



First Bancshares, Inc.

Annual Report
December 31, 2016

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Letter to Shareholders

Dear Fellow Shareholders:

I am pleased to report that First Bancshares had another strong year as detailed in the accompanying 2016 Annual Report. During 2016 our loan portfolio increased \$12.3 million, or 9.8%, as we converted lower yielding cash and cash equivalents into higher yielding loans. As a result of the hard work of our lending personnel, our prospects for continued loan growth are favorable and we have a very strong loan pipeline

We are particularly pleased that we were able to increase our loan portfolio while maintaining very strong asset quality through consistent prudent underwriting standards. Nonperforming loans at December 31, 2016 were \$246,000, or 0.18% of net loans, compared to \$697,000 in nonperforming loans or 0.56% of net loans at December 31, 2015.

The extended period of low interest rates has put pressure on our net interest income which is the difference between the income we receive on our earning assets and the expense we pay on our interest bearing liabilities. In spite of this pressure, our net interest income increased \$405,000, or 7.25%, primarily as a result of the income we received on our larger loan portfolio. We continue to monitor our expenses and proactively seek opportunities to reduce them. During 2016 we consolidated our two branch offices in Marshfield, Missouri into one branch. We believe this consolidation will help us reduce occupancy and equipment expenses in future periods.

As a result of the increase in loans, excellent credit quality and reasonable expense control, net income exceeded \$1.2 million or \$0.75 per share. Net income was \$3.1 million, or \$2.00 per share, for 2015 but that included a \$2.4 million recovery of the deferred tax asset as compared to a \$454,000 recovery of the deferred tax asset during 2016. Income before taxes was \$714,000 in 2016 compared to \$703,000 for 2015.

We continue to find new opportunities in the marketplace, with quality companies and other customers preferring to do business with a community bank. With eight locations and access to innovative mobile solutions, it is now easier than ever to do business with First Home Bank. Our commitment to our customers and to continuously evolving our organization to meet their needs is central to our framework for creating long-term value for our shareholders.

We are optimistic for the coming year based on the improving and growing economy and a political atmosphere that promises to be business-friendly and with the possible repeal of some of the restrictions that have been so costly to community banks. Responsible management, consistency in our delivery and first-class service are key elements to sustaining success in a complex and competitive industry.

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Shareholders Meeting on Friday, April 21, 2017 at 1:00 p.m Central Time, at the DoubleTree Hotel located at 2431 N. Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri. In

connection with that Meeting, you should have received with this Annual Report, via mail or electronically from your broker, your First Bancshares' proxy materials and notice of our annual shareholder meeting. We are asking you to vote on the three proposals. Voting is easy and can be done via return mail, telephone or online; those details are provided in the materials you received. If you need information regarding the proxy materials or the Annual Meeting, please contact Shannon Peterson, Executive Secretary, at (417) 547-7232 or shannonp@fhsb.com.

We are proud of our accomplishments and financial results and particularly the long term value we have been able to continue to create for our shareholders, as we strive to meet our customers' financial needs. Thank you for your ongoing support of our Company.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Bradley Weaver". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

R. Bradley Weaver
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Business of the Company

First Bancshares, Inc. (“Company”), a Missouri corporation, was incorporated on September 30, 1993 for the purpose of becoming the savings and loan holding company for First Home Savings Bank (“Bank”) upon the conversion of First Home from a Missouri mutual to a Missouri stock savings and loan association. The mutual to stock conversion was completed on December 22, 1993.

Effective January 22, 2014, the Bank changed its charter from a Missouri chartered stock savings and loan association to a Missouri chartered, non-member commercial bank. As part of the charter change, the Bank changed its corporate title to “First Home Bank.” In connection with the Bank’s charter change, the Company became a bank holding company, subject to regulation by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

Effective November 26, 2014, the Company and the Bank changed their fiscal year ends from June 30 to December 31. This change in fiscal year end was completed to align the financial reporting periods for the Company and the Bank with regulatory reporting periods concurrent with the Company’s reorganization to a bank holding company and the Bank’s charter conversion to a commercial bank that occurred on January 22, 2014.

The Company is not engaged in any significant business activity other than holding the stock of the Bank. Accordingly, the information set forth in the report, including the consolidated financial statements and related data, applies primarily to the Bank.

First Home Bank is a Missouri-chartered, non-member commercial bank organized in 1911. The Bank is regulated by the Missouri Department of Finance and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”). The Bank’s deposits are insured up to applicable limits by the FDIC.

The Bank is also a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank (“FHLB”) System. The Bank conducts its business from its home office in Mountain Grove and seven full service branch facilities in Marshfield, Ava, Kisse Mills, Gainesville, Sparta, Crane and Springfield, Missouri. The Bank provides its customers with a full array of community banking services and is primarily engaged in the business of attracting deposits from, and making loans to, the general public, including individuals and businesses. The Bank originates real estate loans, including one-to-four family residential mortgage loans, multi-family residential loans, commercial real estate loans, agricultural real estate loans and home equity loans, as well as, non-real estate loans, including commercial business, agricultural business and consumer loans. The Bank also invests in mortgage-back securities, United States Government and agency securities and other assets.

At December 31, 2016, the Company had total consolidated assets of \$219.5 million and consolidated stockholders’ equity of \$19.8 million.

	Year Ended		Six Months	Years Ended June 30,		
	2016	2015	Ended 2014	2014	2013	2012
KEY OPERATING RATIOS:						
Return on average assets	0.54	1.52	0.15	0.31	N/A	N/A
Return on average equity	5.95	17.78	1.93	4.26	N/A	N/A
Average equity to average assets	9.03	8.57	7.65	7.31	8.22	8.81
Interest rate spread for period	2.95	2.94	2.85	2.79	2.64	2.79
Net interest margin for period	2.97	2.96	2.86	2.81	2.67	2.88
Non-interest expense to average assets	2.90	2.84	3.06	2.92	3.15	4.08
Average interest-earning assets to interest-bearing liabilities	102.98	102.33	111.12	110.32	111.38	111.04
Allowance for loan losses to total loans at end of period	1.23	1.35	1.41	1.42	1.65	1.86
Net charge-offs (recoveries) to average loans outstanding during the period	-	(0.04)	(0.01)	0.02	0.08	0.48
Dividend payout ratio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

	At December 31,			At June 30,		
	2016	2015	2014	2014	2013	2012
OTHER DATA:						
Number of:						
Loans outstanding	1,849	1,755	1,726	1,710	1,774	1,937
Deposit accounts	14,896	15,235	15,564	15,870	16,912	17,995
Full service offices	8	8	8	8	8	9



Independent Auditor's Report

RSM US LLP

To the Board of Directors
First Bancshares, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Mountain Grove, Missouri

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of First Bancshares, Inc. and Subsidiaries, which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2016 and 2015; the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended; and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements (collectively, the financial statements).

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of First Bancshares, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

RSM US LLP

Kansas City, Missouri
February 24, 2017

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First Bancshares, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Balance Sheets
December 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,708,418	\$ 9,822,726
Interest-bearing deposits at other financial institutions	7,540,941	6,069,720
Securities available for sale	54,989,642	58,514,877
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	735,800	756,200
Loans receivable, net	136,802,211	124,526,511
Premises and equipment, net	6,667,975	6,501,206
Real estate owned and other repossessed assets, net	-	10,000
Cash surrender value of bank-owned life insurance	3,544,186	3,437,273
Deferred tax asset	3,435,782	2,398,676
Other assets	1,056,931	992,324
	\$ 219,481,886	\$ 213,029,513
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Liabilities:		
Deposits	\$ 181,727,080	\$ 176,713,451
Repurchase agreements	5,184,849	4,126,995
Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	12,000,000	13,000,000
Other liabilities	802,784	639,501
Total liabilities	199,714,713	194,479,947
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 4 and 11)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 2,000,000 shares authorized; none issued	-	-
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 8,000,000 shares authorized; 2,894,986 issued; 1,548,740 outstanding at December 31, 2016 and 2015	28,950	28,950
Additional paid-in capital	18,062,566	18,062,566
Retained earnings	21,917,548	20,749,893
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,112,224)	(1,162,176)
	38,896,840	37,679,233
Treasury stock, at cost, 1,346,296 at December 31, 2016 and 2015	(19,129,667)	(19,129,667)
Total stockholders' equity	19,767,173	18,549,566
	\$ 219,481,886	\$ 213,029,513

