

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC

Form 8-K

January 08, 2007

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant To Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 31, 2006  
Community Bank System, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware  | 001-13695                   | 16-1213679                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation)                         | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
| 5790 Widewaters Parkway, DeWitt, New York                                 |                             | 13214                                |
| (Address of principal executive offices)                                  |                             | (Zip Code)                           |
| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: <u>(315) 445-2282</u> |                             |                                      |

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On December 31, 2006, John M. Burgess and Lee T. Hirshey retired as members of Community Bank System, Inc. (the Company) Board of Directors in accordance with the Company's mandatory retirement policy for directors. Pursuant to the Company's Bylaws, a director is required to retire from the Board on December 31 of the year in which he or she attains the age of 70. Both directors have been members of the Board since 1991, and their retirement is not the result of any disagreement with the Company.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**Community Bank System, Inc.**

By: /s/ Mark E. Tryniski

Name: Mark E. Tryniski

Title: President and Chief Executive  
Officer

Dated: January 8, 2007