to proceeds of \$257,000 from the sale of equity securities for the nine months ended September 30, 2004.

Total noninterest expenses were \$6.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 as compared to \$5.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003. The primary reason for the \$650,000 increase was an increase in salaries and employee benefits of \$298,000, an increase in professional fees of \$170,000, an increase in other expenses of \$87,000, an increase in equipment expense of \$86,000, an increase in net occupancy expense of \$62,000, and a reduction in the recovery of impairment of loan servicing rights of \$121,000, partially offset by a reduction of \$193,000 in amortization of loan servicing rights.

Salaries and employee benefits increased by \$298,000 from \$3.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 to \$3.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. The salary increase was \$189,000 which was primarily due to normal pay increases and the addition of eight full-time employees and five part-time employees. The majority of the employee additions are a result of the branch expansion into Savoy. The increase in employee benefits of \$109,000 was primarily due to increased health insurance expense and increased Employee

Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP") expense. Health insurance expense was \$303,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 compared to \$266,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2003, a \$37,000 increase as a result a higher premiums. ESOP expense increased by \$59,000 due to a higher average share price. The monthly expense for the ESOP is determined by the average share price in the open market for the month, and as the monthly average share price increases, the ESOP expense increases accordingly.

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Net occupancy expense increased by \$62,000 from \$161,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 compared to \$223,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 primarily due to the branch expansion into Savoy. Equipment expense increased by \$86,000 from \$494,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 to \$580,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 primarily due to the leasing of both check imaging equipment to upgrade the check imaging process and other computer components to update computer networks and operating systems. Professional fees increased by \$170,000 from \$204,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 to \$374,000 for the same period in 2004. The increase was primarily a result of higher legal fees in 2004, primarily related to the expansion into Savoy, and increased consulting fees, primarily from the retention of an investors relations consulting firm.

Amortization of loan servicing rights decreased from \$668,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 to \$475,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, as a result of a decrease in loan prepayments. The recovery of impairment of loan servicing rights for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 totaled \$316,000 compared to \$195,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. The recovery of the previously identified impairment is based on periodic independent valuation of the loan servicing rights, which indicate the market value of the loan servicing rights as of the valuation date. Other expenses increased by \$87,000 from \$687,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 to \$774,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. The primary reason for this increase is an increase in office supplies expense, an increase in supervision fees from the Bank's primary regulator and an increase in insurance expense due to higher premiums.

Income tax expense was \$449,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 as compared to \$801,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2003. The decrease of \$352,000 in income tax expense was due to a decrease in income before taxes of \$1.0 million. The effective tax rates were 34.6% and 34.7%, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003.

COMPARISON OF THREE MONTH PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND 2003

Net income for the three months ended September 30, 2004 decreased by \$237,000 or 44.2% from \$536,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 to \$299,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2004. The decrease in net income is primarily due to a decrease in noninterest income, and an increase in noninterest expense, partially offset by a slight increase in net interest income and decreases in the provision for loan losses and income tax expense.

Net interest income increased \$13,000 or 0.8% from \$1.73 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 to \$1.74 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004. The

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primary reason for the slight increase in net interest income was a decrease of \$53,000 in interest expense, partially offset by a decrease of \$40,000 in interest and dividend income. The Company's net interest margin was 3.36% and 3.46% during the three months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The net interest margin decreased slightly as a result of an increase in the average interest earning assets.

Total interest and dividend income decreased slightly by \$40,000 from \$2.86 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 to \$2.82 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease in loan interest income partially offset by increased interest income on securities available for sale. The decrease of \$118,000 in loan interest income was primarily due to a decrease in the average loan rate of 92 basis

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points, partially offset by an increase in average loans. Interest and dividend income from available for sale securities increased by \$72,000 due to increases in both the average rate and the average balance of available for sale investments.

Interest expense declined by \$53,000 or 4.7% from \$1.13 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 to \$1.08 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004. This decline was primarily due to a decrease of \$76,000 in interest on deposits. The \$76,000 decrease in interest expense on deposits was primarily due to a decrease of 30 basis points in the average interest rate on deposits, partially offset by an increase in the average balance of deposits. Federal Home Loan Bank advance interest and interest on short-term borrowings both increased slightly due to an increase in average balance.

For the three months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 the provision for losses on loans was \$126,000 and \$151,000, respectively. The provision for the three months ended September 30, 2004 was based on the Company's analysis of the allowance for loan losses.

Noninterest income decreased \$104,000 or 9.2% from \$1.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 to \$1.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004. The decrease was primarily a result of decreases in net gains on loan sales and net realized gains on sales of available-for-sale securities, a decrease in other service fees and charges, and a decrease in abstracting income, partially offset by increased net loan servicing fees and customer service fees.

