

AMERUS GROUP CO/IA  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HEITZ MARK V**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**ONE AMVESTORS PLACE, 555 S.  
KANSAS AVENUE**  
  
(Street)

**TOPEKA, KS 66601-2039**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERUS GROUP CO/IA [AMH]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**11/15/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President&CEO AmerUs Annuity**

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

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D		42,847	D	\$ 69 0
Common Stock	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D		10,592.42	D	\$ 69 0
						I	401 (k) Plan

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	20,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/19/2007	Common Stock	20,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.1875	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	18,500	<u>(1)</u>	07/31/2008	Common Stock	18,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.5	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	20,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/17/2009	Common Stock	20,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	55,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/11/2010	Common Stock	55,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.05	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	50,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/09/2011	Common Stock	50,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.27	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	50,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2012	Common Stock	50,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.75	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	35,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/14/2013	Common Stock	35,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.62	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	22,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/13/2014	Common Stock	22,000
	\$ 60.3	11/15/2006	11/15/2006	D	18,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/10/2016		18,000

