

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC.

Form 4

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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 *
DICERBO NICHOLAS A

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/16/2016

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

C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC., 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY

(Street)

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

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

DEWITT, NY 13214

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	197,684.5244 (1)	D	
Common Stock					962.37 (2)	I	By Spouse

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option	\$ 38.02	03/16/2016		A	4,246	03/16/2016 03/16/2026	Common Stock
Phantom Stock (Deferred Compensation)	(3)					(3) (3)	Common Stock 52,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DICERBO NICHOLAS A
C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC.
5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY
DEWITT, NY 13214

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Signatures

/s/ Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Nicholas A. DiCerbo

03/17/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Includes 966.682 shares acquired on January 11, 2016 under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

(2) Includes 7.613 shares acquired on January 11, 2016 under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

(3) 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 431.5248, 399.8218, 419.5912 and 431.8371 units of phantom stock acquired on April 10, 2015, July 10, 2015, October 9, 2015 and January 11, 2016, respectively, under the Deferred Compensation Plan's dividend reinvestment feature.

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