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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM S-8**

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO  
Form S-8 Registration Statement No. 333- 233744  
Form S-8 Registration Statement No. 333-239636  
Form S-8 Registration Statement No. 333-260504

*UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

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**CROSSFIRST BANKSHARES, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Kansas**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**26-3212879**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**11440 Tomahawk Creek Parkway  
Leawood, Kansas 66211**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(913) 312-6822**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**CrossFirst Bankshares, Inc. 2018 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan  
CrossFirst Bankshares, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan**  
(Full Title of Plan)

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**Van A. Dukeman  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
First Busey Corporation  
100 W. University Ave.  
Champaign, Illinois 61820  
(217) 365-4500**  
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting  
company)

Smaller reporting company

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to each of the following registration statements on Form S-8 (collectively, the "Prior Registration Statements") is being filed by CrossFirst Bankshares, Inc. ("CrossFirst") to terminate all offerings under the Prior Registration Statements and to deregister any and all shares of CrossFirst common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), together with any and all plan interests and other securities registered but unsold as of the date hereof thereunder:

1. Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-233744, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on September 13, 2019, registering the offer and sale of 2,600,000 Shares issuable pursuant to the CrossFirst Bankshares, Inc. 2018 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.
2. Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-239636, filed with the Commission on July 2, 2020, registering the offer and sale of 118,813 Shares issuable pursuant to the CrossFirst Bankshares, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
3. Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-260504, filed with the Commission on October 26, 2021, registering the offer and sale of 750,000 Shares issuable pursuant to the CrossFirst Bankshares, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

On March 1, 2025, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 26, 2024, by and between First Busey Corporation, a Nevada corporation ("Busey"), and CrossFirst (the "Merger Agreement"), CrossFirst merged with and into Busey, with Busey as the surviving corporation (the "Merger").

In connection with the Merger, CrossFirst terminated all offerings of CrossFirst's securities pursuant to the Prior Registration Statements. Accordingly, pursuant to the undertakings made by CrossFirst in the Prior Registration Statements to remove from registration, by means of a post-effective amendment, any of the securities that remain unsold at the termination of the offerings, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 hereby removes from registration all of such securities registered under the Prior Registration Statements that remain unsold as of the date of this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Prior Registration Statements to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Champaign, State of Illinois, on March 7, 2025.

**FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION**

as successor-in-interest to CrossFirst Bankshares, Inc.

By: /s/ Scott A. Phillips

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Scott A. Phillips

Interim Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President and Chief  
Accounting Officer

No other person is required to sign this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Prior Registration Statements in reliance upon Rule 478 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.