

Mucenski Edward S.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Mucenski Edward S.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC [CBU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
10 RIDGEWOOD LANE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/18/2012

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

POTSDAM, NY 13673

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/18/2012		G	V 500 D	\$ 0 2,811.7627 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/18/2012		G	V 500 A	\$ 0 500	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					6,451.9156 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By PMHV 401(k) Plan

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock (Deferred Compensation)	(3)					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	3,947.914

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mucenski Edward S. 10 RIDGEWOOD LANE POTSDAM, NY 13673		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Donna J. Drengel, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Edward S. Mucenski

05/22/2012

\_\_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) Includes 30.4204 shares acquired on April 10, 2012 pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

(2) Includes 59.2545 shares acquired on April 10, 2012 pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Each unit of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. The units of phantom stock relating to the Deferred Compensation Plan will be settled in Community Bank System, Inc. common stock at future dates selected by the reporting person.

(4) Includes 34.7419 units of phantom stock acquired on April 10, 2012 under the Deferred Compensation Plan's dividend reinvestment feature.

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