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

First Bancshares, Inc. and Subsidiaries

**Consolidated Statements of Operations
Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015**

	2016	2015
Interest income:		
Loans	\$ 6,028,170	\$ 5,575,626
Securities	1,031,641	1,021,803
Other interest-earning assets	149,677	101,127
	<u>7,209,488</u>	<u>6,698,556</u>
Interest expense:		
Deposits	1,041,441	986,973
Repurchase agreements	55,556	18,311
Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	118,940	104,818
	<u>1,215,937</u>	<u>1,110,102</u>
Net interest income	5,993,551	5,588,454
Provision for loan losses	-	25,454
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	5,993,551	5,563,000
Noninterest income:		
Service charges and other fee income	814,699	790,986
Gain on sale of securities	13,841	108,946
Gain on sale of real estate owned and other repossessed assets	14,709	19,308
Other	173,439	10,137
	<u>1,016,688</u>	<u>929,377</u>
Noninterest expense:		
Compensation and employee benefits	3,407,347	2,919,344
Occupancy and equipment	1,022,997	1,057,321
Professional fees	385,762	421,145
Deposit insurance premiums	109,695	127,555
Other	1,370,560	1,264,042
	<u>6,296,361</u>	<u>5,789,407</u>
Net income before income tax benefit	713,878	702,970
Income tax benefit	453,777	2,398,676
Net income	\$ 1,167,655	\$ 3,101,646
Basic and diluted income per share	<u>\$ 0.75</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

First Bancshares, Inc. and Subsidiaries

**Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015**

	2016	2015
Net income	\$ 1,167,655	\$ 3,101,646
Other comprehensive income:		
Unrealized holding gains arising during the year	36,111	77,830
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income before income taxes	13,841	108,946
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Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 1,217,607</u>	<u>\$ 3,288,422</u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

First Bancshares, Inc. and Subsidiaries

**Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity
Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015**

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$ 28,950	\$ 18,062,566	\$ 17,648,247	\$ (19,123,359)	\$ (1,348,952)	\$ 15,267,452
Net income	-	-	3,101,646	-	-	3,101,646
Repurchase of 775 shares of common stock for the treasury	-	-	-	(6,308)	-	(6,308)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	186,776	186,776
Balance, December 31, 2015	28,950	18,062,566	20,749,893	(19,129,667)	(1,162,176)	18,549,566
Net income	-	-	1,167,655	-	-	1,167,655
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	49,952	49,952
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 28,950	\$ 18,062,566	\$ 21,917,548	\$ (19,129,667)	\$ (1,112,224)	\$ 19,767,173

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

First Bancshares, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 1,167,655	\$ 3,101,646
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	434,601	392,210
Net premium amortization on securities	144,767	232,427
Gain on sale of securities	(13,841)	(108,333)
Provision for loan losses	-	25,454
Gain on sale of premises and equipment	(1,818)	130,522
Gain on sale of real estate owned and other repossessed assets	(14,709)	(19,308)
Deferred income taxes	(1,037,106)	(2,398,676)
Net change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Increase in cash surrender value of bank-owned life insurance	2,222	52,688
Other assets	(64,607)	(212,361)
Other liabilities	163,283	27,503
Net cash provided by operating activities	780,447	1,223,772
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Increase in interest-bearing deposits in other financial institutions	(1,471,221)	(2,887,698)
Purchase of securities available for sale	(51,323,817)	(24,594,798)
Proceeds from sales, maturities and principal paydowns of securities available for sale	54,768,078	28,727,262
Purchase of Federal Home Loan Bank stock	20,400	-
Proceeds from redemption of Federal Home Loan Bank stock	-	(70,500)
Net increase in loans receivable	(12,352,031)	(8,666,819)
Purchase of premises and equipment	(1,063,514)	(2,876,061)
Proceeds from sale of real estate owned and other repossessed assets	101,040	126,769
Proceeds from sales of premises and equipment	463,962	1,399,575
Purchase of CSV life insurance	(109,135)	(157,386)
Net cash used in investing activities	(10,966,238)	(8,999,656)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net increase in deposits	5,013,629	7,967,391
Net increase in repurchase agreements	1,057,854	3,897,986
Proceeds from Federal Home Loan Bank advances	6,000,000	7,000,000
Repayment of Federal Home Loan Bank advances	(7,000,000)	(5,500,000)
Purchase of common stock for treasury	-	(6,308)
Net cash provided by financing activities	5,071,483	13,359,069
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(5,114,308)	5,583,185
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning of year	9,822,726	4,239,541
End of year	\$ 4,708,418	\$ 9,822,726
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the year for:		
Interest on deposits and other borrowings	\$ 1,208,531	\$ 1,116,177
Supplemental schedule of noncash investing and financing activities:		
Loans transferred to real estate owned	\$ 76,331	\$ 117,461

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

First Bancshares, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of operations: First Bancshares, Inc., a Missouri corporation (the Company), is the holding company for First Home Bank (the Bank). The Bank is primarily engaged in providing a full range of banking and mortgage services to individual and corporate customers in southern Missouri. On January 22, 2014, the Bank completed a charter conversion to a Missouri chartered nonmember commercial bank from a Missouri chartered stock nonmember thrift and changed its title from First Home Savings Bank to First Home Bank. The Company and Bank are also subject to the regulation by certain federal and state agencies and undergo periodic examinations by those regulatory authorities.

Principles of consolidation: The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries, the Bank and the wholly owned subsidiaries of the Bank and Fybar Service Corporation. In consolidation, all significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Use of estimates: In preparing the consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated balance sheet and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term relate to the determination of the fair value of financial instruments, the allowance for loan losses, and the valuation allowance on deferred income tax assets.

Concentrations of credit risk: Most of the Company's lending activity occurs within the state of Missouri, including 11 counties surrounding one of the largest metropolitan areas in the state of Missouri, Springfield, as well as other markets. The majority of the Company's loan portfolio consists of residential real estate, commercial, and commercial real estate loans. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, there were no concentrations of loans related to any single industry in excess of 10 percent of total loans.

Cash and cash equivalents: For purposes of the consolidated statements of cash flows, cash consists of cash on hand and deposits with other financial institutions. Cash equivalents include highly liquid instruments with an original maturity of three months or less. Cash flows from interest-bearing deposits in other financial institutions, loans, deposits, and retail repurchase agreements are reported net.

Securities: All securities are designated as available-for-sale, a designation which provides the Company with certain flexibility in managing its investment portfolio. Such securities are reported at fair value with unrealized gains and losses excluded from income and reported net of applicable income taxes as a component of comprehensive income.

Interest income on securities is recognized on the interest method according to the terms of the security. Gains or losses on sales of securities are recognized in operations at the time of sale and are determined by the difference between the net sales proceeds and the cost of the securities using the specific-identification method, adjusted for any unamortized premiums or discounts. Premiums or discounts are amortized or accreted to income using the interest method over the period to maturity.

First Bancshares, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Declines in the fair value of equity securities below their amortized cost basis that are deemed to be other-than-temporary impairment losses are reflected as realized losses in the consolidated statements of operations. To determine if an other-than-temporary impairment exists on an equity security, the Company considers (a) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (b) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, (c) the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for an anticipated recovery in fair value and (d) the current market conditions. To determine if an other-than-temporary impairment exists on a debt security, the Company first determines if (a) it intends to sell the security or (b) it is more likely than not that it will be required to sell the security before its anticipated recovery. If either of the conditions is met, the Company will recognize an other-than-temporary impairment in earnings equal to the difference between the fair value of the security and its adjusted cost basis. If neither of the conditions is met, the Company determines (a) the amount of the impairment related to credit loss and (b) the amount of the impairment due to all other factors. The difference between the present values of the cash flows expected to be collected and the amortized cost basis is the credit loss. The amount of the credit loss is included in the consolidated statements of operations as an other-than-temporary impairment on securities and is an adjustment to the cost basis of the security. The portion of the total impairment that is related to all other factors is included in other comprehensive income.

Federal Home Loan Bank stock: The Bank, as a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) system, is required to maintain an investment in capital stock of the FHLB of Des Moines. The stock does not have a readily determinable fair market value and, as such, is carried at cost and evaluated for impairment annually. There have been no other-than-temporary impairments recorded on this security.

Loans receivable: Loans receivable are stated at the amount of unpaid principal, reduced by an allowance for loan losses. Direct loan origination fees and costs are generally being deferred and the net amounts amortized as an adjustment of the related loan's yield. The Company generally amortizes these amounts over the contractual life. Direct loan origination fees and costs related to loans sold to unrelated third parties are recognized as income or expense in the current consolidated statement of operations. Commitment fees based upon a percentage of customers' unused lines of credit and fees related to standby letters of credit are not significant to the consolidated financial statements.

