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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 0-32535

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION  
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT 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  
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

INDICATE BY CHECK MARK WHETHER THE REGISTRANT (1) HAS FILED ALL REPORTS  
REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF  
1934 DURING THE PRECEDING 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 X NO  
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AN ACCELERATED FILER, OR A NON-ACCELERATED FILER. SEE DEFINITION OF "ACCELERATED  
FILER AND LARGE ACCELERATED FILER" IN RULE 12B-2 OF THE EXCHANGE ACT.

LARGE ACCELERATED FILER  ACCELERATED FILER  NON-ACCELERATED FILER

INDICATE BY CHECKMARK WHETHER THE REGISTRANT IS A SHELL COMPANY (AS DEFINED  
IN RULE 12B-2 OF THE EXCHANGE ACT) YES NO X  
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INDICATE THE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING OF EACH OF THE ISSUER'S CLASSES OF COMMON STOCK, AS OF THE LATEST PRACTICABLE DATE.

AS OF MAY 10, 2006 THE REGISTRANT HAD OUTSTANDING  
2,350,200 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK.

First BancTrust Corporation

Form 10-Q Quarterly Report

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

	MARCH 31, 2006 (unaudited)	DECEMBER 31, 2005
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ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 5,125	\$ 7,338

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Interest-bearing demand deposits	2,577	5,109
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Cash and cash equivalents	7,702	12,447
Available-for-sale securities	73,993	76,424
Held-to-maturity securities (fair value of \$3,226 and \$3,384)	3,332	3,437
Loans held for sale, net of unrealized loss of \$7 and \$5	415	642
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$2,674 and \$2,662)	163,246	156,885
Premises and equipment	9,245	6,386
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	6,608	6,608
Foreclosed assets held for sale, net	187	267
Interest receivable	2,088	2,416
Deferred income taxes	1,517	1,382
Loan servicing rights	433	462
Cash surrender value of life insurance	4,870	4,825
Goodwill	541	541
Core deposit intangibles	468	484
Other assets	479	659
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Total assets	\$275,124	\$273,865
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Noninterest bearing deposits	\$ 21,164	\$ 21,529
Interest bearing deposits	170,598	172,446
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Total deposits	191,762	193,975
Federal funds purchased	4,000	2,500
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	44,700	43,200
Junior subordinated debentures	6,186	6,186
Pass through payments received on loans sold	98	75
Advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance	435	189
Interest payable	263	245
Other	1,577	1,449
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Total liabilities	249,021	247,819
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COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized and unissued Common stock, \$.01 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized; 3,041,750 shares issued; 2,367,450 shares outstanding	30	30
Additional paid-in capital	14,526	15,015
Retained earnings	19,147	19,062
Unearned incentive plan shares - 0 and 71,422 shares	--	(589)
Unearned employee stock ownership plan shares - 91,300 and 98,902 shares	(528)	(572)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(837)	(665)
Treasury stock, at cost - 674,300 shares	(6,235)	(6,235)
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Total stockholders' equity	26,103	26,046
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$275,124	\$273,865
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See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
 (in thousands of dollars except share data)  
 (unaudited)

THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31	2006	2005
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INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME		
Loans		
Taxable	\$2,818	\$2,037
Tax exempt	15	16
Securities		
Taxable	734	720
Tax exempt	130	104
Dividends on Federal Home Loan Bank stock	50	58
Deposits with financial institutions and other	27	24
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Total interest and dividend income	3,774	2,959
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INTEREST EXPENSE		
Deposits	1,193	731
Federal Home Loan Bank advances and other debt	564	389
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Total interest expense	1,757	1,120
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NET INTEREST INCOME	2,017	1,839
PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	45	94
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NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	1,972	1,745
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NONINTEREST INCOME		
Customer service fees	229	192
Other service charges and fees	182	182
Net gains on loan sales	57	73
Net realized gains on sales of available-for-sale securities	0	32
Net loan servicing fees	128	140
Brokerage fees	21	15
Abstract and title fees	79	104
Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance	51	49
Other	38	23
	-----	-----
Total noninterest income	785	810
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NONINTEREST EXPENSE		
Salaries and employee benefits	1,328	1,183
Net occupancy expense	145	103
Equipment expense	237	205
Data processing fees	148	115
Professional fees	159	111
Foreclosed assets expense, net	19	15
Marketing expense	61	71
Printing and office supplies	41	44
Amortization of loan servicing rights	60	124
Recovery of impairment of loan servicing rights	0	(18)
Other expenses	291	204
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Total noninterest expense	2,489	2,157
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INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX	268	398
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	41	95
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NET INCOME	\$ 227	\$ 303
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BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.13
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DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.12
	=====	=====
DIVIDENDS PER SHARE	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.06
	=====	=====

