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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 6, 2017 (February 1, 2017)**

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**FORWARD AIR CORPORATION**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Tennessee**

(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**000-22490**

(Commission File  
Number)

**62-1120025**

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

**1915 Snapps Ferry Road, Building N  
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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On February 1, 2017, Tracy Leinbach and Larry Leinweber, members of the Board of Directors of Forward Air Corporation (the "Company"), each notified the Company of their decision to retire from, and not stand for reelection to, the Company's Board of Directors when their terms expire at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Ms. Leinbach and Mr. Leinweber's decisions not to stand for reelection were for personal reasons and not as a result of any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

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**SIGNATURE**

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: February 6, 2017

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

By: /s/ Michael J. Morris

Michael J. Morris  
Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice  
President and Treasurer