

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC.

Form 4

November 18, 2016

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STICKELS ERIC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

DEWITT, NY 13214

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/18/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/18/2016		M	4,246 A \$ 38.02	19,287	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2016		F	3,493 D \$ 54.89	15,794	D	
Common Stock					1,730	I	By Wife
Common Stock					27,224.0545	I	By Oneida Financial Corp.

Common Stock	10,947.9598	I	401(k) Plan By Oneida Financial Corp. Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Common Stock	4,639.1383	I	By Wife's Oneida Financial Corp. 401(k)
Common Stock	3,199.0834	I	By Wife's Oneida Financial Corp. Employee Stock Ownership 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.
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 38.02	11/18/2016		M	4,246	03/16/2016	03/16/2026	Common Stock	4,246

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STICKELS ERIC C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY DEWITT, NY 13214	X			

Signatures

Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Eric E. Stickels 11/18/2016

__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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