

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/  
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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 \*  
ABERDEEN JEFFERY D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/ [CBSH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Controller

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/27/2016

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

KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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                    | 02/27/2016                           |  | F                              |   | 168   | D  | \$ 42.48  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2016                           |  | A                              |   | 794   | A  | \$ 0  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2016                           |  | F                              |   | 176   | D  | \$ 43.91  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 20,642  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 421   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 401(k)  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | Commerce Brokerage *71                                |

|              |  |       |   |                        |
|--------------|--|-------|---|------------------------|
| Common Stock |  | 421   | I | Commerce Brokerage *63 |
| Common Stock |  | 2,047 | I | CTC *14                |

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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code V (A) (D)                 |  | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                            |
| Stock Appreciation Rights                  | \$ 43.91   | 03/01/2016                           |  | A                              | 1,447  | 03/01/2017 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/01/2026                     | Common Stock 1,4  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |            |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other      |
| ABERDEEN JEFFERY D<br>1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR<br>KANSAS CITY, MO 64106 |               |           |         | Controller |

## Signatures

Jeffery D.  
Aberdeen 03/02/2016

\*\*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) All stock holdings were adjusted to include a 5% stock dividend (record date 11/27/15, payable 12/14/15).

(2) This stock appreciation right vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2017.

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