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)

THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31	2006	2005
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OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 227	\$ 303
Items not requiring (providing) cash		
Depreciation and amortization	127	97
Provision for loan losses	45	94
Loss on foreclosed assets, net	9	8
Amortization of premiums and discounts on securities, net	7	22
Amortization of loan servicing rights	60	124
Recovery for impairment of loan servicing rights	--	(18)
Deferred income taxes	(26)	(21)
Amortization of intangible assets	16	3
Net realized gains on available-for-sale securities	--	(32)
Net gains on loan sales	(57)	(73)
Federal Home Loan Bank stock dividends	--	(58)
Compensation expense related to ESOP and incentive plan	143	119
Loans originated for sale	(2,506)	(3,440)
Proceeds from sales of loans originated for sale	2,759	3,164
Changes in		
Interest receivable	328	430
Cash surrender value of life insurance	(45)	(43)
Other assets	180	46
Interest payable	18	18
Other liabilities	128	132
	-----	-----
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,413	875
	-----	-----
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(1,745)	(3,046)
Proceeds from maturities of available-for-sale securities	3,888	5,917
Proceeds from sales of available-for-sale securities	--	275
Proceeds from maturities of held-to-maturity securities	106	19
Net change in loans	(6,421)	(1,223)
Proceeds from sales of foreclosed assets	86	130

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Purchases of premises and equipment	(2,957)	(50)
Capitalized interest	(29)	--
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Net cash used in investing activities	(7,072)	2,022
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FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Net increase (decrease) in demand deposits, money market, NOW and savings accounts	\$ (2,793)	\$ 288
Net increase in certificates of deposit	580	249
Net increase (decrease) in short-term borrowings	1,500	(2,000)
Proceeds from Federal Home Bank advances	1,500	--
Net change in pass through payments received on loans sold	23	86
Net change in advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance	246	159
Proceeds from stock options exercised	--	22
Dividends paid	(142)	(150)
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Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	914	(1,346)
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INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(4,745)	1,551
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	12,447	9,113
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 7,702	\$10,664
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SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOWS INFORMATION		
Interest paid (net of capitalized interest)	\$ 1,739	\$ 1,102
Income taxes paid (net of refunds)	\$ 150	\$ --
Real estate and other property acquired in settlement of loans	\$ 15	\$ 67

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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

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-Q. 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-K 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, 2006. In the opinion of management of the Company, the accompanying unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal

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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 months ended March 31, 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. The condensed consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2005 has been derived from the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of that date.

### Note 2 - Newly Adopted Accounting Pronouncement

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, 2005 Annual Report to shareholders. Prior to January 1, 2006, the Company accounted for the 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 was 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. During December 2005, the Company accelerated the vesting of 182,504 options on shares of the Company's stock. The exercise price and remaining terms of each of the accelerated options remained the same. As of December 31, 2005, all of the Company's stock options were vested.

In December, 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards board ("FASB") issued Statement No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment" ("SFAS No. 123R"), which requires the cost resulting from stock options be measured at fair value and recognized in earnings. This statement replaces Statement No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" (SFAS No. 123) and supersedes Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," ("APB No. 25") which permitted the recognition of compensation expense using the intrinsic value method.

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Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 (R), using the modified prospective application method. Under this method, the Statement applied to new awards and to awards modified, repurchased, or cancelled after the effective date. Additionally, compensation cost for a portion of awards for which requisite services has not been rendered that are outstanding as of the effective date shall be recognized as the requisite service is rendered or after the effective date. Since all of the Company's stock options were vested at December 31, 2005, there is no effect of the financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The following table illustrates the effect of 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 for the three months ended March 31, 2005.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2005 -----
Net income, as reported	\$ 303
Less: Total stock-based employee compensation cost determined under the fair value based method, net of income taxes	(33)

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Pro forma net income	\$ 270
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<b>EARNINGS PER SHARE:</b>	
Basic - as reported	\$0.13
Basic - pro forma	\$0.12
Diluted - as reported	\$0.12
Diluted - pro forma	\$0.11

The Company also has a stock option award program or incentive plan which provides for the award and issuance of up to 121,670 shares of the Company's stock to members of the Board of Directors and management. At January 1, 2006, 119,576 shares had been awarded. In 2002, the Company awarded 65,576 shares under the incentive plan which vests ratably over a five-year period, commencing with the date of the award. An additional 54,000 shares were awarded in December 2005 to members of the Board of Directors and management which will vest according to a defined schedule based on meeting defined financial performance goals over the next five-year period. Expense recognized under the incentive plan totaled \$50,000 and \$27,000 for the three month periods ending March 31, 2006 and 2005.

