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### FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CAPPS JOHN R Issuer Symbol COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC (Check all applicable) /MO/ [CBSH] X\_ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR 04/30/2009 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting KANSAS CITY, MO 64106 Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	n(A) or Disposed of	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				(4)	Reported		

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common 04/30/2009(1) Α 204 9,390 D Stock

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5.  onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title Amoun Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	t of ying es	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)  (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CAPPS JOHN R

1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR X

KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

## **Signatures**

By: Jeffery Aberdeen For: John Capps 05/04/2009

\*\*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) Shares purchased under Commerce Bancshares, Inc. stock purchase plan for non-employee directors.

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