

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/

Form 8-K

April 02, 2007

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

**Form 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 30, 2007

**Commerce Bancshares, Inc.**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

Missouri

0-2989

43-0889454

**(State of Incorporation)**

**(Commission File Number)**

**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

1000 Walnut,  
Kansas City, MO

64106

**(Address of principal executive  
offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

(816) 234-2000

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

Commerce Bancshares, Inc. (Commerce) and South Tulsa Financial Corporation (South Tulsa) completed the acquisition of South Tulsa through a merger of the two entities. The transaction, valued at \$27.3 million in Commerce stock, became effective on April 2, 2007. Commerce's acquisition of South Tulsa adds approximately \$129 million in assets, \$114 million in gross loans and \$105 million in total deposits.

On March 30, 2007, Commerce and South Tulsa issued a joint press release announcing approval of the merger by the shareholders of South Tulsa. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated March 30, 2007

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

COMMERCE BANCSHARES, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffery D. Aberdeen  
Jeffery D. Aberdeen  
Controller  
(Chief Accounting Officer)

Date: April 2, 2007

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**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description                        |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 99.1              | Press release dated March 30, 2007 |