As a result of implementing the modified prospective application method, the Company reclassified \$589,000 and 71,422 unearned incentive plan shares from a contra equity account to additional paid-in capital as of January 1, 2006.

### Note 3 - Junior Subordinated Debentures

Capital securities of \$6.0 million were issued June 15, 2005 by a statutory business trust, FBTC Statutory Trust I. The Company owns 100% of the common equity of the trust, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The \$6.0 million in proceeds from the trust preferred issuance and an additional \$186,000 for the Company's investment in the common equity of the Trust, a total of \$6,186,000 was invested in the junior subordinated debentures of the Company. As required by FIN 46R, the Company has not consolidated the investment in the Trust. The trust was formed with the purpose of issuing trust preferred securities and investing the proceeds from the sale of such trust preferred securities in the debentures. The debentures held by the trust are the sole assets of the trust. Distributions of the trust preferred securities are payable at a variable rate of interest, which is equal to the interest rate being earned by the trust on the debentures, and are recorded as interest expense by the Company. The trust preferred securities are subject to mandatory redemption, in whole or in part, upon repayment of the debentures.

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The debentures are included as Tier I capital for regulatory capital purposes. On March 1, 2005, the Federal Reserve Board adopted a final rule that allows the continued limited inclusion of trust preferred securities in the calculation of Tier 1 capital for regulatory purposes. The final rule provides a five-year transition period, ending March 31, 2009, for application of the quantitative limits to have an impact on its calculation of Tier 1 capital for regulatory purposes or its classification as well-capitalized. The debentures issued are first redeemable, in whole or part, by the Company, on June 15, 2010, and mature on June 15, 2035. The funds were used for the acquisition of the common stock of Rantoul First Bank and for the repurchase of First BancTrust Corporation common stock. Interest is fixed at a rate of 5.80% for a period of five years, and then converts to a floating rate after June 15, 2010. Interest payments are made quarterly beginning in September, 2005.



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### Note 4 - Employee Stock Ownership Plan

The Company 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 \$94,000 and \$92,000 for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005.

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 5 - Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share have been computed based upon the weighted average common shares outstanding for the three month periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005. 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 (dollar amounts in thousands except share data):

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	Income	Weighted Average Shares	Per Share Amount
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FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006:			
Basic Earnings Per Share:			
Income available to common stockholders	\$227	2,205,681	\$0.10
Effect of Dilutive Securities:			
Unearned recognition and retention plan shares		76,025	
Stock Options		47,371	
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Diluted Earnings per Share:			
Income available to common stockholders and assumed conversions	\$227	2,329,077	\$0.10
	====	=====	=====
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2005:			
Basic Earnings Per Share:			
Income available to common stockholders	\$303	2,289,236	\$0.13
Effect of Dilutive Securities:			
Unearned recognition and retention plan shares		94,091	
Stock Options		47,411	
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Diluted Earnings per Share:			
Income available to common stockholders and assumed conversions	\$303	2,430,738	\$0.12

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### Note 6 - Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) for the three month periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 is listed as follows:

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31	
	2006	2005
NET INCOME	\$ 227	\$ 303
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on available-for-sale securities	(172)	(528)
Less: Reclassification adjustment for realized gains included in net income	--	21
	(172)	(549)
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$ 55	\$ (246)
	=====	=====

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### Note 7 - Authorized Share Repurchase Program

On April 18, 2005, the Board of Directors authorized the open-market stock repurchase of up to 5%, or 124,850 shares of the Company's outstanding stock over the next one-year period ending April 18, 2006 as, in the opinion of management, market conditions warrant. As of March 31, 2006, the Company had repurchased 111,600 shares, leaving 13,250 shares available to be repurchased under this program. Previously, the Company had completed five other repurchase programs for stock repurchases of 566,900 shares. The Company issued 2,200 shares of treasury stock upon the exercise of stock options in February, 2005, and 2,000 shares of treasury stock upon the exercise of stock options in September, 2005. On April 18, 2006, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase in open market transactions of 117,710 shares, or 5% of the Company's outstanding shares prior to April 13, 2007. As of May 10, 2006, the Company owned a cumulative total of 691,550 shares in treasury stock. The repurchased shares are held as treasury stock and are available for general corporate purposes.

