

FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MCMURRY FRED A2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/  
[FBMS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/14/2016☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

P O BOX 108

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HATTIESBURG, MS 39403

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                        | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| SERIES E<br>NONVOTING<br>CONVERTIBLE<br>PREFERRED<br>STOCK <sup>(1)</sup> | 10/14/2016                              |                                                       | P                                 | 5,634 A<br>\$ 17.75                                                  | 5,634                                                                                            | I                                                           | See Footnote <sup>(2)</sup>                   |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
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|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                         | Relationships                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                        | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| MCMURRY FRED A<br>P O BOX 108<br>HATTIESBURG, MS 39403 | X                                |

## Signatures

Fred A.  
McMurry

10/18/2016

                     \*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

                    Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shareholders of common stock of The First Bancshares, Inc. will vote on a proposal to convert the preferred shares into an equal number of common shares at a Shareholder's Meeting to be held on December 7, 2016, or as soon as practicable.
- Shares held of record by Oak Grove Land Co., Inc. The reporting person is a 1/3rd owner of the company. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Oak Grove Land Company, Inc. except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the shares held by Oak Grove Land Company, Inc. for any other purpose.
- (2)

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