The Company's portfolio segments and classes are as follows:

Real estate:

- Residential
- Commercial

Land

Consumer

Commercial

Generally, for all classes of loans, loans are considered past due if the required principal and interest payments have not been received as of the date such payments were due. Loans are placed on nonaccrual status when, in management's opinion, the borrower may be unable to meet payment obligations as they become due, as well as when required by regulatory provisions, which is generally when loans become 90 days past due. Loans may be placed on nonaccrual status regardless of whether or not such loans are considered past due. When interest accrual is discontinued, all unpaid accrued interest is reversed. Interest income is subsequently recognized only to the extent cash payments are received in excess of principal due. Loans are returned to accrual status when all the principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current and future payments are reasonably assured.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Troubled debt restructures: A troubled debt restructuring exists when the Company, for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower's financial difficulties, grants a concession (either imposed by court order, law, or agreement between the borrower and the Company) to the borrower that it would not otherwise consider. These concessions could include forgiveness of principal, extension of maturity dates, and reduction of stated interest rates or accrued interest. The Company is attempting to maximize its recovery of the balances of the loans through these various concessionary restructurings. See Note 3 for disclosure of the Company's troubled debt restructurings.

Allowance for loan losses: For all classes of loans, the allowance for loan losses is maintained at the level considered adequate by management of the Company to provide for losses that are probable. The allowance is increased by provisions charged to operating expense and reduced by net charge-offs. In determining the adequacy of the allowance balance, the Company makes continuous evaluations of the loan portfolio and related off-balance-sheet commitments, considers current economic conditions, historical loan loss experience, review of specific problem loans and other factors.

A discussion of the risk characteristics and the allowance for loan losses by each loan class follows:

For real estate and land loans, the Company focuses on real estate developers, investors and owner occupants in its recognized trade area. The Company provides term loans to finance the acquisition of real estate and lines of credit to finance land acquisition and development and construction of one- to four- family residential and commercial properties. The Company finances various types of real estate, including nonresidential and residential owner occupied, land acquisition and development, and nonresidential, nonowner occupied properties. It is the Company's policy that prudently underwritten real estate loans should reflect all relevant credit factors and approval is based on the following:

- The capacity of the borrower, or income from the underlying property, to adequately service the debt
- The value of the mortgaged property
- The overall creditworthiness of the borrower and borrower's liquidity
- The level of equity invested in the property
- Historic and projected cash flow data, including interest and vacancy rates and sensitivity analysis, if investment property related
- Any secondary sources of repayment

Commercial and commercial real estate loans are underwritten after evaluating and understanding the borrower's ability to operate profitably and prudently expand its business. Underwriting standards are designed to promote relationship banking rather than transactional banking. Once it is determined that the borrower's management possesses sound ethics and solid business acumen, the Company's management examines current and projected cash flows to determine the ability of the borrower to repay their obligations as agreed. Commercial loans are primarily made based on the identified cash flows of the borrower and secondarily on the underlying collateral provided by the borrower. The cash flows of borrowers, however, may not be as expected and the collateral securing these loans may fluctuate in value. Most commercial loans are secured by the assets being financed, including business equipment loans, farm equipment loans and cattle loans and may incorporate a personal guarantee; however, some short-term loans may be made on an unsecured basis. In the case of loans secured by accounts receivable, the availability of funds for the repayment of these loans may be substantially dependent on the ability of the borrower to collect amounts due from its customers.

First Bancshares, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The Company originates consumer loans utilizing a computer-based credit scoring analysis to supplement the underwriting process. To monitor and manage consumer loan risk, policies and procedures are developed and modified, as needed. This activity, coupled with relatively small loan amounts that are spread across many individual borrowers, minimizes risk. Additionally, trend and outlook reports are reviewed by management on a regular basis. Underwriting standards for home equity loans are heavily influenced by statutory requirements, which include, but are not limited to, a maximum loan-to-value, collection remedies, the total aggregate balance to one borrower and documentation requirements.

In some instances for all loans, it may be appropriate to originate or purchase loans that are exceptions to the guidelines and limits established within the lending policy described above and below. In general, exceptions to the lending policy do not significantly deviate from the guidelines and limits established within the lending policy and, if there are exceptions, they are clearly noted as such and specifically identified in loan approval documents.

The allowance for estimated losses on loans consists of specific and general components.

The specific component relates to loans that are classified as impaired, as defined below. For those loans that are classified as impaired, an allowance is established when the discounted cash flows (or collateral value or observable market price) of the impaired loan is lower than the carrying value of that loan.

A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Factors considered by management in determining impairment include payment status, collateral value, and the probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments when due. Loans that experience insignificant payment delays and payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired. Management determines the significance of payment delays and payment shortfalls on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration all of the circumstances surrounding the loan and the borrower, including the length of the delay, the reasons for the delay, the borrower's prior payment record and the amount of the shortfall in relation to the principal and interest owed. Impairment is measured on a case-by-case basis by either the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, the loan's observable market price, or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent.

The general component consists of quantitative and qualitative factors and covers nonimpaired loans. The quantitative factors are based on historical charge-off experience and expected loss given default derived from the Company's internal risk rating process. See below for a detailed description of the Company's internal risk rating scale. The qualitative factors are determined based on an assessment of internal and/or external influences on credit quality that are not fully reflected in the historical loss or risk rating data.

For all loans, the Company utilizes the following internal risk rating scale:

Grade 1: This risk grading is generally reserved for credits fully secured by deposits at the Bank.

Grade 2: These are well established borrowers operating in a reasonably stable industry that may be only moderately affected by the business cycle. Management, owners and guarantors have unquestioned character, as demonstrated by repeated performance. Elements of strength are present in such areas as liquidity, stability of margins and cash flows, diversity of assets, and lack of dependence on one type of business. The total credit relationship is less than \$500,000.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Grade 3: This grade includes loans that are “pass grade” loans to borrowers of acceptable credit quality and risk. These borrowers have satisfactory asset quality and liquidity, adequate debt capacity and coverage, and good management in critical positions.

Grade 4: This grade includes loans that require “increased management attention.” These borrowers generally have limited additional debt capacity and modest coverage and average or below average asset quality, margins and market share.

Grade 5: A special mention asset has potential weaknesses that deserve management’s close attention. If left uncorrected, these potential weaknesses may result in deterioration of the repayment prospects for the asset or in the institution’s credit position at some future date. Assets that could be included in the special mention category include those that have developed minor credit weaknesses since origination, as well as those that were originated with such weaknesses. This includes loans the institution is unable to properly supervise because of an inadequate loan agreement, inadequate control over collateral (when such control is necessary to effect full repayment of the loan), or when a loan is made with significant deviations from prudent lending practices.

Grade 6: A “substandard” asset is inadequately protected by the current net worth and/or paying capacity of the obligor or by the collateral pledged, if any. Assets so classified must have a well-defined weakness, or weaknesses that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that the institution will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected.

Assets classified as substandard may be characterized by one or a combination of the following weaknesses:

- The primary source of repayment is gone or severely impaired and the institution may have to rely upon the secondary source.
- The asset is (or was) a loan or an investment that is nonperforming or nonearning.
- A loss may not seem likely, but sufficient problems have arisen to cause the Bank to go to extraordinary lengths to protect its position in order to maintain a high probability of repayment.
- The obligors are unable to generate enough cash flow to reduce their debts.
- There is a material deterioration in collateral value (if the collateral is expected to be a primary source of repayment).
- Flaws in security agreement or lien documentation leave the Bank in a subordinated or unsecured position when the collateral is likely to be needed for the repayment of the loan.

Grade 7: An asset classified “doubtful” has all the weaknesses inherent in one classified substandard with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently known facts, conditions and values, highly questionable and improbable. The likelihood of a loss on an asset or portion of an asset classified doubtful is high. Its classification as loss is not appropriate, however, because pending events are expected to materially reduce the amount of loss.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Grade 8: An asset, or portion thereof, classified “loss” is considered uncollectible and of such little value that its continuance on the institution’s books as an asset, without establishment of a specific valuation allowance or charge-off, is not warranted. This classification does not necessarily mean that an asset has no recovery or salvage value, but rather, there is much doubt about whether, how much, or when the recovery would occur. As such, it is not practical or desirable to defer the write-off.

The Company employs independent, outside consultants who review and validate the credit risk program on a periodic basis. The review consists of a sample of commercial and real estate loans and includes a selection of borrowing relationships over \$250,000 and selected criticized loans. Results of these reviews are presented to management and the Board of Directors. The loan review process complements and reinforces the risk identification and assessment decisions made by lenders and credit personnel, as well as the Company’s policies and procedures.

The Company provides many types of consumer and other loans, including motor vehicle, home improvement, home equity and small personal loans. The lending policy addresses specific credit guidelines by consumer loan type.

For residential real estate loans, consumer and other loans, these large groups of smaller balance homogenous loans are collectively evaluated for impairment, unless the loan has been restructured as a troubled debt restructuring, in which case the loan would be specifically evaluated for impairment. The Company applies a quantitative factor based on historical charge-off experience in total for each of these segments.

Troubled debt restructures are considered impaired loans and are subject to the same allowance methodology as described above for impaired loans by portfolio segment.

Credit-related financial instruments: Financial instruments include off-balance-sheet credit instruments, such as commitments to make loans and commercial letters of credit, issued to meet customer financing needs. The face amount for these items represents the exposure to loss before considering customer collateral or ability to repay. Such financial instruments are recorded when they are funded.

