

Handy John K  
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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 \*  
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)  
04/16/2018

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

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

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 or Price		
Common Stock	04/16/2018		I		16,161 D \$ 63.42	109	I 401(k)
Common Stock	04/16/2018		M		864 A \$ 30.5731	40,990	D
Common Stock	04/16/2018		M		2,555 A \$ 36.6185	43,545	D
Common Stock	04/16/2018		M		2,418 A \$ 36.2121	45,963	D
Common Stock	04/16/2018		F		772 D \$ 63.42	45,191	D

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Common Stock	04/16/2018	D	3,274	D	\$ 63.42	41,917	D	
Common Stock	04/17/2018	F	700	D	\$ 62.83	41,217	D	
Common Stock						6,779	I	By Spouse

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)
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 30.5731	04/16/2018		M	864	04/17/2014 <sup>(1)</sup> 04/17/2023	Common Stock 8
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 36.6185	04/16/2018		M	2,555	03/05/2015 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/05/2024	Common Stock 2,5
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 36.2121	04/16/2018		M	2,418	03/03/2016 <sup>(3)</sup> 03/03/2025	Common Stock 2,4

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: John K.  
Handy

04/18/2018

\_\_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) This stock appreciation right vests in four equal annual installments beginning on April 17, 2014.
  - (2) The stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 5, 2015.
  - (3) The stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 3, 2016.

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