

DONAHUE BRIAN D
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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 *
 DONAHUE BRIAN D

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC., 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/21/2017

DEWITT, NY 13214
 (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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/21/2017		M		5,535 A \$ 18.09	43,844	D
Common Stock	12/21/2017		S		5,535 D \$ 55.1908	38,309	D
Common Stock						8,134.6095	I By 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 18.09	12/21/2017		M	5,535	<u>(3)</u> 01/16/2018	Common Stock	5,535

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DONAHUE BRIAN D
C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC.
5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY
DEWITT, NY 13214

EVP & Chief Banking Officer

Signatures

/s/ Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Brian D. Donahue

12/22/2017

__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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$55.05 to \$55.36, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Community Bank System, Inc., any security holder of Community Bank System, Inc. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

(2) The number of shares reported herein were acquired pursuant to Community Bank System, Inc.'s 401(K) Plan and are based on a current plan statement.

(3) The option vested ratably on January 16, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

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