FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| | | | | | or | Sect | ion 30(h |) of the | e Inv | estmen | t Con | npany Act | of 19 | 40 | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* METZ CRAIG | | | | | <u>U</u> | | | | | | | ymbol SANKS | 5. R (Ch | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | | | |
| (Last) | Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | | | | | | | | | _ : | X Officer below) | Officer (give title below) | | Other (s | specify | | | |
| 1200 KOLBE DRIVE | | | | | | Date (/25/2 | | st Trar | nsact | tion (Mo | onth/C | ay/Year) | | | E | VP | | | | | |
| (Street) BLAIRSVILLE GA 30512-4755 | | | | 55 | - 4. I | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | | | | | | | rting | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Nor | n-Deri | vativ | e Se | curitie | es A | cqu | ired, | Disp | osed o | f, o | r Bene | ficial | y Owned | | | | | |
| Date | | | | saction | ear) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | 3. Transa Code (1 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | | | Benefici Owned F | es ally Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transact (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3, | 149 | | D | | |
| Common Stock (RSU's) ⁽¹⁾ 04/25 | | | | | 25/200 | /2007 | | | | A | | 1,000(1) | | A | \$0 | 2, | 000 | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5,656.436 | | | I | By 401k | | |
| | | - | Table II - | | | | | | | | | sed of, onvertil | | | | Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day | Date, | | Transaction Code (Instr. | | ı of I | | | rcisal Date //Year | ole and | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | e Coss Fally Cos | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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04/25/2008(2)

04/25/2017

Explanation of Responses:

\$30.67

- 1. 2007 Restricted Stock Units vest over four consecutive years at 25% on May 31, 2008, January 31, 2009, January 31, 2010, and January 31, 2011.
- 2. 2006 Stock Option Grants vest over four consecutive years at 25% each anniversary date.

04/25/2007

Remarks:

Option to Purchase

Common

<u>Lois J. Rich by Power of</u> <u>Attorney</u> <u>04/26/2007</u>

7,000

Stock

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56,001

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** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CONSTITUTES AND APPOINTS (A) REX S. SCHUETTE; (B) THOMAS C. GILLILAND; (C) LORRAINE G. MCKAY; AND (D) LOIS J. RICH, SIGNING SINGLY, THE UNDERSIGNED'S TRUE AND LAWFUL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT TO:

- (1) Execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of United Community Banks, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) Take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such

attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE UNDERSIGNED HAS CAUSED THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY TO BE EXECUTED AS OF THIS 21ST DAY OF AUGUST 2002.

/s/ Craig Metz Signature

Craig Metz

Print Name