Cash surrender value of bank-owned life insurance: The Company has purchased life insurance policies on certain key executives. Bank-owned life insurance is recorded at its cash surrender value, or the amount that can be realized upon surrender of the policy.

Premises and equipment, net: Premises and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Land is carried at cost. Depreciation is computed principally on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Additions, major replacements and improvements are added to the respective asset balance at cost. Maintenance, repairs and minor replacements are charged directly to expense as incurred. Buildings and investment real estate have estimated useful lives ranging from 15 to 40 years. All other assets have estimated useful lives ranging from three to 10 years with improvements being depreciated over the remaining estimated life of the related asset.

Real estate owned and repossessed assets: Real estate acquired through foreclosure is initially recorded at fair value, less estimated costs to sell, establishing a new cost basis. If the fair value less costs to sell is less than the respective loan balance, a charge against the allowance for loan losses is recorded upon property acquisition. Declines in property value subsequent to acquisition are charged to operations. Holding costs are expensed as incurred.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Transfers of financial assets: Transfers of financial assets are accounted for as sales only when control over the assets has been surrendered. Control over transferred assets is deemed to be surrendered when (1) the assets have been isolated from the Company, (2) the transferee obtains the right to pledge or exchange the assets it received, and no condition both constrains the transferee from taking advantage of its right to pledge or exchange and provides more than a modest benefit to the transferor and (3) the Company does not maintain effective control over the transferred assets through an agreement to repurchase them before their maturity or the ability to unilaterally cause the holder to return specific assets.

Impairment of long-lived assets: Long-lived assets, including property and equipment, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets.

Repurchase agreements: The Company has entered into sales of securities under agreements to repurchase. The amounts deposited under these agreements represent short-term borrowings and are reflected as a liability in the consolidated balance sheets. Securities held in safekeeping are pledged to the depositors under a written custodial agreement that explicitly recognizes the depositors' interest in the securities. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase generally mature within one day to 12 months from the transaction date.

Income taxes: The Company files its tax return on a consolidated basis with its subsidiaries. The entities follow the direct reimbursement method of accounting for income taxes under which income taxes or credits that result from the subsidiaries' inclusion on the consolidated tax return are paid to or received from the parent company.

Deferred taxes are determined using the liability (or balance sheet) method whereby deferred tax assets are recognized for deductible temporary differences and operating loss and tax credit carry-forwards, and deferred tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences. Temporary differences are the differences between the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment.

The Company accounts for uncertainty in income taxes, which addresses the determination of whether tax benefits claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return should be recorded in the financial statements. Under this guidance, the Company may recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50 percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. The guidance on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes also addresses derecognition, classification, interest and penalties on income taxes, and accounting in interim periods. The Company recognizes interest and penalties on income taxes as a component of income tax expense. The Company has not accrued any additional income taxes due to uncertain tax positions.

Revenue recognition: Deposit account transaction fees and other ancillary noninterest income related to the Bank's deposit and lending activities are recognized as services are performed.

Stock-based compensation: The Company records any stock-based employee compensation cost using the fair value method. No stock options have been granted since 2007.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Comprehensive income: Comprehensive income consists of net income and other comprehensive income. For the Company, other comprehensive income consists entirely of unrealized gains (losses) on securities available for sale, net of deferred taxes and realized gains and losses in sales of securities.

Subsequent events: The Company has evaluated all subsequent events through February 24, 2017, the date that the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 2. Securities

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of securities available for sale are as follows:

	December 31, 2016			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized		Fair Value
		Gains	Losses	
United States government and federal agency obligations	\$ 33,497,565	\$ 370	\$ (1,085,635)	\$ 32,412,300
Municipal securities	3,356,180	1,438	(22,441)	3,335,177
Federal agency residential mortgage-backed securities	4,004,020	-	(73,667)	3,930,353
Federal agency collateralized mortgage obligations	15,619,065	-	(505,253)	15,113,812
Common and preferred stocks	198,000	-	-	198,000
	<u>\$ 56,674,830</u>	<u>\$ 1,808</u>	<u>\$ (1,686,996)</u>	<u>\$ 54,989,642</u>

	December 31, 2015			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized		Fair Value
		Gains	Losses	
United States government and federal agency obligations	\$ 17,647,201	\$ 9,347	\$ (136,419)	\$ 17,520,129
Municipal securities	1,592,202	1,421	(8,911)	1,584,712
Federal agency residential mortgage-backed securities	9,636,731	30,652	(90,842)	9,576,541
Federal agency collateralized mortgage obligations	30,602,919	-	(967,424)	29,635,495
Common and preferred stocks	198,000	-	-	198,000
	<u>\$ 59,677,053</u>	<u>\$ 41,420</u>	<u>\$ (1,203,596)</u>	<u>\$ 58,514,877</u>

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Note 2. Securities (Continued)

The amortized cost and estimated market value of securities at December 31, 2016, by contractual maturity are shown below. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Securities not due at a single maturity date, such as residential mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations, are shown separately.

	Available for Sale	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Due after one year through five years	\$ 9,094,107	\$ 8,902,971
Due after five years through 10 years	27,759,638	26,844,506
Subtotal	36,853,745	35,747,477
Federal agency residential mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations	19,623,085	19,044,165
Common and preferred stocks	198,000	198,000
Total	<u>\$ 56,674,830</u>	<u>\$ 54,989,642</u>

During the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, gross realized gain on the sale of securities was \$13,841 and \$108,333, respectively.

The carrying value of securities pledged on repurchase agreements at December 31, 2016 and 2015, was \$15,981,135 and \$4,970,830, respectively.

The following tables present the fair value and gross unrealized losses of the Company's securities with unrealized losses aggregated by category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	Available for Sale as of December 31, 2016					
	Less Than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
United States government and federal agency obligations	\$ 30,930,850	\$ (1,066,715)	\$ 981,080	\$ (18,920)	\$ 31,911,930	\$ (1,085,635)
Municipal securities	1,193,046	(16,805)	759,684	(5,636)	1,952,730	(22,441)
Federal agency residential mortgage-backed securities	-	-	3,930,354	(73,667)	3,930,354	(73,667)
Federal agency collateralized mortgage obligations	-	-	15,113,812	(505,253)	15,113,812	(505,253)
Total temporarily impaired securities	<u>\$ 32,123,896</u>	<u>\$ (1,083,520)</u>	<u>\$ 20,784,930</u>	<u>\$ (603,476)</u>	<u>\$ 52,908,826</u>	<u>\$ (1,686,996)</u>

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Note 2. Securities (Continued)

	Available for Sale as of December 31, 2015					
	Less Than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
	Gross		Gross		Gross	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
United States government and federal agency obligations	\$ 11,457,214	\$ (92,869)	\$ 1,956,450	\$ (43,550)	\$ 13,413,664	\$ (136,419)
Municipal securities	766,646	(6,460)	260,650	(2,451)	1,027,296	(8,911)
Federal agency residential mortgage-backed securities	3,484,928	(61,052)	4,023,681	(29,790)	7,508,609	(90,842)
Federal agency collateralized mortgage obligations	5,116,547	(94,213)	24,518,947	(873,211)	29,635,494	(967,424)
Total temporarily impaired securities	<u>\$ 20,825,335</u>	<u>\$ (254,594)</u>	<u>\$ 30,759,728</u>	<u>\$ (949,002)</u>	<u>\$ 51,585,063</u>	<u>\$ (1,203,596)</u>

As of December 31, 2016, the investment portfolio included 104 securities. Of this number, 66 securities have current unrealized losses, 27 of which have existed for longer than one year. All of the debt securities with unrealized losses are considered to be acceptable credit risks. Based upon an evaluation of the available evidence, including recent changes in market rates and credit rating information, management believes the decline in fair values for these debt securities are temporary. In addition, the Company does not have the intent to sell these debt securities prior to their anticipated recovery and will more than likely not be required to sell these securities prior to maturity.

The Company did not recognize any other-than-temporary impairment on securities available for sale during the year ended December 31, 2016.

Note 3. Loans Receivable

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, loans consisted of the following:

Type of Loan	2016	2015
Real estate:		
Residential	\$ 58,045,324	\$ 56,874,143
Commercial	60,850,829	53,387,869
Land	2,834,418	2,466,044
Commercial	14,259,217	10,956,319
Consumer	2,308,519	2,375,255
Total loans	<u>138,298,307</u>	<u>126,059,630</u>
Add unamortized deferred loan costs, net of origination fees	210,401	169,360
Less allowance for loan losses	(1,706,497)	(1,702,479)
Total loans receivable, net	<u>\$ 136,802,211</u>	<u>\$ 124,526,511</u>

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Note 3. Loans Receivable (Continued)

The aging of the loan portfolio, by classes of loans, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, are summarized below:

Type of Loan	December 31, 2016				
	Accruing Loans		Nonaccrual Loans	Current Loans	Total Loans
	30–89 Days Past Due	90+ Days Past Due			
Real estate:					
Residential	\$ 181,011	\$ -	\$ 168,385	\$ 57,695,928	\$ 58,045,324
Commercial	-	-	68,549	60,782,280	60,850,829
Land	-	-	-	2,834,418	2,834,418
Commercial	-	-	-	14,259,217	14,259,217
Consumer	-	-	-	2,308,519	2,308,519
Total loans	\$ 181,011	\$ -	\$ 236,934	\$ 137,880,362	\$ 138,298,307

Type of Loan	December 31, 2015				
	Accruing Loans		Nonaccrual Loans	Current Loans	Total Loans
	30–89 Days Past Due	90+ Days Past Due			
Real estate:					
Residential	\$ 25,464	\$ -	\$ 90,957	\$ 56,757,722	\$ 56,874,143
Commercial	433,544	-	-	52,954,325	53,387,869
Land	-	-	-	2,466,044	2,466,044
Commercial	-	-	-	10,956,319	10,956,319
Consumer	26,647	-	-	2,348,608	2,375,255
Total loans	\$ 485,655	\$ -	\$ 90,957	\$ 125,483,018	\$ 126,059,630

Nonperforming loans, by classes of loans, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, are summarized as follows:

	December 31, 2016				
	Accruing Past Due 90 Days Or More	Nonaccrual Loans	Troubled Debt Restructurings— Accruing	Total Nonperforming Loans	Percentage of Total Nonperforming Loans
	Real estate:				
Residential	\$ -	\$ 168,385	\$ 8,747	\$ 177,132	72.10%
Commercial	-	68,549	-	68,549	27.90%
	\$ -	\$ 236,934	\$ 8,747	\$ 245,681	100.00%

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Note 3. Loans Receivable (Continued)

	December 31, 2015				
	Accruing Past Due 90 Days Or More	Nonaccrual Loans	Troubled Debt Restructurings— Accruing	Total Nonperforming Loans	Percentage of Total Nonperforming Loans
Real estate:					
Residential	\$ -	\$ 90,957	\$ 11,512	\$ 102,469	14.71%
Commercial	-	-	594,135	594,135	85.29%
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 90,957</u>	<u>\$ 605,647</u>	<u>\$ 696,604</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

The following tables detail activity in the allowance for loan losses by class of loan for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	December 31, 2016					
	Real Estate Residential	Real Estate Commercial	Land	Commercial	Consumer	Total
Balance, beginning	\$ 406,372	\$ 781,235	\$ 62,846	\$ 424,810	\$ 27,216	\$ 1,702,479
Provision charged to expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	14,269	-	-	29,841	1,500	45,610
	<u>420,641</u>	<u>781,235</u>	<u>62,846</u>	<u>454,651</u>	<u>28,716</u>	<u>1,748,089</u>
Loans charged off	(37,871)	-	-	-	(3,721)	(41,592)
Balance, ending	<u>\$ 382,770</u>	<u>\$ 781,235</u>	<u>\$ 62,846</u>	<u>\$ 454,651</u>	<u>\$ 24,995</u>	<u>\$ 1,706,497</u>

	December 31, 2015					
	Real Estate Residential	Real Estate Commercial	Land	Commercial	Consumer	Total
Balance, beginning	\$ 394,780	\$ 782,574	\$ 26,277	\$ 411,941	\$ 8,393	\$ 1,623,965
Provision charged to expense	25,454	-	-	-	-	25,454
Recoveries	25,271	-	36,569	12,869	18,823	93,532
	<u>445,505</u>	<u>782,574</u>	<u>62,846</u>	<u>424,810</u>	<u>27,216</u>	<u>1,742,951</u>
Loans charged off	(39,133)	(1,339)	-	-	-	(40,472)
Balance, ending	<u>\$ 406,372</u>	<u>\$ 781,235</u>	<u>\$ 62,846</u>	<u>\$ 424,810</u>	<u>\$ 27,216</u>	<u>\$ 1,702,479</u>

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Note 3. Loans Receivable (Continued)

The allowance for loan losses by impairment evaluation and by portfolio class, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, are summarized as follows:

	December 31, 2016					
	Real Estate Residential	Real Estate Commercial	Land	Commercial	Consumer	Total
Allowance for loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 25,118	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,118
Allowance for loans collectively evaluated for impairment	357,652	781,235	62,846	454,651	24,995	1,681,379
	<u>\$ 382,770</u>	<u>\$ 781,235</u>	<u>\$ 62,846</u>	<u>\$ 454,651</u>	<u>\$ 24,995</u>	<u>\$ 1,706,497</u>
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 601,497	\$ 68,549	\$ 224,642	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 894,688
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	57,443,827	60,782,280	2,609,776	14,259,217	2,308,519	137,403,619
	<u>\$ 58,045,324</u>	<u>\$ 60,850,829</u>	<u>\$ 2,834,418</u>	<u>\$ 14,259,217</u>	<u>\$ 2,308,519</u>	<u>\$ 138,298,307</u>
	December 31, 2015					
	Real Estate Residential	Real Estate Commercial	Land	Commercial	Consumer	Total
Allowance for loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 28,339	\$ 72,638	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,977
Allowance for loans collectively evaluated for impairment	378,033	708,597	62,846	424,810	27,216	1,601,502
	<u>\$ 406,372</u>	<u>\$ 781,235</u>	<u>\$ 62,846</u>	<u>\$ 424,810</u>	<u>\$ 27,216</u>	<u>\$ 1,702,479</u>
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 475,335	\$ 833,862	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,309,197
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	56,398,808	52,554,007	2,466,044	10,956,319	2,375,255	124,750,433
	<u>\$ 56,874,143</u>	<u>\$ 53,387,869</u>	<u>\$ 2,466,044</u>	<u>\$ 10,956,319</u>	<u>\$ 2,375,255</u>	<u>\$ 126,059,630</u>

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Note 3. Loans Receivable (Continued)

Loans, by classes of loans, considered to be impaired as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, are summarized as follows:

	December 31, 2016				
	Recorded Investment	Unpaid Principal Balance	Related Allowance	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized for Cash Payments Received
Classes of loans:					
Impaired loans with no specific allowance recorded:					
Real estate:					
Residential	\$ 398,765	\$ 398,765	\$ -	\$ 338,965	\$ 18,299
Commercial	68,549	68,549	-	222,997	-
Land	224,642	224,642	-	112,321	4,622
	<u>\$ 691,956</u>	<u>\$ 691,956</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 674,283</u>	<u>\$ 22,921</u>
Impaired loans with specific allowance recorded:					
Real estate:					
Residential	\$ 202,732	\$ 202,732	\$ 25,118	\$ 199,452	\$ 13,851
Commercial	-	-	-	228,209	-
Land	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 202,732</u>	<u>\$ 202,732</u>	<u>\$ 25,118</u>	<u>\$ 427,661</u>	<u>\$ 13,851</u>
Total impaired loans:					
Real estate:					
Residential	\$ 601,497	\$ 601,497	\$ 25,118	\$ 538,417	\$ 32,150
Commercial	68,549	68,549	-	451,206	-
Land	224,642	224,642	-	112,321	4,622
	<u>\$ 894,688</u>	<u>\$ 894,688</u>	<u>\$ 25,118</u>	<u>\$ 1,101,944</u>	<u>\$ 36,772</u>

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Note 3. Loans Receivable (Continued)

	December 31, 2015				
	Recorded Investment	Unpaid Principal Balance	Related Allowance	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized for Cash Payments Received
Classes of loans:					
Impaired loans with no specific allowance recorded:					
Real estate:					
Residential	\$ 279,164	\$ 279,164	\$ -	\$ 321,658	\$ 15,064
Commercial	377,444	377,444	-	686,021	23,574
Land	-	-	-	26,964	-
	<u>\$ 656,608</u>	<u>\$ 656,608</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,034,643</u>	<u>\$ 38,638</u>
Impaired loans with specific allowance recorded:					
Real estate:					
Residential	\$ 196,171	\$ 196,171	\$ 28,339	\$ 244,332	\$ 11,182
Commercial	456,418	456,418	72,638	463,548	26,361
Commercial	-	-	-	138	-
	<u>\$ 652,589</u>	<u>\$ 652,589</u>	<u>\$ 100,977</u>	<u>\$ 708,018</u>	<u>\$ 37,543</u>
Total impaired loans:					
Real estate:					
Residential	\$ 475,335	\$ 475,335	\$ 28,339	\$ 565,990	\$ 26,246
Commercial	833,862	833,862	72,638	1,149,569	49,935
Land	-	-	-	26,964	-
Commercial	-	-	-	138	-
	<u>\$ 1,309,197</u>	<u>\$ 1,309,197</u>	<u>\$ 100,977</u>	<u>\$ 1,742,661</u>	<u>\$ 76,181</u>

Impaired loans for which no allowance has been provided as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, have adequate collateral, based on management's current estimates.

