## 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): January 5, 2009 (January 1, 2009)

### FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

000-22490 Tennessee 62-1120025 (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) incorporation) 430 Airport Road 37745

Greeneville, Tennessee

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (423) 636-7000

Not Applicable

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

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### **SECTION 8. OTHER EVENTS.**

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

Effective January 1, 2009, G. Michael Lynch will replace Richard W. Hanselman as Lead Independent Director of the Board of Directors for Forward Air Corporation. Mr. Lynch has been a director with the Company since July 2005. Also, effective January 1, 2009, Tracy A. Leinbach will replace G. Michael Lynch as Chairperson of the Audit Committee. Ms. Leinbach has been on the Board of Directors since March 2007.

#### **SIGNATURES**

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.

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

Date: January 5, 2009

By: /s/ Matthew J. Jewell Matthew J. Jewell

Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary