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## IMPORTANT ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING INFORMATION — YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc. Meeting Notice & Admission Ticket

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### Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc. Meeting to be Held on April 29, 2009

Under new Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual shareholders' meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The proxy statement and annual report to shareholders are available at:

[www.envisionreports.com/FMBH](http://www.envisionreports.com/FMBH)



#### Easy Online Access — A Convenient Way to View Proxy Materials and Vote

When you go online to view materials, you can also vote your shares.

**Step 1:** Go to [www.envisionreports.com/FMBH](http://www.envisionreports.com/FMBH) to view the materials.

**Step 2:** Click on **Cast Your Vote or Request Materials**.

**Step 3:** Follow the instructions on the screen to log in.

**Step 4:** Make your selection as instructed on each screen to select delivery preferences and vote.

When you go online, you can also help the environment by consenting to receive electronic delivery of future materials.



**Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials** – If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side on or before April 17, 2009 to facilitate timely delivery.



## Shareholder Meeting Notice & Admission Ticket

**First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc. Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on April 29, 2009 in the lobby of First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, 1515 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois, at 4:00 p.m. Central Time.**

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following proposals:

1. Election of Directors: Joseph R. Dively, Sara Jane Preston, and William S. Rowland

**PLEASE NOTE – YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE.** To vote your shares you must vote online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice with you.

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## Directions to the First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc. Company 2009 Annual Meeting

For directions to the annual meeting, please call (217) 258-0493



### Here's how to order a copy of the proxy materials and select a future delivery preference:

**Paper copies:** Current and future paper delivery requests can be submitted via the telephone, Internet or email options below.

**Email copies:** Current and future email delivery requests must be submitted via the Internet following the instructions below. If you request an email copy of current materials you will receive an email with a link to the materials.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must use the numbers in the shaded bar on the reverse side when requesting a set of proxy materials.

- **Internet** – Go to [www.envisionreports.com/FMBH](http://www.envisionreports.com/FMBH). Click Cast Your Vote or Request Materials. Follow the instructions to log in and order a paper or email copy of the current meeting materials and submit your preference for email or paper delivery of future meeting materials.
- **Telephone** – Call us free of charge at 1-866-641-4276 using a touch-tone phone and follow the instructions to log in and order a paper copy of the materials by mail for the current meeting. You can also submit a preference to receive a paper copy for future meetings.
- **Email** – Send email to [investorvote@computershare.com](mailto:investorvote@computershare.com) with "Proxy Materials First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc." in the subject line. Include in the message your full name and address, plus the three numbers located in the shaded bar on the reverse, and state in the email that you want a paper copy of current meeting materials. You can also state your preference to receive a paper copy for future meetings.

To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of the proxy materials must be received by April 17, 2009.