

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 *
 MELVIN GARY W

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)
 RR 1, BOX 226
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/31/2008

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

SULLIVAN, IL 61951
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Stock | 07/31/2008 | | M | | 1,687.5 | A | \$ 10.37 |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2008 | | M | | 1,687.5 | A | \$ 10.22 |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2008 | | M | | 1,687.5 | A | \$ 8.37 |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2008 | | M | | 2,250 | A | \$ 10.67 |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2008 | | M | | 2,250 | A | \$ 12.11 |

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Common Stock 07/31/2008 M 3,375 A \$ 20.67 260,239.191 D

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 | \$ 10.37 | 07/31/2008 | | M | 1,687.5 | 12/15/1998 12/15/2008 | Common Stock 1,687.5 |
| Stock Option | \$ 10.22 | 07/31/2008 | | M | 1,687.5 | 12/13/1999 12/13/2009 | Common Stock 1,687.5 |
| Stock Option | \$ 8.37 | 07/31/2008 | | M | 1,687.5 | 12/18/2000 12/18/2010 | Common Stock 1,687.5 |
| Stock Option | \$ 10.67 | 07/31/2008 | | M | 2,250 | 12/18/2001 12/18/2011 | Common Stock 2,250 |
| Stock Option | \$ 12.11 | 07/31/2008 | | M | 2,250 | 12/16/2002 12/16/2012 | Common Stock 2,250 |
| Stock Option | \$ 20.67 | 07/31/2008 | | M | 3,375 | 12/16/2003 12/16/2013 | Common Stock 3,375 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MELVIN GARY W RR 1, BOX 226 SULLIVAN, IL 61951 | | X | | |

Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a power of attorney filed
11/01/02.

08/04/2008

__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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