Net gains on loan sales decreased by \$152,000 from \$239,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 to \$87,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2004. This decline occurred as loan sales decreased from \$13.9 million loans sold in the third quarter 2003 to \$4.9 million loans sold in the third quarter 2004. Loan refinancings have slowed significantly compared to last year, due to slightly rising interest rates compared to last year's historic low interest rates. Net realized gain on sales of available-for-sale securities declined by \$106,000 from \$133,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 compared to \$27,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2004. The \$133,000 gain from securities sales in the third quarter of 2003 related to sales proceeds of \$417,000, while the \$27,000 gain from securities in the third quarter in 2004 related to sales proceeds of \$122,000.

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Net loan servicing fees increased by \$148,000 from \$129,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 to \$277,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2004 due to an increase in the loans serviced for others portfolio. Other service charges and fees decreased by \$32,000 from \$231,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 to \$199,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2004 primarily due to a decrease in fees associated with residential loans sold into the secondary market resulting from the reduced loan volume. Abstracting and title fees also declined by \$16,000 from \$110,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 to \$94,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2004, due to the high level of refinancing activity in 2003. Customer service fees increased from \$209,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 to \$241,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2004. The \$32,000 increase was primarily due to increased non-sufficient funds and overdraft fees.

Total noninterest expenses were \$2.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004 as compared to \$1.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003. The primary reason for the \$304,000 increase was an increase in professional fees of \$90,000, an increase in equipment expense of \$63,000, an increase in salaries and employee benefits of \$27,000, an increase of \$40,000 in

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other expenses, and a reduction of the recovery of impairment of loan servicing rights of \$102,000, partially offset by a reduction of \$47,000 in amortization of loan servicing rights.

Salaries and employee benefits increased by \$27,000 from \$1.12 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 to \$1.15 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004 which was primarily due to the addition of six full-time employees and three part-time employees. The majority of the employee additions are a result of the branch expansion into Savoy.

Equipment expense increased by \$63,000 from \$157,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 to \$220,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2004, primarily due to the leasing of check and document imaging equipment, and other computer system upgrades. Professional fees increased by \$90,000 from \$56,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 to \$146,000 for the same period in 2004. The increase was primarily a result of increased legal fees primarily relating to corporate matters and consulting fees, primarily from the retention of an investors relations consulting firm. The recovery of impairment of loan servicing rights was \$179,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 compared to \$77,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2004. The amount of the recovery or impairment is determined by comparing the book value of the loan servicing rights to an independent valuation based on a discounted cash flow methodology, utilizing current prepayment speeds and discount rates. Amortization of loan servicing rights decreased by \$47,000 from \$201,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 to \$154,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2004, as a result of a decrease in loan prepayments. Other expenses increased by \$40,000 from \$236,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 to \$276,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2004, primarily due to increased office supplies expense and postage, an increase in insurance expense due to higher premiums, and increased regulatory fees.

Income tax expense was \$166,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2004 as compared to \$299,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003. The decrease of \$133,000 in

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income tax expense was due to a decrease in income before taxes of \$370,000. The effective tax rates were 35.7% and 35.8%, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates under different assumptions and conditions. Management believes that its critical accounting policies and significant estimates include determining the allowance for loan losses, the valuation of loan servicing rights, and the valuation of foreclosed real estate.

Allowance for loan losses

The allowance for loan losses is a significant estimate that can and does change based on management's assumptions about specific borrowers and current general economic and business conditions, among other factors. Management reviews the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses on at least a quarterly basis. The evaluation by management includes consideration of past loss experience, changes in the composition of the loan portfolio, the current condition and amount of

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loans outstanding, identified problem loans and the probability of collecting all amounts due.

The determination of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is based on estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant changes in the economic environment and market conditions. A worsening or protracted economic decline would increase the likelihood of additional losses due to credit and market risk and could create the need for additional loss reserves.

Loan Servicing Rights

The Company recognizes the rights to service loans as separate assets in the consolidated balance sheet. The total cost of loans when sold is allocated between loans and loan servicing rights based on the relative fair values of each. Loan servicing rights are subsequently carried at the lower of the initial carrying value, adjusted for amortization, or fair value. Loan servicing rights are evaluated for impairment based on the fair value of those rights. Factors included in the calculation of fair value of the loan servicing rights include estimating the present value of future net cash flows, market loan prepayment speeds for similar loans, discount rates, servicing costs, and other economic factors. Servicing rights are amortized over the estimated period of net servicing revenue. It is likely that these economic factors will change over the life of the loan servicing rights, resulting in different valuations of the loan servicing rights. The differing valuations will affect the carrying value of the loan servicing rights on the consolidated balance sheet as well as the income recorded from loan servicing in the income statement. As of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, loan servicing rights had carrying values of \$817,000 and \$964,000, respectively.

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Foreclosed Assets Held for Sale

Foreclosed assets held for sale are carried at the lower of cost or fair value less estimated selling costs. Management estimates the fair value of the properties based on current appraisal information. Fair value estimates are particularly susceptible to significant changes in the economic environment, market conditions, and the real estate market. A worsening or protracted economic decline would increase the likelihood of a decline in property values and could create the need to write down the properties through current operations.

