First Bankers Trustshares, Inc.

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April 29, 2016

First Quarter 2016 Financial Highlights

Dear Shareholders,

I am pleased to report another good quarter for our Company (First Bankers Trustshares, Inc.). For the three month period ending March 31, 2016, we earned $2,354,000 or $.76 per share versus $2,069,000 and $.66 per share for last year during the same period. Return on assets was 1.06% while shareholders return on equity was 12.79%. Both are very good numbers in today's lower interest rate environment. Both the Bank (First Bankers Trust Company, N.A,) and the Trust Company (First Bankers Trust Services, Inc.) had a strong first quarter with the Trust Company, in particular, contributing to these very good results. For the Bank, assets were 4% above last year, loans were almost 8% over last year and deposits were slightly above last year. For the Trust Company assets under management exceed $8.3 billion. We are pleased with the results.

As you may know, your Company was approved to participate in a small business lending program sponsored by the U. S. Treasury. To that end we permitted the Treasury to invest $10 million in preferred stock in our Company for which we agreed to increase our small business lending. This program worked very well for us and for the U.S. Treasury. We easily increased our lending and benefited by the very favorable dividend rate which we paid for this capital. Due to the increase in rates scheduled to take place in March and our well capitalized balance sheet, we paid the full $10 million back to the Treasury during the first quarter of 2016.

It is with mixed emotions that I announced my retirement to you, our shareholders. I have enjoyed working for you as your CEO. I told the Board two years ago that I intended to retire in 2016. They have done a remarkable job in searching for a new leader and have found an excellent one. Effective May 10, 2016, Allen Shafer will become the President and CEO of both this Company and the Bank. Brian Ippensen will remain the President of the Trust Company. Allen has over 30 years experience in the banking industry, most recently as Executive Vice President of Great Western Bank, a New York Stock exchange listed $10 billion asset bank with offices in seven states. Allen and his wife grew up in Fairfield, Iowa. He understands community banking from the smaller bank standpoint as well as from the larger regional standpoint. His breadth of experience should help us continue to be successful.

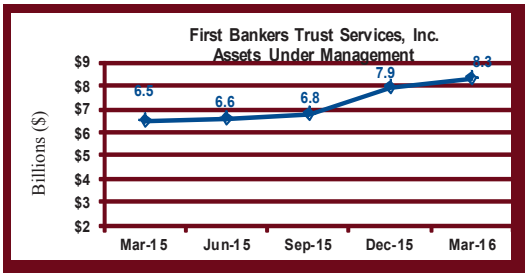
We will conduct our annual shareholders meeting on May 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at 12th and Broadway in Quincy, IL. We will take care of our mandatory business as well as introduce Allen to the shareholders who attend. I look forward to seeing some of you that morning and remaining on the Board of your Company for the foreseeable future.

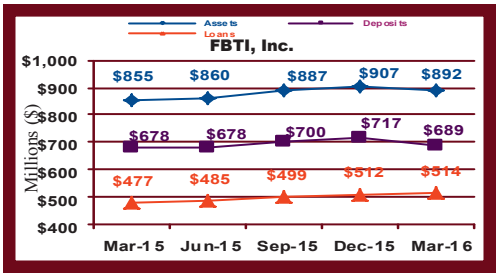
Enclosed please find your regular dividend check; or the funds have been deposited to your account as previously directed.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur E. Greenbank
President/CEO

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Financial Highlights (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	For The Three Months Period Ended March 31,			For the Years Ended December 31,		
Income Statement Data	**2016**	2015	% Chg	**2015**	2014	2013
Net interest income	**$ 6,216**	$ 5,827	6.68 %	**$ 24,040**	$ 22,802	$ 19,694
Provision for loan losses	**150**	225	(33.33) %	**675**	1,170	1,440
Noninterest income	**4,092**	3,930	4.12 %	**16,995**	14,432	13,814
Noninterest expense	**6,725**	6,545	2.75 %	**27,600**	25,707	24,466
Income taxes	**1,079**	918	17.54 %	**3,777**	3,112	1,907
Net Income	**$ 2,354**	$ 2,069	13.77 %	**$ 8,983**	$ 7,245	$ 5,695

