

Bolus Mark J.
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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 *
Bolus Mark J.

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)
01/15/2018

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-------------|---|---------------------------|
| Common Stock | 01/15/2018 | | M | V | 1,184.2673 | A | U | 72,640.6334 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 6,298.803 | I | | | | By Mark Bolus Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | 194.205 | I | | | | By daughter, Taylor Bolus |

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|--------------|--|-----------|---|--------------------------|
| Common Stock | | 194.205 | I | By daughter, Paige Bolus |
| Common Stock | | 194.205 | I | By son, Austin Bolus |
| Common Stock | | 194.205 | I | By son, Noah Bolus |
| Common Stock | | 4,600.296 | I | By Taylor Bolus Trust |
| Common Stock | | 4,600.296 | I | By Paige Bolus Trust |
| Common Stock | | 4,600.296 | I | By Austin Bolus Trust |
| Common Stock | | 4,600.296 | I | By Noah Bolus Trust |

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount |
| Phantom Stock (Deferred Compensation) | (2) | 01/15/2018 | | M | 1,184.2673 | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 1,184.2673 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bolus Mark J. C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY DEWITT, NY 13214 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Mark J.
Bolus

01/16/2018

__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) On January 15, 2018, the reporting person's phantom stock units were settled for an equal number of shares of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock.
- Each unit of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. The units of
- (2) 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.

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