LIQUIDITY

At September 30, 2004, the Company had outstanding commitments to originate \$5.4 million in loans, and \$7.3 million available to be drawn upon for open-end lines of credit. For more information on the outstanding commitments, see the discussion below the caption "Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements". As of September 30, 2004, the total amount of certificates scheduled to mature in the following 12 months was \$45.6 million. The Company believes that it has adequate resources to fund all of its commitments. The Company's most liquid assets are cash and cash equivalents. The level of cash and cash equivalents is dependent on the Company's operating, financing, lending and investing activities during any given period. The level of cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2004 was \$9.7 million. The Company's future short-term requirements for cash are not expected to significantly change. In the event that the Company should require funds beyond its capability to generate them internally, additional sources of funds are available such as Federal Home Loan Bank advances.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

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At September 30, 2004, the Company had outstanding commitments to originate loans of \$5.4 million. The commitments extended over varying periods of time with the majority being disbursed within a one-year period. Loan commitments at fixed rates of interest amounted to \$2.5 million, with the remainder at floating rates. In addition, the Company had outstanding unused lines of credit to borrowers aggregating \$4.1 million for commercial lines of credit, and \$3.2 million for consumer lines of credit. Outstanding commitments for letters of credit at September 30, 2004 totaled \$45,000. Since these commitments have fixed expiration dates, and some will expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment level may not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

The following table presents additional information about our unfunded commitments as of September 30, 2004, which by their terms have contractual maturity dates subsequent to September 30, 2004:

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	Next 12 Months -----	13-36 Months -----	37-60 Months -----	More than 60 Months -----	Totals -----
UNFUNDED COMMITMENTS:					
Letters of credit	\$ 45	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 45
Lines of credit	5,083	56	96	2,091	7,326
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Totals	\$ 5,128	\$ 56	\$ 96	\$ 2,091	\$7,371
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CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Bank is subject to capital-to-asset requirements in accordance with Federal bank regulations. The following table summarizes the Bank's regulatory capital requirements, versus actual capital as of September 30, 2004:

	ACTUAL		REQUIRED FOR ADEQUATE CAPITAL		TO BE WELL CAPITALIZED	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
(Dollars in thousands)						
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)	\$ 26,013	22.03	\$ 9,444	8.0	\$ 11,806	10.0
Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)	24,528	20.78	4,722	4.0	7,084	6.0
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)	24,528	10.95	8,961	4.0	11,202	5.0

The Company's consolidated capital-to-asset requirements and actual capital as of September 30, 2004 are summarized in the following table:

	ACTUAL	REQUIRED FOR ADEQUATE CAPITAL	TO BE WELL CAPITALIZED
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SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	-----		-----		-----	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
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	(Dollars in thousands)					
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)	\$ 28,221	23.65	\$ 9,548	8.0	--	N/A
Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)	26,720	22.39	4,774	4.0	--	N/A
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)	26,720	11.85	9,021	4.0	--	N/A

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ITEM 3. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company carried out an evaluation as of September 30, 2004, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective. There were no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls during the quarter ended September 30, 2004.

Disclosure controls and procedures are the controls and other procedures of the Company that are designed to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by the Company in its reports filed or submitted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in its reports filed under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

PART II -- OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Company and subsidiary are also subject to claims and lawsuits which arise primarily in the ordinary course of business, such as claims to enforce liens and claims involving the making and servicing of real property loans and other issues. It is the opinion of management that the disposition or ultimate determination of such possible claims or lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position of the Company.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

(c) The following table provides information about purchases of the Company's common stock by the Company during the quarter ended September 30, 2004.

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ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

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PERIOD	(a) TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES PURCHASED	(b) AVERAGE PRICE PAID PER SHARE	(c) TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES PURCHASED AS PART OF PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED PLANS OR PROGRAMS	(d) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SHARES THAT MAY YET BE PURCHASED UNDER THE PLANS OR PROGRAMS
07/01/04 -				
07/31/04	--	--	--	100,000
08/01/04 -				
08/31/04	--	--	--	100,000
09/01/04 -				
09/30/04	--	--	--	100,000
Total	--	--	--	100,000

(1) Our board of directors approved the repurchase by us of 100,000 shares over the one-year period ending May 13, 2005. None of these shares have been repurchased.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

(a) Exhibits

- 31.1 Certification of Terry J. Howard required by Rule 13a-14(a).
- 31.2 Certification of Ellen M. Litteral required by Rule 13a-14(a).
- 32.1 Certification of Terry J. Howard, Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) and Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350).
- 32.2 Certification of Ellen M. Litteral, Chief Financial Officer pursuant to

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Rule 13a-14(b) and Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350).

SIGNATURES

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

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undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION

Date: November 12, 2004

/s/ Terry J. Howard

Terry J. Howard
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 12, 2004

/s/ Ellen M. Litteral

Ellen M. Litteral
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer