Holmes Robert S Form 4 July 24, 2018

#### FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 4 or

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Holmes Robert S Issuer Symbol **COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC** (Check all applicable) /MO/ [CBSH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify \_X\_\_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 8000 FORSYTH BLVD 07/23/2018 **Executive Vice President** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CLAYTON, MO 63105 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Dominative Committee Assumed Disposed of an Donoficially Or

(City)	(State)	Table 1 - 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	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Nun of Shar
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 36.3244	07/23/2018		M		5,654	04/01/2016(1)	04/01/2025	Common Stock	5,0
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 35.7189	07/23/2018		M		3,899	01/27/2017(2)	01/27/2026	Common Stock	3,8

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Holmes Robert S

8000 FORSYTH BLVD Executive Vice President

CLAYTON, MO 63105

### **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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