CITY HOLDING CO Form 8-K March 03, 2015

# 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) February 25, 2015

### CITY HOLDING COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Commission File Number: 0-11733

West Virginia (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 55-0619957 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

25 Gatewater Road, Cross Lanes, WV 25313 (Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

304-769-1100

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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## Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

The Compensation Committee recommended, and the independent directors of the Board of Directors of City Holding Company (the "Company") approved, on February 25, 2015, base salary levels, 2014 incentive compensation and equity compensation for certain of the Company's named executive officers, including the Company's principal executive officer and the Company's principal financial officer as set forth below:

		2015
		Base
Name	Title	Salary
	President & CEO	
Charles R.	(Principal Executive	
Hageboeck	Officer)	\$ 525,000
	Chief Financial Officer and	
	Principal Accounting	
David L.	Officer	
Bumgarner	(Principal Financial Officer)	\$ 213,000
	Executive Vice President,	
Craig G. Stilwell	Retail Banking	\$ 350,000
	Executive Vice President,	
John A. DeRito	Commercial Banking	\$ 258,000
	Senior Vice President,	
	Chief Administrative	
	Officer and Chief	
Jeffrey D. Legge	Information Officer	\$ 195,000

The schedule set forth below indicates the 2014 cash incentive compensation for each of the Company's named executive officers.

N	Tr'd	2014 Cash Incentive	
Name	Title	Cor	npensation
	President & CEO		
Charles R.	(Principal Executive		
Hageboeck	Officer)	\$	318,375
	Chief Financial Officer		
	and Principal Accounting		
	Officer		
David L.	(Principal Financial		
Bumgarner	Officer)	\$	73,226
Craig G.	Executive Vice President,		
Stilwell	Retail Banking	\$	163,433
	Executive Vice President,		
John A. DeRito	Commercial Banking	\$	96,533
Jeffrey D. Legge	eSenior Vice President,	\$	61,906
	Chief Administrative		

Officer and Chief Information Officer

The clawback policy provides that if the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement other than as a result of a change in accounting principles, then each executive officer must pay back the excess incentive compensation amount paid to such officer over the corrected incentive compensation payment after applying the restatement. This clawback applies to any award of cash incentive compensation paid to executive officers after December 17, 2014, and include awards for performance in 2014 and paid in 2015.

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### Restricted Stock.

Restricted stock was awarded to certain of the executive officers. The recipients of the restricted stock awards may vote and receive dividends on the shares, whether vested or not, but may not sell the shares or use them for collateral for any borrowing unless and until they are vested. All of the restricted stock awards are of City Holding Company Common Stock, par value \$2.50. The market price on the date of grant, February 26, 2015, was \$46.61 per share.

### Stock Options.

Stock options were awarded to certain of the executive officers. The exercise price of all options was the market price, \$46.61, as of the date of grant, February 26, 2015. All of the options awarded are exerciseable for shares of City Holding Company Common Stock, par value \$2.50 per share.

The table below sets forth the number of shares of restricted stock and shares issuable upon the exercise of stock options awarded to each of the Company's executive officers:

		Restricted	Stock
		Shares	Options
		Awarded	Awarded
Name	Title	(#)	(#)
	President & CEO		
Charles R.	(Principal Executive		
Hageboeck	Officer)	4,781	5,936
	Chief Financial		
	Officer and Principal		
	Accounting Officer		
David L.	(Principal Financial		
Bumgarner	Officer)	825	1,024
	Executive Vice		
Craig G.	President, Retail		
Stilwell	Banking	2,454	3,047
	Executive Vice		
	President,		
John A. DeRito	Commercial Banking	1,450	1,800
	Senior Vice		
	President, Chief		
	Administrative		
Jeffrey D.	Officer & Chief		
Legge	Information Officer	930	1,154

The shares of restricted stock and stock options awarded will vest in three separate annual installments of approximately 33.33% per installment on the third, fourth and fifth anniversaries of the grant date, subject further to performance-based vesting requirements. The performance-based vesting requirements are as follows:

<sup>\*</sup> First Installment – the mean return on average assets of the Company (excluding merger and acquisition expenses and other nonrecurring items as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company) of the three years immediately prior to the vesting date is equal to or exceeds the median return on average assets over the 20 year period

immediately preceding the vesting date of all FDIC insured depository institutions.

- \* Second Installment the mean return on average assets of the Company (excluding merger and acquisition expenses and other nonrecurring items as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company) of the four years immediately prior to the vesting date is equal to or exceeds the median return on average assets over the 20 year period immediately preceding the vesting date of all FDIC insured depository institutions.
- \* Third Installment the mean return on average assets of the Company (excluding merger and acquisition expenses and other nonrecurring items as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company) of the five years immediately prior to the vesting date is equal to or exceeds the median return on average assets over the 20 year period immediately preceding the vesting date of all FDIC insured depository institutions.

In the event the performance-based requirement is not met for any period, the shares of restricted stock and stock options scheduled to vest in such period shall be forfeited.

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 25, 2015, the Company's Board of Directors, based upon the recommendation of its Compensation Committee, approved an award of the equivalent of \$25,000 of Company Common Stock, par value \$2.50, to each non-employee director of the Company on December 31, 2014 and pro-rated based upon the number of months of service during the year. The market price on the date of grant, February 25, 2015, was \$46.18 per share.

### **Signatures**

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

Dated: March 3, 2015 City Holding Company

By: /s/ David L. Bumgarner David L. Bumgarner Chief Financial Officer

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