

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>JEWELL MATTHEW J</b>		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]</b>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <b>President - Logistics Services</b>	
(Last) (First) (Middle) <b>1915 SNAPPS FERRY ROAD, BUILDING N</b>		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>05/01/2017</b>			
(Street) <b>GREENEVILLE, TN 37745</b>		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)		<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>			

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/01/2017		M		8,230	A	\$ 28.61	44,043.6874	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2017		S		8,230	D	\$ 52.5108	35,813.6874	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2017		M		3,992	A	\$ 28.61	39,805.6874	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2017		S		3,992	D	\$ 52.5146	35,813.6874	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.61	05/01/2017		M		8,230	(1)	02/11/2018	Common Stock	8,230.00	\$ 0	3,992	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.61	05/02/2017		M		3,992	(1)	02/11/2018	Common Stock	3,992.00	\$ 0	0	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JEWELL MATTHEW J 1915 SNAPPS FERRY ROAD BUILDING N GREENEVILLE, TN 37745			President - Logistics Services	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael P. McLean, Attorney-in-Fact 05/03/2017  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

**(1)** This option vests 33 1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/11/12.

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