### Note 8 - Commitments

The Company is expanding and renovating its Operations Center in Paris, Illinois to house its entire banking operations in Paris, Illinois. As a result of the renovation and expansion, the Company entered into an agreement with a building contractor to design and construct the new facility for an amount not to exceed \$5.6 million. The project, scheduled to be completed by the third quarter of 2006, is proceeding on schedule, and is approximately 70% completed. The Company's remaining commitment to complete the project is approximately \$1.5 million.

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The Company has also entered into an agreement with a building contractor to design and build a branch bank building to be located in Martinsville, Illinois. The cost of the building is not to exceed \$213,000. The building is approximately 90% completed and is scheduled to be fully completed and occupied in May, 2006.

The Company has entered into an agreement with Elan Financial Services to transfer the ownership of the credit card portfolio to Elan during the second quarter of 2006. The balance in the credit card portfolio at March 31, 2006 totaled \$259,000. Under the terms of the agreement, Elan will assume ownership of the portfolio; however, the Company will repurchase any uncollectible account which is designated as a "Delinquent Account" on the transfer date, for a period of one year. A Delinquent Account is defined as any account which is two or more payments past due on the transfer date, any account which has an outstanding balance of 10% or more over the credit limit, or any account which has filed a bankruptcy petition prior to or within 30 days of the acquisition date.

### Note 9 - Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In March 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 156 ("SFAS No. 156"), Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 140, Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities, which requires that all separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities be initially measured at fair value, if practicable, and permits the

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entities to elect either fair value measurement with changes in fair value reflected in earnings or the amortization and impairment requirements of Statement 140 for subsequent measurement. The subsequent measurement of separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities at fair value eliminates the necessity for entities that manage the risks inherent in servicing assets and servicing liabilities with derivatives to qualify for hedge accounting treatment and eliminates the characterization of declines in fair value as impairments or direct write-downs. Statement No. 156 is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after September 15, 2006. Earlier adoption is permitted as of the beginning of an entity's fiscal year, provided the entity has not yet issued financial statements, including interim financial statements for any period of that fiscal year. The Company plans to adopt this statement on January 1, 2007 and is in the process of assessing the impact, if any, of the adoption of this statement of accessing the impact, if any, of the adoption of this statement on the financial results.

### 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,"

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"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 of 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 statements. 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, and ECS Service Corporation at March 31, 2006 to its financial condition at December 31, 2005 and the results of operations for the three-month period ending March 31, 2006 to the same period in 2005. In May

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2005, the Bank's wholly owned subsidiary, Community Finance Center, Inc., was dissolved as a corporation, and this activity was transferred to operate as a division of the Bank. In prior years, First Charter Service Corporation provided retail sales of uninsured investment products to customers of First Bank & Trust. In late 2004, First Bank & Trust entered into an agreement with First Advisors Financial Group LLC ("First Advisors") whereby First Advisors provides investment advisory and asset management services to Bank customers beginning in 2005. First Advisors rents office space from the Bank, and pays a percentage of fees generated from transactions with Bank customers to the Bank. As a result, First Charter Service Corporation became inactive in 2005. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the interim financial statements and notes included herein.

### FINANCIAL CONDITION

Total assets of the Company increased by \$1.2 million or 0.47%, to \$275.1 million at March 31, 2006 from \$273.9 million at December 31, 2005. The increase in assets was primarily due to an increase in loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$6.4 million and an increase in premises and equipment of \$2.9 million, partially offset by decreases in cash and cash equivalents of \$4.7 million and available-for-sale securities of \$2.4 million. The increase in assets was primarily funded by an increase in borrowings.

The Company's cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$4.7 million from \$12.4 million at December 31, 2005 to \$7.7 million at March 31, 2006, a 38.1% decrease. Cash and due from banks decreased by \$2.2 million or 30.2% to \$5.1 million at March 31, 2006 from \$7.3 million at December 31, 2005. Interest-bearing demand deposits decreased by \$2.5 million or 49.6% to \$2.6 million at March 31, 2006 compared to \$5.1 million at December 31, 2005.

Available-for-sale investment securities amounted to \$74.0 million at March 31, 2006 compared to \$76.4 million at December 31, 2005, a \$2.4 million decrease. The 3.2% decrease primarily resulted from \$3.9 million in investment calls and maturities, primarily from payments on mortgage-backed securities, and a

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\$280,000 decrease in the market valuation of the available-for-sale portfolio, partially offset by investment purchases of \$1.7 million. Held-to-maturity securities decreased by \$105,000 from \$3.4 million at December 31, 2005 to \$3.3 million at March 31, 2006, due to principal payments on mortgage-backed securities. Funds generated by the decreases in investments were used to fund loan growth.