	For The Three Months Period Ended March 31,			For the Years Ended December 31,		
Ratios	**2016**	2015	% Chg	**2015**	2014	2013
Return on average assets (Excludes preferred stock dividends/ accretion.)	**1.06 %**	0.98 %	8.16 %	**1.02 %**	0.87 %	0.70 %
Return on average common stockholders' equity (Calculated by dividing net income, excluding preferred stock dividends/ accretion, by average common stockholders' equity. Common stockholders' equity is defined as equity less preferred stock and accumulated other comprehensive income or loss.)	**12.79 %**	12.56 %	1.83 %	**12.95 %**	11.48 %	9.79 %
Net interest margin	**3.01 %**	2.99 %	0.67 %	**2.93 %**	2.95 %	2.64 %
Allowance as a percent of total loans	**1.71 %**	1.76 %	(2.84) %	**1.69 %**	1.72 %	1.64 %
Dividends per common share paid **	**$ 0.13**	$ 0.12	8.33 %	**$ 0.48**	$ 0.44	$ 0.43
Earnings per common share (Calculated by dividing net income less dividends and accretion on preferred stock by the weighted average number of common stock shares outstanding.) **	**$ 0.76**	$ 0.66	15.15 %	**$ 2.89**	$ 2.32	$ 1.82
Book value per common share (Calculated by dividing stockholders' equity, excluding preferred stock and accumulated other comprehensive income or loss, by outstanding common shares.) **	**$ 24.11**	$ 21.64	11.41 %	**$ 23.49**	$ 21.09	$ 19.22

	At March 31,			At December 31,		
Balance Sheet	**2016**	2015	% Chg	2015	2014	2013
Assets	**$ 891,649**	$ 854,952	4.29 %	$ 906,672	$ 842,305	$ 775,640
Investment securities	**$ 303,267**	$ 285,187	6.34 %	$ 301,795	$ 298,042	$ 274,227
Loans, net of unearned income	**$ 513,871**	$ 476,514	7.84 %	$ 511,932	$ 475,534	$ 442,498
Deposits	**$ 688,658**	$ 678,158	1.55 %	$ 717,464	$ 667,668	$ 627,789
Short-term and other borrowings	**$ 101,380**	$ 75,458	34.35 %	$ 83,278	$ 77,048	$ 60,934
Junior subordinated debentures	**$ 10,310**	$ 10,310	0.00 %	$ 10,310	$ 10,310	$ 10,310
Preferred stock equity	**$ 0**	$ 10,000	(100.00) %	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
Stockholders' equity (Includes preferred stock and excludes accumulated other comprehensive income or loss.)	**$ 74,262**	$ 76,627	(3.09) %	$ 82,326	$ 74,952	$ 69,193

	For The Three Months Period Ended March 31,			For The Years Ended December 31,		
Stock Value Per Common Share Information	**2016**	2015	% Chg	2015	2014	2013
Price/earnings ratio	**8.0**	8.6	(6.98) %	8.2	9.8	10.4
Stock price—High **	**$ 24.50**	$ 23.40		$ 24.60	$ 24.00	$ 23.33
Low **	**$ 23.00**	$ 22.75		$ 22.61	$ 21.00	$ 17.43
Ending **	**$ 24.50**	$ 23.10	6.06 %	$ 23.65	$ 22.76	$ 19.00
Book value per common share **	**$ 24.11**	$ 21.64	11.41 %	$ 23.49	$ 21.09	$ 19.22
Price/book value per common share **	**1.02**	1.07	(4.67) %	1.01	1.08	0.99
Common shares outstanding **	**3,079,521**	3,079,521		3,079,521	3,079,521	3,079,521

**** All numbers reflect 3 for 2 stock split effective 8/26/13**