

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**DEMPSEY WILLIAM M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC [CBU]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3003 GULFSHORE BLVD.,  
 NORTH, APT. #202  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

NAPLES, FL 34103

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/01/2007                           |  | M                              | 336 A \$ 0  | 3,780.784 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |                                   |

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)**

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| 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) |              |        |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|--------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 22.94   | 01/17/2007                           |  | A                              | 3,817   | 01/17/2007   | 01/17/2017  | Common Stock | 3      |
| Phantom Stock (Stock Balance Plan)         | (2)  | 01/17/2007                           |  | A                              | 949.72  | (3)  | (3)   | Common Stock | 94     |
| Deferred Stock (Deferred Comp.)            | (4)  | 12/31/2006                           |  | A                              | 847.8497  | (5)  | (5)   | Common Stock | 847    |
| Deferred Stock (Deferred Comp.)            | (4)  | 01/01/2007                           |  | M                              | 336   | (5)  | (5)   | Common Stock | 3      |
| Deferred Stock (Deferred Comp.)            | (4)  | 01/10/2007                           |  | A                              | 42.9328   | (5)  | (5)   | Common Stock | 42     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DEMPSEY WILLIAM M<br>3003 GULF SHORE BLVD., NORTH<br>APT. #202<br>NAPLES, FL 34103 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney  
01/19/2007

\_\_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)

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Includes 29.692, 31.205, 29.301, and 29.469 shares acquired on April 10, 2006, July 10, 2006, October 10, 2006, and January 10, 2007, respectively, under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

- (2) Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock.
- (3) Phantom Stock (Stock Balance Plan) may be settled upon the later of the reporting person's attainment of age 55 or termination of service on Community Bank System, Inc.'s Board of Directors.
- (4) Each deferred stock unit entitles the reporting person to receive one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock.
- (5) Awards relating to the Deferred Stock units (Deferred Comp. Plan) may be settled upon the reporting person's attainment of age 64.

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