

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 23, 2012 (March 23, 2012)

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tennessee

000-22490

62-1120025

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

430 Airport Road
Greeneville, Tennessee

(Address of principal executive offices)

37745

(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 5. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT.

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

On March 23, 2012, Richard W. Hanselman advised the Company of his retirement from the Company's Board of Directors effective immediately prior to the Company's 2012 annual meeting. Mr. Hanselman's decision to retire did not arise or result from any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices. Mr. Hanselman has been a director of the Company since April 2004, served as Chairman from May 2005 until May 2007 and Lead Independent Director from May 2007 until January 1, 2009. Mr. Hanselman has served on the Compensation and Corporate Governance and Nominating Committees since May 2009.

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.

Date: March 23, 2012

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

By: /s/ Matthew J. Jewell

Matthew J. Jewell
Executive Vice President, Chief Legal
Officer and Secretary