COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC.

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mucenski Edward S.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM,

(Check all applicable)

INC. [CBU]

03/16/2016

(Month/Day/Year)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC., 5790

WIDEWATERS PARKWAY (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

DEWITT, NY 13214

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Form: Direct (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

2,271.86 (1) D

Common Stock

Common Stock

1.484.57 (2) By Spouse

Common

By PMHV $7,316.9786 \stackrel{(3)}{=} I$ 401(k)

Plan

Stock

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	TransactionDerivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Shar	
Phantom Stock (Deferred Stock Units)	<u>(4)</u>	03/16/2016		A	877	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	8	
Phantom Stock (Deferred Compensation)	<u>(5)</u>	03/17/2016		A	236.6692	(5)	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	236	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mucenski Edward S. C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY DEWITT, NY 13214



Signatures

/s/ Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Edward S. Mucenski

03/18/2016

**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) Includes 18.44 shares acquired on January 11, 2016 pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) Includes 12.05 shares acquired on January 11, 2016 pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) Includes 59.389 shares acquired on January 11, 2016 pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- The reporting person has received deferred stock units under the Community Bank System, Inc. 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each phantom stock unit which represents a deferred stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock and will be settled in common stock at a predetermined date.

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- Each unit of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. The units of phantom stock relating to the Deferred Compensation Plan will be settled in Community Bank System, Inc. common stock at future dates selected by the reporting person.
- (6) Includes 68.083 units of phantom stock acquired on January 11, 2016 under the Deferred Compensation Plan's dividend reinvestment feature.

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