

Handy John K
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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 *
Handy John K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/ [CBSH]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
8000 FORSYTH BLVD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/23/2019

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	01/23/2019		A			4,522	A	\$ 0	39,467 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock									553	I	401(k)
Common Stock									7,117	I	By Spouse

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(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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 60.66	01/23/2019		A	4,688	01/23/2020 ⁽²⁾ 01/23/2029	Common Stock 4,688

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Handy John K 8000 FORSYTH BLVD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	Director 10% Owner Officer Executive Vice President Other

Signatures

/s/ By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: John K. Handy
01/25/2019
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) All stock holding balances adjusted to include a 5% stock dividend. Record date 11/30/2018, payable 12/17/2018.
- (2) The stock appreciation right vests in four equal annual installments beginning January 23, 2020.

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