CAPPS JOHN R Form 4 August 02, 2011

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

CAPPS JOHN R Issuer Symbol COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC (Check all applicable) /MO/ [CBSH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR 07/29/2011

> (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) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Execution Date, if Security (Month/Day/Year) Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Beneficial (D) or any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code Amount (D) Price Common 07/29/2011 A 184 11,948 D A Stock 40.91

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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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amou Under Secur (Instr.	rlying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CAPPS JOHN R						
1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR	X					
KANSAS CITY, MO 64106						

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By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: John R. Capps 08/01/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
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CHAMBAS COREY A FIRST BUSINESS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 401 CHARMANY DRIVE MADISON, WI 53719	X		President and COO		

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By: Mark T. Plichta, Attorney-in-Fact

08/16/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- (1) The option vested and became exercisable as follows: 50% on October 24, 1998, 60% on October 24, 1999, 70% on October 24, 2000, 80% on October 24, 2001, 90% on October 24, 2002 and 100% on October 24, 2003.
- (2) The option vests and becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments on October 15, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.
- (3) The option vests and becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments on January 27, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
- (4) The option vests and becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments on October 18, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

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