

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

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1(b).

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Handy John K

## 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

### 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC  
/MO/ [CBSH]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/05/2019

\_\_\_\_ Director                      \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title        \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
 below)                               below)

Executive Vice President

8000 FORSYTH BLVD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(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 | (A) or (D) Price |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/05/2019                           |                                                    | F                              |                                                                   | 907    | D \$ 62.71       | 38,792                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |                  | 553                                                                                           | I                                                        | 401(k)                                                |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |                  | 1,409                                                                                         | I                                                        | By Daughter                                           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |                  | 1,877                                                                                         | I                                                        | By Son                                                |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |                  | 4,582                                                                                         | I                                                        | By Spouse                                             |

## Edgar Filing: Handy John K - Form 4

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
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|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                      |
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | Code                                                           | V                                                                         | (A)                                                 | (D)                                                                         |

## 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

03/06/2019

\_\_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).

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