Loans held for sale, net of unrealized loss, decreased by \$227,000 from \$642,000 at December 31, 2005 to \$415,000 at March 31, 2006. Unrealized loss on loans held for sale at March 31, 2006 were \$7,000 compared to \$5,000 at December 31, 2005. Loans held for sale are carried at the lower of cost or market. Single family residential loans for qualified borrowers are originated and sold to Federal Home Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC") and to the Illinois Housing Development Authority ("IHDA"). Loans held for sale at March 31, 2006 consisted of four single-family residential loans to be sold to FHLMC and IHDA.

The Company's net loan portfolio increased by \$6.3 million to \$163.2 million at March 31, 2006 from \$156.9 million at December 31, 2005. Gross loans increased by \$6.4 million while the allowance for loan losses increased by \$12,000. Commercial nonresidential real estate loans

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increased by \$2.0 million with the majority of the loan originations generated in the Savoy area. Loans secured by 1-4 family residences increased by \$2.6 million, primarily due to an increase in first mortgages on 1-4 family homes in the Savoy market, and construction loans increased by \$441,000, primarily due to new originations. Loans secured by farmland increased by \$250,000 and agricultural production loans increased by \$282,000.

At March 31, 2006, the allowance for loan losses was \$2.7 million or 1.61% of the total loan portfolio compared to the allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2005 of \$2.7 million or 1.67% of the total loan portfolio. During the first three months of 2006, the Company charged off \$58,000 of loan losses, of which \$40,000 were from consumer loan charge-offs. The chargeoffs of \$58,000 were partially offset by \$24,000 in recoveries from consumer loans, primarily vehicle loans. The net chargeoffs of \$34,000 for the first three months of 2006 decreased by \$36,000 when compared to net chargeoffs of \$70,000 for the first three months of 2005. The Company's nonperforming loans and troubled debt restructurings remained at \$1.5 million or 0.89% of total loans at March 31, 2006 compared to \$1.5 million or 0.95% as a percentage of total loans at December 31, 2005. The Company's loans delinquent 90 days and over total \$858,000, and include \$251,000 in 1-4 family residential loans, \$421,000 in commercial loans, and \$142,000 in consumer loans. The Company's troubled debt restructurings of \$625,000 at March 31, 2006 consist primarily of restructured commercial and agricultural 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.

Premises and equipment have increased by \$2.8 million from \$6.4 million at December 31, 2005 to \$9.2 million at March 31, 2006, primarily due to expenditures related to the major renovation and expansion project of the current Operations Center which will result in an enlarged facility to house the main office of the Bank. Additional progress payments made on the project since December 31, 2005 total \$2.2 million, and the project is approximately 70% complete. The Company is also constructing a branch building located in Martinsville, Illinois which is expected to be completed by May, 2006. Disbursements related to this project to date total \$191,000.

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Net foreclosed assets held for sale, totaling \$187,000 at March 31, 2006 decreased \$80,000, or 30.0%, compared to \$267,000 at December 31, 2005. As of March 31, 2006, the Company had real estate properties totaling \$146,000 consisting of approximately a dozen single-family residential properties and several vacant lots and other repossessed assets of \$41,000. Foreclosed assets are carried at lower of cost or net realizable value.

Interest receivable declined by \$328,000 from \$2.4 million at December 31, 2005 to \$2.1 million at March 31, 2006, a 13.6% decrease. This reduction is seasonal, as many agricultural loans are annual payment loans, with payments due at the beginning of the year. Deferred income taxes increased by \$135,000 from \$1.4 million at December 31, 2005 to \$1.5 million at March 31, 2006, primarily as a result of the deferred income tax effect of the change in market valuation of available-for-sale securities from December 31, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

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The Company's total deposits amounted to \$191.8 million at March 31, 2006 compared to \$194.0 million at December 31, 2005, a decrease of \$2.2 million. The 1.1% decrease in total deposits was due to a \$365,000 decrease in non-interest bearing deposits, and by a \$1.8 million decrease in interest bearing deposits. The decrease in interest bearing deposits was a result of a \$3.6 million decrease in interest-bearing checking accounts, offset by a \$1.2 million increase in savings accounts and a \$580,000 increase in certificates of deposits.

Federal funds purchased increased by \$1.5 million from a balance of \$2.5 million at December 31, 2005 to \$4.0 million at March 31, 2006. Federal Home Loan Bank advances increased by \$1.5 million from \$43.2 million at December 31, 2005 to \$44.7 million at March 31, 2006. The total average rate of all advances was 4.68% as of March 31, 2006. The increase in borrowings was used to fund loan growth.