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Note 3. Loans Receivable (Continued)

The following tables show the outstanding balance of loans by credit quality indicator and loan class as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

Type of Loan	December 31, 2016				Total
	Pass (Grades 1-4)	(Grade 5)	Substandard (Grade 6)	Doubtful (Grade 7)	
Real estate:					
Residential	\$ 57,068,777	\$ 375,050	\$ 601,497	\$ -	\$ 58,045,324
Commercial	59,420,167	1,362,113	68,549	-	60,850,829
Land	2,609,776	-	224,642	-	2,834,418
Commercial	14,259,217	-	-	-	14,259,217
Consumer	2,308,519	-	-	-	2,308,519
Total gross loans	<u>\$ 135,666,456</u>	<u>\$ 1,737,163</u>	<u>\$ 894,688</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 138,298,307</u>

Type of Loan	December 31, 2015				Total
	Pass (Grades 1-4)	(Grade 5)	Substandard (Grade 6)	Doubtful (Grade 7)	
Real estate:					
Residential	\$ 56,227,724	\$ 171,084	\$ 475,335	\$ -	\$ 56,874,143
Commercial	51,956,588	597,419	833,862	-	53,387,869
Land	2,108,766	357,278	-	-	2,466,044
Commercial	10,956,319	-	-	-	10,956,319
Consumer	2,375,255	-	-	-	2,375,255
Total gross loans	<u>\$ 123,624,652</u>	<u>\$ 1,125,781</u>	<u>\$ 1,309,197</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 126,059,630</u>

The Company's credit quality indicator is internally assigned risk ratings. Each loan is assigned a risk rating upon origination. This risk rating is reviewed on commercial and commercial real estate loans greater than \$250,000 on an annual basis or on an as-needed basis depending on circumstances. All other loans are reviewed on an as-needed basis depending on the specific circumstances of the loan. See Note 1 for further discussion on the Bank's risk ratings.

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, troubled debt restructurings totaled \$8,747 and \$605,647, respectively.

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Note 4. Premises and Equipment

Premises and equipment at December 31, 2016 and 2015, consists of the following:

	2016	2015
Land	\$ 749,954	\$ 842,000
Buildings	7,442,831	8,063,236
Office furniture, fixtures and equipment	3,083,409	3,020,745
Automobiles	-	202,509
	<u>11,276,194</u>	<u>12,128,490</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	5,388,767	5,635,351
Construction in progress	780,548	8,067
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 6,667,975</u>	<u>\$ 6,501,206</u>

As of December 31, 2016, there are no significant remaining commitments on construction in progress.

The Bank's full-service branch office in Marshfield, Missouri, is leased. Minimum future lease payments for the office at December 31, 2016, total \$2,700 and are due in 2017.

Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, was \$13,749 and \$100,193, respectively.

Note 5. Deposits

A summary of deposit accounts at December 31, 2016 and 2015, is as follows:

	2016	2015
Noninterest-bearing checking	\$ 12,994,425	\$ 12,809,416
Interest-bearing checking	58,321,400	48,737,587
Super-saver money market	14,750,337	13,834,181
Savings	11,629,505	10,245,791
Money market savings accounts	25,071,407	28,535,149
Certificates of deposit	58,960,006	62,551,327
Total	<u>\$ 181,727,080</u>	<u>\$ 176,713,451</u>

The aggregate amount of certificates of deposit, each with a minimum denomination of \$100,000, was \$43,642,388 and \$35,279,704 at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

The aggregate amount of deposits, each with a balance greater than the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance coverage of \$250,000, was \$27,917,605 and \$20,640,435 at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

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Note 5. Deposits (Continued)

At December 31, 2016, scheduled maturities of certificates of deposit are as follows:

Years ending December 31:	
2017	\$ 30,229,460
2018	12,619,722
2019	9,245,754
2020	5,051,972
2021	1,800,773
Thereafter	12,325
	<u>\$ 58,960,006</u>

Note 6. Repurchase Agreements

The Bank offers repurchase agreements as an additional product offering to its customers. Repurchase agreements allow customers to have excess checking account balances “swept” from the checking accounts into a noninsured interest-bearing account. The customers’ investment in these noninsured accounts is collateralized by securities of the Bank pledged at FHLB for that purpose. The agreements mature daily and carry a weighted-average interest rate of 0.85 percent and 1.03 percent at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Note 7. Advances From Federal Home Loan Bank and Other Borrowed Money

Advances are obtained from the FHLB of Des Moines. The advances are secured by FHLB stock and a blanket pledge of qualifying one- to four-family mortgage loans. Advances from the FHLB at December 31, 2016 and 2015, are \$12,000,000 and \$13,000,000, respectively. The advances bear interest rates ranging from 0.77 percent to 1.39 percent and mature February 2017 to September 2019. The weighted-average interest rate was 1.09 percent and 0.37 percent as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

As of December 31, 2016, the fixed-rate term advances shown above are subject to a prepayment fee equal to 100 percent of the present value of the monthly lost cash flow to the FHLB based upon the difference between the contract rate on the advance and the rate on an alternative qualifying investment of the same remaining maturity. Advances may be prepaid without a prepayment fee if the rate on an advance being prepaid is equal to or below the current rate for an alternative qualifying investment of the same remaining maturity.

At December 31, 2016, maturities of FHLB advances are as follows:

	<u>Aggregate</u> <u>Annual Maturities</u>
Years ending December 31:	
2017	\$ 4,500,000
2018	3,500,000
2019	2,000,000
Revolving loan	2,000,000
	<u>\$ 12,000,000</u>

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Note 8. Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes charged to operations for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, consists of the following:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Current tax	\$ 10,366	\$ -
Deferred tax	(464,143)	(2,398,676)
Total	<u>\$ (453,777)</u>	<u>\$ (2,398,676)</u>

The provision for income taxes (benefit) differs from that computed at the statutory corporate rate (34 percent) for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Tax at statutory rate	\$ 242,720	\$ 239,010
Increase (decrease) in taxes resulting from:		
State taxes, net of federal benefit	24,285	20,513
Tax-exempt income	(3,339)	(5,163)
Expired credits	81,220	-
Bank-owned life insurance	(36,352)	(35,596)
Change in valuation allowance	(769,663)	(2,619,759)
Other, net	7,352	2,319
Income tax benefit	<u>\$ (453,777)</u>	<u>\$ (2,398,676)</u>

The change in valuation allowance does not reflect that portion of the change related to the net unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities of \$395,140 and \$63,504 for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

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Note 8. Income Taxes (Continued)

The components of deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, consisted of the following:

	2016	2015
Deferred tax assets:		
Allowance for loan losses	\$ 659,049	\$ 656,399
Missouri low-income housing and other credits	39,795	140,562
Net unrealized loss on available-for-sale securities	572,964	395,141
Other real estate owned	152,396	152,141
State net operating loss carryforwards	196,566	187,535
Federal net operating loss carryforwards	2,337,683	2,518,328
Charitable contributions	-	4,777
Total gross deferred tax assets	<u>3,958,453</u>	<u>4,054,883</u>
Valuation allowance	<u>(196,566)</u>	<u>(1,361,369)</u>
	<u>3,761,887</u>	<u>2,693,514</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Premises and equipment	(135,344)	(96,530)
FHLB stock dividends	(63,604)	(63,498)
Prepaid expenses	(45,900)	(69,512)
Unamortized deferred loan costs, net of fees	(81,257)	(65,298)
Total gross deferred tax liabilities	<u>(326,105)</u>	<u>(294,838)</u>
Total net deferred tax assets	<u>\$ 3,435,782</u>	<u>\$ 2,398,676</u>

In accordance with *FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC)* Topics 740-10 and 740-30, a deferred tax liability has not been recognized for tax-basis bad-debt reserves of \$2.2 million of the former savings bank that arose in tax years that began prior to December 31, 1987. At December 31, 2015, the amount of the deferred tax liability that had not been recognized was approximately \$811,000. This deferred tax liability could be recognized if, in the future, there is a change in federal tax law, the former savings bank fails to meet the definition of a "qualified savings institution," as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, certain distributions are made with respect to the stock of the former savings bank, or the bad-debt reserves are used for any purpose other than absorbing bad debts.

During the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company recorded a valuation allowance of approximately \$0.2 million and \$1.4 million, respectively. The decrease in valuation allowance relates to the expected amount of net operating loss and tax credit carryovers to be utilized over the remaining carryover periods. Realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon sufficient future taxable income during the period that deductible temporary differences and carryforwards are expected to be available to reduce taxable income.

At December 31, 2016, the Company had net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$6.9 million, which are available to offset future taxable income and expire in varying amounts through 2034.

