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## Proxy — FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANCSHARES, INC.

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### PROXY is Solicited By the Board of Directors For the Annual Meeting of Stockholders – April 30, 2008

The undersigned hereby appoints Michael L. Taylor, John W. Hedges and Laurel G. Allenbaugh, or any of them acting in the absence of the others, with full power of substitution, as attorneys and proxies, for and in the name and place of the undersigned, to vote the number of shares of Common Stock that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present and voting at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc., to be held in the lobby of the First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, 1515 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois, on April 30, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., local time, or any adjournments or postponements thereof, upon the matters set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement (receipt of which is hereby acknowledged) as designated on the reverse and, in their discretion, upon such other business as may come before the meeting.

THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS MADE. IF NO CHOICE IS INDICATED, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF ALL NOMINEES LISTED HEREON.

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