Junior subordinated debentures remained constant at \$6.2 million at March 31, 2006 compared to December 31, 2005. Capital securities of \$6.0 million were issued June 15, 2005 by a statutory business trust, FBTC Statutory Trust I. The Company owns 100% of the common equity of the trust, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The \$6.0 million in proceeds from the trust preferred issuance and an additional \$186,000 for the Company's investment in the common equity of the Trust, a total of \$6,186,000, was invested in the junior subordinated debentures of the Company. As required by FIN 46R, the Company has not consolidated the investment in the Trust. The trust was formed with the purpose of issuing trust preferred securities and investing the proceeds from the sale of such trust preferred securities in the debentures. The debentures held by the trust are the sole assets of the trust. Distributions of the trust preferred securities are payable at a variable rate of interest, which is equal to the interest rate being earned by the trust on the debentures, and are recorded as interest expense by the Company. The trust preferred securities are subject to mandatory redemption, in whole or in part, upon repayment of the debentures.

The debentures are included as Tier I capital for regulatory capital purposes. The debentures issued are first redeemable, in whole or part, by the Company, on June 15, 2010, and mature on June 15, 2035. Interest payments are made quarterly beginning in September, 2005.

Advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance increased by \$246,000 from \$189,000 at December 31, 2005 to \$435,000 at March 31, 2006. The \$246,000 increase is a normal trend, as escrows typically accumulate funds in the first

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quarter of the year for the payment of real estate taxes later in the year.

Stockholders' equity at March 31, 2006 was \$26.1 million compared to \$26.0 million at December 31, 2005, a slight increase of \$57,000. Retained earnings increased by the amount of net income or \$227,000, partially offset by \$142,000 in dividends declared and paid. As shares from the employee stock ownership plan vested to participants from December 31, 2005 to March 31, 2006, stockholders' equity increased by \$93,000, and as shares from the incentive plan were earned by participants for the same period, stockholders' equity increased by \$50,000. Accumulated comprehensive income (loss) decreased by \$172,000 due to a decrease in the fair value of securities available for sale, net of related tax effect. The Company reclassified \$589,000 or 71,422 unearned incentive plan shares to additional paid-in-capital as of January 1, 2006 in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R). Treasury stock remained constant from December 31, 2005 to March 31, 2006 at \$6.2 million.

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### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### COMPARISON OF THREE MONTH PERIODS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005

Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2006 decreased by \$76,000 or 25.1% from \$303,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2005 to \$227,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The decrease in net income is primarily due to an increase in noninterest expense and a decrease in noninterest income, partially offset by an increase in net interest income and decreases in the provision for loan losses and income tax expense.

Net interest income increased \$178,000 or 9.7% from \$1.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005 to \$2.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The primary reasons for the increase in net interest income was an increase in total interest and dividend income of \$815,000 partially offset by an increase of \$637,000 in interest expense. The Company's net interest margin was 3.31% and 3.51% during the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The net interest margin decreased as a result of a decrease in interest spread. Interest spread decreased by 17 basis points from 3.20% for the three months ended March 31, 2005 to 3.03% for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The average rate paid on interest bearing liabilities increased by 71 basis points, while the average rate earned on interest bearing assets increased by 54 basis points. The average balances of interest bearing assets for the three month period ending March 31, 2006 increased by \$34.5 million to \$244.0 million compared to \$209.5 million in average earning assets for the three month period ending March 31, 2005. Interest bearing liabilities increased by \$39.7 million from \$182.7 million for the three month period ended March 31, 2005 to \$222.4 million for the three month period ended March 31, 2006. The increase in interest bearing assets and liabilities was primarily due to the acquisition of Rantoul First Bank in October, 2005.

Total interest and dividend income increased by \$815,000 or 27.5% from \$3.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005 to \$3.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The increase of \$815,000 was primarily due to increases in loan interest income and interest and dividend income from securities. The increase of \$780,000 in loan interest income was primarily due to a \$41.9 million increase in the average loan balance and by an increase in the average loan rate of 15 basis points. Interest and dividend income from securities increased by \$40,000 primarily due to an increase of 68 basis points in the average rate, partially offset by a decrease of \$8.4 million in the average balance of investments. Interest income from deposits with financial

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institutions increased by \$3,000 primarily due to an increase in average rate of 177 basis points, offset by a decrease of \$1.3 million in the average balance of deposits with financial institutions. Dividends on Federal Home Loan Bank stock decreased by \$8,000 from the three months ended 2005 to the three months ended March 31, 2006 due to a decrease in average rate of 239 basis points, offset by an increase in the average balance of \$2.3 million.