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Note 9. Employee Benefit Plans

The Bank had participated in a multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all employees. In fiscal 2006, the Bank opted to freeze the plan. Participants in the plan became entitled to their vested benefits at the date it was frozen. The Bank limited its future obligations to the funding amount required by the annual actuarial evaluation of the plan and administrative costs. No participants will be added to the plan. Pension expense for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, was approximately \$112,977 and \$150,955, respectively. This plan is not subject to the requirements of ASC Topics 715 and 958.

The First Home Bank Employee Stock Ownership and 401(k) Plan covers all employees that are age 21 and have completed six months of service. The Company makes contributions on a matching basis 100 percent on the first 3 percent of employee deferrals and 50 percent on the next 2 percent of employee deferrals. Expense for the employee stock ownership and 401(k) plan for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, was \$73,211 and \$70,158, respectively.

Compensation expense for stock-based awards is recorded over the vesting period at the fair values of the award at the time of the grant. The recording of such compensation began on July 1, 2006, for shares not yet vested as of that date and for all new grants subsequent to that date. The exercise price of options granted under the Company's incentive plans is equal to the fair market value of the underlying stock at the grant date. The Company assumes no projected forfeiture rates on its stock-based compensation.

The Company's 2004 Stock Option and Incentive Plan has authorized the grant of options to certain officers, employees and directors for up to 100,000 shares of the Company's common stock. All options granted have 10-year terms and vest and become exercisable ratably over five years following the date of grant. The plan was approved by shareholders in October 2004. At December 31, 2016, there were 78,000 shares of stock available for grant under the plan.

The Company's 2004 Management Recognition Plan has authorized the award of shares to certain officers, employees and directors for up to 50,000 shares of the Company's common stock. All shares awarded will have a restricted period to be determined by the Company's Compensation Committee. The restricted period shall not be less than three years if the award is time based, or not less than one year if performance based. The plan was approved by shareholders in October 2004. No shares have been issued from this plan.

No options were granted during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. The last options were granted in fiscal 2007.

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Note 9. Employee Benefit Plans (Continued)

A summary of the Company's stock option activity and related information for the years ended December 31 follows:

	2016		2015	
	Options	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Options	Weighted-Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at beginning of year	7,000	\$ 17.14	7,000	\$ 17.14
Granted	-	-	-	-
Exercised	-	17.50	-	-
Forfeited	(2,000)	-	-	-
Outstanding at end of year	<u>5,000</u>		<u>7,000</u>	
Exercisable at end of year	<u>5,000</u>	\$ 17.00	<u>7,000</u>	\$ 17.14

The following table summarizes information about stock options at December 31, 2016:

Exercise Price	Number Outstanding at December 31, 2016	Number Exercisable at December 31, 2016	Remaining Contractual Life (Months)
\$ 17.00	5,000	5,000	3

As of December 31, 2016, there was no unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested share-based compensation agreements granted under the plan. There is no intrinsic value of vested options on Company stock as of December 31, 2016.

Note 10. Related-Party Transactions

Certain employees, officers and directors are engaged in transactions with the Bank in the ordinary course of business. It is the Bank's policy that all related-party transactions are conducted at "arm's length," and all loans and commitments included in such transactions are made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other customers.

Loans to officers and directors as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, were \$2,352,283 and \$2,235,596, respectively.

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Note 11. Commitments and Contingencies

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank has various outstanding commitments that are not reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. The principal commitments of the Bank are as follows:

Letters of credit: Outstanding standby letters of credit were approximately \$11,000 at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Loan commitments: The Bank had outstanding firm commitments to originate loans of approximately \$5,737,000 and \$2,795,000 at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Lines of credit: The unused portion of lines of credit was approximately \$12,907,000 and \$12,996,000 at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The Company evaluates each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by the Company upon extension of credit, is based on management's credit evaluation of the party. Collateral held varies, but may include accounts receivable, crops, livestock, inventory, property and equipment, residential and commercial real estate as well as income-producing commercial properties.

Standby letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the Company to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. Those guarantees are primarily issued to support public and private borrowing arrangements, including commercial paper, bond financing and similar transactions.

None of the guarantees extend longer than one year. The credit risk involved in issuing letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending loan facilities to customers. Collateral held varies as specified above and is required in instances which the Company deems necessary. All of the standby letters of credit outstanding at December 31, 2016, were collateralized. No amounts were recorded as liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2016 or 2015, for the Company's potential obligations under these guarantees.

In the normal course of business, the Company is involved in various legal proceedings. In the opinion of management, any liability resulting from such proceedings would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Note 12. Regulatory Matters

The Bank is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by its primary federal regulator, the FDIC. Failure to meet the minimum regulatory capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possible additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Bank and the consolidated financial statements. Under the regulatory capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines involving quantitative measures of the Bank's assets, liabilities and certain off-balance-sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The Bank's capital amounts and classification under the prompt corrective action guidelines are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings and other factors.

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Note 12. Regulatory Matters (Continued)

Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Bank to maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth in the table below) of total risk-based capital and Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets (as defined in the regulations), Tier 1 capital to adjusted total assets (as defined), and tangible capital to adjusted total assets (as defined).

Management believes, as of December 31, 2016, that the Bank meets all capital adequacy requirements to which it is subject and was well-capitalized.

The Bank's actual capital amounts and ratios are also presented in the table.

	Actual		Minimum for Capital Adequacy Purposes		Minimum to Be Well-Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
As of December 31, 2016:						
Total risk-based capital						
(to risk-weighted assets)	\$ 19,957	14.49%	\$ 11,017	8.00%	\$ 13,772	10.00%
Core capital						
(to adjusted tangible assets)	18,250	8.34%	8,751	4.00%	10,938	5.00%
Tangible capital						
(to adjusted tangible assets)	18,250	8.34%	3,281	1.50%	-	0.00%
Tier 1 capital						
(to risk-weighted assets)	18,250	13.25%	5,509	4.00%	8,263	6.00%
As of December 31, 2015:						
Total risk-based capital						
(to risk-weighted assets)	18,538	14.61%	10,154	8.00%	12,692	10.00%
Core capital						
(to adjusted tangible assets)	16,935	8.22%	8,240	4.00%	10,300	5.00%
Tangible capital						
(to adjusted tangible assets)	16,935	8.22%	3,090	1.50%	N/A	0.00%
Tier 1 capital						
(to risk-weighted assets)	16,935	13.34%	5,077	4.00%	7,615	6.00%

In July 2013, the federal banking agencies issued a final rule revising the regulatory capital rules applicable to most national banks and federal savings associations as well as their holding companies generally beginning on January 1, 2015. The rule implements the Basel Committee's December 2010 framework known as "Basel III" for strengthening international capital standards as well as certain provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act. The final rule implements a revised definition of regulatory capital, a new common equity Tier 1 minimum capital requirement of 4.50 percent, and a higher Tier 1 capital requirement of 6.00 percent (which is an increase from 4.00 percent). Under the final rule, the total capital ratio remains at 8.00 percent, and the minimum leverage ratio (Tier 1 capital to total assets) for all banking organizations, regardless of supervisory rating, is 4.00 percent.

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Note 12. Regulatory Matters (Continued)

Additionally, under the final rule, in order to avoid limitations on capital distributions, including dividend payments and certain discretionary bonus payments to executive officers, a banking organization must hold a capital conservation buffer composed of common equity Tier 1 capital above its minimum risk-based capital requirements. The buffer is measured relative to risk-weighted assets. The final rule also enhances risk sensitivity and addresses weaknesses identified by the regulators over recent years with the measure of risk-weighted assets, including through new measures of creditworthiness to replace references to credit ratings, consistent with the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act.

Except for the largest internationally active banking organizations (which are subject to the “advanced approaches” provisions of the final rule), the new minimum capital requirements generally became effective for all banking organizations on January 1, 2015, whereas the capital conservation buffer and the deductions from common equity Tier 1 capital phase in over time, beginning on January 1, 2016. Similarly, nonqualifying capital instruments phase out over time.

Note 13. Fair Value Measurements

Accounting guidance on fair value measurements defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value using a hierarchy system and requires disclosure of fair value measurements. The hierarchy is intended to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and includes three levels based on upon the valuation techniques used. The three levels are as follows:

- Level 1:** Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date
- Level 2:** Significant observable inputs other than the Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data
- Level 3:** Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a reporting entity’s own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability

A description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy, is set forth below.

Assets recorded at fair value on a recurring basis: A description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy, is set forth below.

Securities available for sale: Where quoted prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. Level 1 securities would include highly liquid government bonds and exchange-traded equities. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, or discounted cash flows. Level 2 securities would include U.S. agency securities, mortgage-backed agency securities, obligations of states and political subdivisions and certain corporate, asset-backed and other securities. In certain cases where there is limited activity of less transparency around the input to the valuation, securities are classified within Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy.

