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**FIRST FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK TAPS
CREWS AS LAWRENCE COUNTY VICE PRESIDENT**

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn. – Feb. 15, 2008 – First Farmers & Merchants Bank announced that Robert (Mickey) M. Crews, Jr., has joined the bank as Lawrence County vice president.

Crews is an industry veteran with 28 years of banking experience and four years experience as a commercial insurance producer. His role as vice president includes consumer and commercial lending responsibilities.

Crews previously served as vice president at Community Bank of Lawrence County. He has also held positions with National Bank of Commerce, Boatman's Bank of Tennessee and Nations Bank of Lawrence County.

He earned his Bachelor's of Science Degree in Management and Finance from Middle Tennessee State University in 1977 and completed the Tennessee School of Banking Program at Vanderbilt University in 1990. Crews meets all licensing requirements as an Insurance Producer in the State of Tennessee.

A Lawrenceburg native and active member of the community, Crews has been involved with various youth programs in Lawrence County for many years. He is currently involved with the E.O. Coffman Middle School Archery Team and Archery Club. He previously served on Lawrenceburg's Youth Center Basketball Board of Directors, coached at Lawrenceburg's Youth Center for 10 years and at Crockett Elementary for six years. Crews has also served as a Certified Hunter Education Instructor in Lawrence County.

About First Farmers & Merchants Bank

Founded in 1909, First Farmers & Merchants Bank (Member FDIC) is one of the most successful independent banks in Tennessee, with total assets of nearly \$800 million and an

additional \$2.6 billion in assets held by its Trust & Financial Management Department. Headquartered in Columbia, Tenn., the bank operates 19 offices in a seven county area that includes Lawrence, Maury, Marshall, Hickman, Dickson, Giles and Williamson counties. It is distinguished by its commitment to traditional, personal banking relationships that incorporate state-of-the-art technology to provide the highest possible level of service. For additional information, visit www.fandmbank.com or call the main office at 931.388.3145.

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