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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/ [CBSH] Handy John K (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2018 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 8000 FORSYTH BLVD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) ST. LOUIS, MOÂ 63105 Form filed by More than One **Executive Vice President** Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 40,796 Common Stock 16,125 I 401(k)Common Stock 6,779 Ι By Spouse Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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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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		Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable		Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (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(3)	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				
FG	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: John K. Handy

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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