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Note 13. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following tables summarize financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, segregated by the level of the valuation inputs within the fair value hierarchy utilized to measure fair value:

	December 31, 2016			
	Level 1 Inputs	Level 2 Inputs	Level 3 Inputs	Total Fair Value
Securities available for sale:				
United States government and federal agency obligations	\$ -	\$ 32,412,300	\$ -	\$ 32,412,300
Municipal securities	-	3,335,177	-	3,335,177
Federal agency residential mortgage-backed securities	-	3,930,353	-	3,930,353
Federal agency collateralized mortgage obligations	-	15,113,812	-	15,113,812
Common and preferred stocks	-	-	198,000	198,000
Total	\$ -	\$ 54,791,642	\$ 198,000	\$ 54,989,642

	December 31, 2015			
	Level 1 Inputs	Level 2 Inputs	Level 3 Inputs	Total Fair Value
Securities available for sale:				
United States government and federal agency obligations	\$ -	\$ 17,520,129	\$ -	\$ 17,520,129
Municipal securities	-	1,584,712	-	1,584,712
Federal agency residential mortgage-backed securities	-	9,576,542	-	9,576,542
Federal agency collateralized mortgage obligations	-	29,635,494	-	29,635,494
Common and preferred stocks	-	-	198,000	198,000
Total	\$ -	\$ 58,316,877	\$ 198,000	\$ 58,514,877

Assets recorded at fair value on a nonrecurring basis: A description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy, is set forth below.

Impaired loans: The Company does not record loans at fair value on a recurring basis. From time to time, a loan is considered impaired and an allowance for loan losses is established. Once a loan has been identified as impaired, management measures impairment based upon the value of the underlying collateral. Collateral may be real estate and/or business assets including equipment, inventory and/or accounts receivable. Loan impairment is measured based upon the present value of expected future cash flows discounts at the loan's effective interest rate, except where more practical, at the observable market price of the loan based upon appraisals by qualified licensed appraisers hired by the Company, and are generally considered Level 2 measurements. In some cases, adjustments are made to the appraised values due to various factors including age of the appraisal, age of comparables included in the appraisal, and known changes in the market and in the collateral. When significant adjustments are based on unobservable inputs, the resulting fair market measurement is categorized as a Level 3 measurement.

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Note 13. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Real estate owned: Real estate owned is carried at the estimated fair value of the property, less disposal costs. The fair value of the property is determined based upon appraisals. As with impaired loans, if significant adjustments are made to the appraised value, based upon unobservable inputs, the resulting fair value measurement is categorized as a Level 3 measurement.

The following tables summarize financial assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, segregated by the level of the valuation inputs within the fair value hierarchy utilized to measure fair value:

	December 31, 2016			
	Level 1 Inputs	Level 2 Inputs	Level 3 Inputs	Total Fair Value
Impaired loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 177,614	\$ 177,614

	December 31, 2015			
	Level 1 Inputs	Level 2 Inputs	Level 3 Inputs	Total Fair Value
Impaired loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 551,612	\$ 551,612
Real estate owned	-	-	10,000	10,000
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 561,612	\$ 561,612

There have been no changes in valuation techniques used for any assets or liabilities measured at fair value during the year ended December 31, 2016.

There were no transfers of assets or liabilities between Levels 1, 2 and 3 of the fair value hierarchy during the year ended December 31, 2016.

Accounting guidance and fair value measurements require disclosure of fair value information about financial instruments, whether or not recognized in the balance sheet for which it is practicable to estimate that fair value. Certain financial instruments and all nonfinancial instruments are excluded from these disclosure requirements.

Cash and interest-bearing deposits at other financial institutions: For these short-term instruments, the carrying amount approximates fair value.

Loans receivable: For variable-rate loans that reprice in accordance with indices, carrying amounts reported approximate those loans' fair values. The fair values for fixed-rate loans were estimated using discounted cash flow analysis that applies interest rates currently offered for loans with similar terms.

Investment in FHLB stock: Fair value of the Bank's investment in FHLB stock approximates the carrying value as no ready market exists for this investment, and the stock could only be sold back to the FHLB at par.

Accrued interest: The carrying amounts of accrued interest approximate their fair value.

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Note 13. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Deposits: The fair value of demand deposits, savings accounts and interest-bearing demand deposits is the amount payable on demand at the reporting date (i.e., their carrying amount). The fair value of fixed-maturity time deposits is estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies the market rates currently offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities.

Retail repurchase agreements: The carrying amount of retail repurchase agreements approximates fair value.

FHLB advances: The fair value of the Bank's advances are estimated using discounted cash flows, based on the Bank's current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

Commitments to extend credit, letters of credit and lines of credit: The fair value of commitments is estimated using the fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and the present creditworthiness of the counterparties. For fixed-rate loan commitments, fair value also considers the difference between current levels of interest rates and the committed rates. The fair value of letters of credit and lines of credit is based on fees currently charged for similar agreements or on the estimated cost to terminate or otherwise settle the obligations with the counterparties at the reporting date and are insignificant.

The following table presents estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments. The fair values of certain instruments were calculated by discounting expected cash flows. This method involves significant judgments by management and uncertainties. Fair value is the estimated amount at which financial assets or liabilities could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale. Because no market exists for certain of these financial instruments, and because management does not intend to sell these financial instruments, the fair values shown below may not represent values at which the respective financial instruments could be sold, individually or in the aggregate.

	December 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Carrying Amount	Approximate Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Approximate Fair Value
Financial assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,708,418	\$ 4,460,000	\$ 9,572,726	\$ 9,575,000
Interest-bearing deposits at other financial institutions	7,540,941	7,791,000	6,319,720	6,320,000
Available-for-sale securities	54,989,642	54,990,000	58,514,877	58,515,000
Investment in FHLB stock	735,800	736,000	756,200	756,000
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	136,802,211	136,300,000	124,526,511	124,450,000
Accrued interest receivable	715,483	715,000	595,714	596,000
Financial liabilities:				
Deposits	181,727,080	166,230,000	176,713,451	163,703,000
Retail repurchase agreements	5,184,849	5,200,000	4,126,995	4,131,000
FHLB advances	12,000,000	12,000,000	13,000,000	12,971,000
Accrued interest payable	82,117	82,000	89,525	89,500

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

COMMON STOCK INFORMATION

The common stock of First Bancshares, Inc. is traded on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board under the symbol "FBSI". As of March 13, 2017, there were 310 registered stockholders and 1,548,740 shares of common stock outstanding. This does not reflect the number of persons or entities who hold stock in nominee or "street name."

In 2007, the Board of Directors decided to suspend dividend payments until the Company's earnings improved. As a result, there were no dividend payments made during fiscal 2008. In connection with the Company's improved operating results for fiscal 2008, the Board of Directors declared a special dividend of \$0.10 per share on July 31, 2008, which was payable on August 29, 2008 to stockholders of record on August 15, 2008. There have been no dividend payments by the Company, since that time including the years ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016.

Dividend payments by the Company are dependent on its cash flows, which include reimbursement from its subsidiaries for the income tax savings created by its stand alone operating loss, the operation of real estate owned by the Company and dividends received by the Company from the Bank. Under Federal regulations, the dollar amount of dividends a bank may pay is dependent upon the bank's capital position and recent net income. Generally, if the Bank satisfies its regulatory capital requirements, it may make dividend payments up to the limits prescribed by the FDIC regulations. However, institutions that have converted to stock form of ownership, like First Home Bank, may not declare or pay a dividend on, or repurchase any of, its common stock if the effect thereof would cause the regulatory capital of the institution to be reduced below the amount required for the liquidation account which was established in accordance with federal banking regulations and the Bank's Plan of Conversion. Under Missouri law, the Company is generally prohibited from declaring and paying dividends at a time when the Company's net assets are less than its stated capital or when the payment of dividends would reduce the Company's net assets below its stated capital.

The Company's Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase plan in November 2013 to repurchase up to 15,000 shares of the Company's stock. As of March 14, 2017, 2,075 authorized shares had been repurchased at an average price of \$8.21 per share.

The following table sets forth market price and dividend information for the Company's common stock.

Year Ended <u>December 31, 2015</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Dividend</u>
First Quarter	\$ 7.30	\$ 6.66	N/A
Second Quarter	\$ 7.50	\$ 6.80	N/A
Third Quarter	\$ 8.50	\$ 6.81	N/A
Fourth Quarter	\$ 8.90	\$ 8.10	N/A

Year Ended <u>December 31, 2016</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Dividend</u>
First Quarter	\$ 9.01	\$ 8.32	N/A
Second Quarter	\$ 10.24	\$ 9.01	N/A
Third Quarter	\$ 10.40	\$ 9.70	N/A
Fourth Quarter	\$ 12.25	\$ 9.75	N/A

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held Friday, April 21, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., Central Time, at the DoubleTree Hotel located at 2431N. Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri.

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