

PAYNE E M III
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PAYNE E M III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CITY HOLDING CO [CHCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
25 GATEWATER ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2006

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

CROSS LANES, WV 25313
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 02/22/2006 | | A | V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 0 (1) | 5,495 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 10,521 | I | by spouse |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,235 | I | by son |
| Common Stock | | | | | 18,787 | I | by Piney Land Co. |
| Common Stock | | | | | 7,134 | I | by McCreery Coal Land |

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|--------------|--|--|--|--|-------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | | 666 | I | Co. by Combahee Investment Corp. |
| Common Stock | | | | | 8,888 | I | by Hilton Head Equity Mgt. Co., Inc. |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,999 | I | by James T. McCreery Co. |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PAYNE E M III 25 GATEWATER ROAD CROSS LANES, WV 25313 | | X | | |

Signatures

Victoria A. Evans,
attorney-in-fact

02/23/2006

__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) For purposes of establishing a value of the stock award, the Company has determined that \$37.16 per share, or 100% of the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on 2/22/2006, the Board approval date of the award, is appropriate.

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