ROWLAND WILLIAM S

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **ROWLAND WILLIAM S** Issuer Symbol FIRST MID ILLINOIS (Check all applicable) BANCSHARES INC [FMBH] X_ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 1421 CHARLESTON AVE 07/31/2017 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MATTOON, IL 61938 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially Form: Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Direct (D) (Instr. 4) Following or Indirect Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount Price (D) Common 53,407.096 07/31/2017 M 5,000 D 26.1 Stock By Deferred Common 1,545.149 Ι Compensation Stock Plan Common 19,707.6 I By Ira Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisab	le and	7. Title and A	Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date		Underlying S	Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year	.)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired				
	Derivative				(A) or				
	Security				Disposed of				
	·				(D)				
					(Instr. 3, 4,				
					and 5)				
									A
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares
Stock Option	\$ 26.1	07/31/2017		M	5,000	01/01/2009(1)	12/11/2017	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ROWLAND WILLIAM S							
1421 CHARLESTON AVE	X						
MATTOON, IL 61938							

Signatures

/s/ Michael L. Taylor, attorney-in-fact for Mr. 07/31/2017

**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 4 equal annual installments beginning on this date.

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