

Holmes Robert S
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FORM 4

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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 *
Holmes Robert S

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)
07/23/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

CLAYTON, MO 63105

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/23/2018 | | M | 5,654 A \$ 36.3244 | 31,250 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/23/2018 | | M | 3,899 A \$ 35.7189 | 35,149 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/23/2018 | | F | 1,390 D \$ 69.61 | 33,759 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/23/2018 | | D | 4,952 D \$ 69.61 | 28,807 | 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)

| 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 36.3244 | 07/23/2018 | | M | 5,654 | 04/01/2016 ⁽¹⁾ 04/01/2025 | Common Stock | 5,654 |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 35.7189 | 07/23/2018 | | M | 3,899 | 01/27/2017 ⁽²⁾ 01/27/2026 | Common Stock | 3,899 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Holmes Robert S 8000 FORSYTH BLVD CLAYTON, MO 63105 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/ Jeffery D. Aberdeen for Robert S. Holmes
07/24/2018

**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) The stock appreciation right vests in four equal annual installments beginning April 1, 2016.

(2) The stock appreciation right vests in four equal annual installments beginning January 27, 2017.

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