

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC

Form 8-K

October 20, 2008

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 20, 2008

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware  | 001-13695                   | 16-1213679                              |
| (State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | (Commission File<br>Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| 5790 Widewaters Parkway,<br>DeWitt, New York | 13214-1883 |
| (Address of principal<br>executive offices)  | (Zip Code) |

(315) 445-2282  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 20, 2008, Community Bank System, Inc. announced its results of operations for the quarter ending September 30, 2008. The public announcement was made by means of a news release, the text of which is set forth in Exhibit 99 hereto.

The information in this Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99 attached hereto, is being furnished under Item 12 and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed as a part of this report:

| Exhibit No. | Description                           |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99          | Press Release, dated October 20, 2008 |

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Community Bank System, Inc.

Date: October 20, 2008                      /s/ Mark E Tryniski

Mark E. Tryniski, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

Date: October 20, 2008                      /s/ Scott Kingsley

Scott Kingsley, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

