Handy John K Form 3 February 09, 2018 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB Number:

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Handy John K	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement(Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/ [CBSH]				
(Last) (First) (Middle)	02/01/2018	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
8000 FORSYTH BLVD ^(Street) ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	(Check all ap Director		6. Individual or Join 10% Owner Filing(Check Applica OtherX_ Form filed by Or (specify below) Person		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One	
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - N				Reporting Person neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)	Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nati Owner (Instr.	*	
Common Stock	40,796		D	Â		
Common Stock	16,125		Ι	401(1	s)	
Common Stock	6,779		Ι	By Sj	pouse	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Indirect Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	(Instr. 5)
						(Instr. 5)	
Stock Appreciation Rights	04/17/2014(1)	04/17/2023	Common Stock	864	\$ 30.5731	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights	03/05/2015(2)	03/05/2024	Common Stock	2,555	\$ 36.6185	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights	03/03/2016 <u>(3)</u>	03/03/2025	Common Stock	3,224	\$ 36.2121	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights	03/01/2017(4)	03/01/2026	Common Stock	3,004	\$ 39.8276	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights	03/02/2018(5)	03/02/2027	Common Stock	2,032	\$ 56.0095	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights	01/24/2019(6)	01/24/2028	Common Stock	3,963	\$ 58.95	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Handy John K 8000 FORSYTH BLVD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	Â	Â	Executive Vice President	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For Handy	: John K	•	02/08/2018			

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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.
- (4) The stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2017.
- (5) This stock appreciation right vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 2, 2018.
- (6) The stock appreciation right vests in four equal annual installments beginning January 24, 2019.

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