Interest expense increased by \$637,000 or 56.9% from \$1.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005 to \$1.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006. This increase was primarily due to an increase of \$462,000 in interest on deposits, and by a \$175,000 increase in interest on Federal Home Loan Bank advances and other debt. The \$462,000 increase in interest

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expense on deposits was primarily due to an increase in the average rate paid on deposits, and by an increase in the average balance of interest bearing deposits. The \$175,000 increase in interest on Federal Home Loan Bank advances and other debt was due to an increase in the average balance as well as an increase in average interest rate.

For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, the provision for losses on loans was \$45,000 and \$94,000, respectively. The provision for the three months ended March 31, 2006 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 cannot assure that future chargeoffs and/or provisions will not be necessary, the Company's management believes that, as of March 31, 2006, its allowance for loan losses was adequate.

Noninterest income decreased \$25,000 or 3.1% from \$810,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2005 to \$785,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The decrease was primarily a result of decreases in net realized gains on sales of available-for-sale securities and abstract and title fees, partially offset by an increase in customer service fees. Customer service fees increased by \$37,000 from \$192,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2005 to \$229,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006, primarily due to increased NSF and overdraft fees. There were no net realized gains on sales of available-for-sale securities for the three months ended March 31, 2006 compared to \$32,000 in gains generated from the sales of equity securities for the three months ended March 31, 2005. Abstracting and title fees decreased by \$25,000 from \$104,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2005 to \$79,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006, due to reduced dollar volume of business during the first quarter of 2006.

Total noninterest expenses were \$2.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 as compared to \$2.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005. The primary reasons for the \$332,000 increase were increases in salaries and employee benefits, net occupancy expense, equipment expense, data processing expense, professional expenses, and other expenses and a reduced amount of recovery of a previously identified impairment of loan servicing rights, partially offset by a reduction in amortization of loan servicing rights. Salaries and employee benefits increased by \$145,000 from \$1.18 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005 to \$1.33 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006, as a result of an increase in salaries, health insurance expense, and director fees. An \$86,000 increase in salaries was primarily a



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result of the addition of nine full-time and one part-time employees as a result of the purchase of Rantoul First Bank in October, 2005. Health insurance expense increased as a result of a increase in premiums and the addition of the employees from Rantoul.

Net occupancy expense increased by \$42,000 from \$103,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2005 compared to \$145,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006. This increase can be attributed to additional occupancy expenses associated with the addition of the Rantoul location, as well as additional building rent expense in 2006. In late 2005, the Company completed a property exchange to acquire the adjoining property to the current Operations

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Center for the building currently housing the main office of the Bank in Paris, Illinois. This exchange of property provided the area needed for the expansion and renovation to convert the Operations Center into the new main bank office in Paris, Illinois. As part of the agreement, the Company will rent the building currently housing the main office until completion of the construction project in early third quarter of 2006. Equipment expense increased by \$32,000 primarily as a result of upgrades in equipment to the Company's ATM network, and increased software usage fees. Data processing fees increased by \$33,000 primarily due to increases in the number of accounts and transactions from the Rantoul acquisition.

Professional fees increased by \$48,000 from \$111,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2005 to \$159,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006, primarily due to increased legal and consulting fees in 2006. Amortization of loan servicing rights decreased by \$64,000 from \$124,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2005 to \$60,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006, as result of the reduction in loan servicing assets. Other expenses increased by \$87,000 from \$204,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2005 to \$291,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase in loan origination expenses, increased supervisory fees from the State of Illinois, an increase in postage, and an increase in telephone expense due to the addition of the Rantoul branch.

Income tax expense was \$41,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006 as compared to \$95,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2005. The decrease of \$54,000 in income tax expense was primarily due to a reduction in income before income taxes of \$130,000 from \$398,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2005 compared to \$268,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006.

### 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

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

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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 on 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 March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, loan servicing rights had carrying values of \$433,000 and \$462,000, respectively.

### 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 March 31, 2006, the Company had outstanding commitments to originate \$9.9 million in loans, and \$15.2 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 and Contractual Commitments". As of March 31, 2006, the total amount of certificates scheduled to mature in the following 12 months was \$68.1 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 March 31, 2006 was \$7.7 million. The Company's future short-term

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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.

