



Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 6, 2016, First Interstate BancSystem, Inc. (the "Registrant") announced that its bank subsidiary, First Interstate Bank, has entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") to acquire all of the outstanding stock of Flathead Bank of Bigfork ("Flathead Bank"), wholly owned by Flathead Holding Company of Bigfork ("Flathead Holding Company"). With total assets of \$231.6 million, Flathead Bank currently operates seven branches in western and northwestern Montana. Upon closing of the transaction, all Flathead Bank branches will become branches of First Interstate Bank.

Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, First Interstate Bank will pay cash consideration of approximately \$34.2 million for the stock, subject to certain financial performance and other adjustments, the amount of which will be determined prior to the closing date of the transaction. The transaction is currently expected to close during third quarter 2016. The boards of Flathead Holding Company, Flathead Bank, the Registrant and First Interstate Bank have each unanimously approved the Purchase Agreement. Consummation of the transaction is subject to regulatory approval and other customary closing conditions.

A copy of the joint press release issued by the Registrant and Flathead Bank on April 6, 2016, announcing the execution of the Purchase Agreement, is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward Looking Statements

The attached press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Rule 175 promulgated thereunder, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Rule 3b-6 promulgated thereunder, that involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Any statements about the Registrant's or the combined company's plans, objectives, expectations, strategies, beliefs, or future performance or events constitute forward-looking statements. Such statements are identified as those that include words or phrases such as "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "plans," "trend," "objective," "continue" or similar expressions or future or conditional verbs such as "will," "would," "should," "could," "might," "may" or similar expressions. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions, estimates and other important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from any results, performance or events expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include but are not limited to statements about the benefits of the business combination transaction involving the Registrant and Flathead Holding Company, including future financial and operating results, the Registrant's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions, and other statements that are not historical facts. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected, including but not limited to the following: the possibility that the merger does not close when expected or at all because required regulatory, shareholder or other approvals and other conditions to closing are not received or satisfied on a timely basis or at all; the risk that the benefits from the transaction may not be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected, including as a result of changes in general economic and market conditions, interest and exchange rates, monetary policy, laws and regulations and their enforcement, and the degree of competition in the geographic and business areas in which the Registrant and Flathead Bank operate; the ability to promptly and effectively integrate the businesses of First Interstate Bank and Flathead Bank; the reaction of the companies' customers, employees and counterparties to the transaction; and the diversion of management time on merger-related issues.

These factors are not necessarily all of the factors that could cause Registrant's or the combined company's actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by any of the forward-looking statements. Other unknown or unpredictable factors also could harm the Registrant's or the combined company's results.

All forward-looking statements attributable to Registrant or the combined company or persons acting on the Registrant's behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements set forth above.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and the Registrant does not undertake or assume

any obligation to update publicly any of these statements to reflect actual results, new information or future events, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting forward-looking statements, except to the extent required by applicable laws. If the Registrant updates one or more forward-looking statements, no inference should be drawn that the Registrant will make additional updates with respect to those or other forward-looking statements.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibit 99.1 – Press Release dated April 6, 2016 announcing execution of the Purchase Agreement.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 6, 2016

FIRST INTERSTATE BANCSYSTEM, INC.

By: /s/ KEVIN P. RILEY

Kevin P. Riley

President and Chief Executive Officer