

MATTHEWS ROBERT C JR  
 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 \*  
 MATTHEWS ROBERT C JR

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)  
 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/14/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	09/14/2005		S	500 D \$ 52.3	48,548	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2005		S	700 D \$ 52.26	47,848	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2005		S	406 D \$ 52.25	47,442	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2005		S	300 D \$ 52.22	47,142	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2005		S	300 D \$ 52.21	46,842	D	

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Common Stock	09/14/2005	S	700	D	\$ 52.2	46,142	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2005	S	300	D	\$ 52.11	45,842	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2005	S	313	D	\$ 52.1	45,529	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2005	S	4,354	D	\$ 51.99	41,175	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2005	S	11,488	D	\$ 51.98	29,687	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2005	S	400	D	\$ 51.97	29,287	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2005	S	2,357	D	\$ 51.96	26,930	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2005	S	1,382	D	\$ 51.95	25,548	D	
Common Stock						16,587	I	401K

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.1371	09/14/2005		M	9,007	02/05/1997 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/04/2007	Common Stock	9,007
Employee Stock	\$ 21.1371	09/14/2005		M	5,441	02/05/1997 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/04/2007	Common Stock	5,441

Option  
(right to  
buy)

Employee  
Stock

Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.1371	09/14/2005	M	4,976	02/05/1997 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/04/2007	Common Stock	4,976
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Employee  
Stock

Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.1371	09/14/2005	M	518	02/05/1997 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/04/2007	Common Stock	518
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Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.3094	09/14/2005	M	15,587	02/08/1996	02/07/2006	Common Stock	15,587
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Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.3094	09/14/2005	M	6,512	02/08/1996	02/07/2006	Common Stock	6,512
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Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.7506	09/14/2005	M	17,866	02/04/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/03/2010	Common Stock	17,866
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MATTHEWS ROBERT C JR 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR KANSAS CITY, MO 64106			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

By: Jeffery Aberdeen For: Robert C.  
Matthews, Jr. 09/16/2005

\*\*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) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on February 5, 1997.
- (2) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on February 4, 2000.

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