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 28, 2012

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 Board of Directors of City Holding Company (the "Company") approved, on March 28, 2012, equity compensation for the Company's executive officers, including the Company's principal executive officer and the Company's principal financial officer.

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, March 28, 2012, was \$35.39 per share.

Stock Options.

Stock options were awarded to certain of the executive officers. The exercise price of all options was the market price, \$35.39, as of the date of grant, March 28, 2012. All of the options awarded are exerciseable for shares of City Holding Company Common Stock, par value \$2.50 per share. The issuer made grants on similar terms in previous years although expiration dates and vesting periods varied.

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:

Name	Title	Stock Options Awarded (#)	Restricted Shares Awarded (#)
	President & CEO		
Charles R. Hageboeck	(Principal Executive Officer)	6,803	5,114
	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer		
David L. Bumgarner	(Principal Financial Officer)	1,555	1,169
e e	Executive Vice President, Retail		
Craig G. Stilwell	Banking	3,234	2,431
	Executive Vice President, Commercial		
John A. DeRito	Banking	2,687	2,020
	Senior Vice President, Branch		
Michael T. Quinlan, Jr.	Banking	1,401	1,053

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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 28, 2012

City Holding Company

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