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### OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS AND CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

At March 31, 2006, the Company had outstanding commitments to originate loans of \$9.9 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 \$4.5 million, with the remainder at floating rates. In addition, the Company had outstanding unused lines of credit to borrowers aggregating \$10.7 million for commercial lines of credit, \$4.5 million for consumer lines of credit, and \$853,000 unused line of credit on credit cards. Outstanding commitments for letters of credit at March 31, 2006 totaled \$149,000. 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 March 31, 2006, which by their terms have contractual maturity dates subsequent to March 31, 2006:

	Next 12 Months -----	13-36 Months -----	37-60 Months -----	More than 60 Months -----	Totals -----
(Dollars in thousands)					
UNFUNDED COMMITMENTS:					
Letters of credit	\$ 130	\$ 19	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 149
Lines of credit	11,288	264	432	3,219	15,203
Credit cards	853	--	--	--	853
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Totals	\$12,271	\$283	\$432	\$3,219	\$16,205
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The Company has a building commitment of \$5.6 million for its building expansion in Paris, Illinois, of which approximately \$4.1 million has been expended as of March 31, 2006. The Company also has a building commitment of \$213,000 for a branch building being constructed in Martinsville, Illinois. As of March 31, 2006, the building was 90% complete, and disbursements to March 31, 2006 totaled \$191,000.

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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 March 31, 2006:

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MARCH 31, 2006	ACTUAL		REQUIRED FOR ADEQUATE CAPITAL		TO BE WELL CAPITALIZED	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)	\$32,139	19.13	\$13,440	8.0	\$16,800	10.0
Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)	30,032	17.88	6,719	4.0	10,078	6.0
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)	30,032	11.14	10,783	4.0	13,479	5.0

On February 27, 2006, the Federal Reserve Board announced the approval of a final rule that expands the definition of a small bank holding company (BHC) under the Board's Small Bank Holding Company Policy Statement. Under the revised regulatory financial reporting requirements, the Company will now qualify as a small BHC, and as such, will only be required to file parent-only financial data on a semi-annual basis.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Sources of market risk include interest rate risk, foreign currency exchange risk, commodity price risk and equity price risk. The Company is only subject to interest rate risk. The Company purchased no financial instruments for trading purposes during the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005.

The principal objectives of the Company's interest rate risk management function are: (i) to evaluate the interest rate risk included in certain balance sheet accounts; (ii) to determine the level of risk appropriate given the Company's business focus, operating environment, capital and liquidity requirements, and performance objectives; (iii) to establish asset concentration guidelines; and (iv) to manage the risk consistent with Board-approved guidelines. Through such management, the Company seeks to reduce the vulnerability of its operations to changes in interest rates and to manage the ratio of interest rate sensitive assets to interest rate sensitive liabilities within specified maturity terms or repricing dates. The Company's Board of Directors has established an Asset/Liability Committee consisting of directors and senior management officers, which is responsible for reviewing the Company's asset/liability policies and monitoring interest rate risk as such risk relates to its operating strategies. The committee usually meets on a quarterly basis, and at other times as dictated by market conditions, and reports to the Board of Directors. The committee is responsible for reviewing Company activities

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and strategies, and the effect of those strategies on the Company's net interest margin, the market value of the portfolio and the effect that changes in the interest will have on the Company's portfolio and exposure limits.

The Company's key interest rate risk management tactics consist primarily of: (i) emphasizing the attraction and retention of core deposits, which tend to be a more stable source of funding; (ii) emphasizing the origination of adjustable rate mortgage loan products and short-term commercial and consumer loans for the in-house portfolio, although this is dependent largely on the market for such loans; (iii) selling longer-term fixed-rate one-to-four family mortgage loans in the secondary market; and (iv) investing primarily in U.S. government agency instruments and mortgage-backed securities.

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The Company's interest rate and market risk profile has not materially changed from the year ended December 31, 2005. Please refer to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 for further discussion of the Company's market and interest risk.

### ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company carried out an evaluation as of March 31, 2006, 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 March 31, 2006.

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 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.

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#### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes from the risk factors set forth in Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005. Please refer to that section of the Company's Form 10-K for disclosures regarding risks and uncertainties related to the Company's business.

#### 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 March 31, 2006.

##### ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

(d) Maximum

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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	Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
1/1/2006 to 1/31/2006	--	--	--	13,250
2/1/2006 to 2/28/2006	--	--	--	13,250
3/1/2006 to 3/31/2006	--	--	--	13,250

(1) The board of directors approved the repurchase by the Company of 124,850 shares over the one year period ending April 18, 2006.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None

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

None

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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 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 undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

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FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION

Date: May 12, 2006

/s/ Terry J. Howard

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Terry J. Howard  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 12, 2006

/s/ Ellen M. Litteral

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Ellen M. Litteral  
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

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