

**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): **May 13, 2019 (May 7, 2019)**

**FORWARD AIR CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>000-22490</b>	<b>62-1120025</b>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<b>1915 Snapps Ferry Road, Building N Greenville, Tennessee</b>		<b>37745</b>
(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)

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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	FWRD	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

## 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 May 7, 2019, Forward Air Corporation (the “Company”) appointed Matthew J. Jewell, President - Intermodal Services as Chief Commercial Officer. Information on Mr. Jewell can be found in the Company’s Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 2, 2019.

On May 7, 2019, the Company also appointed Christina A. Bottomley, Vice President and Controller as Chief Accounting Officer, Vice President and Controller. Ms. Bottomley has served as Vice President and Controller of the Company since August 2018. Prior to her role at the Company, Ms. Bottomley served as an Accounting Director at CSX Corporation, a publicly-traded Class I Railroad, where she worked in various accounting and internal audit roles since December 2014. From December 2011 to November 2014, Ms. Bottomley held various accounting roles at Regency Centers, a publicly-traded real estate investment trust. From October 2007 to November 2011, Ms. Bottomley was an Assurance Manager at KPMG. Ms. Bottomley is a Certified Public Accountant.

## SECTION 9. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are being furnished as part of this Report.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
99.1	<a href="#">Press Release dated May 13, 2019.</a>

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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: May 13, 2019

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

By: /s/ Michael J. Morris

Michael J. Morris  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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NEWS RELEASE

## FORWARD AIR CORPORATION ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP ROLES

GREENEVILLE, Tenn.- (BUSINESS WIRE) - May 13, 2019 - Forward Air Corporation (NASDAQ:FWRD) today announced that Matthew J. Jewell has been appointed Chief Commercial Officer and will oversee all of the Company's revenue, marketing and business development functions. Chris C. Ruble, Chief Operating Officer of the Company's Expedited business, has been appointed Chief Operating Officer of the Company with oversight of all of the Company's operations including the Company's Intermodal segment. Mr. Jewell and Mr. Ruble will continue to report to Chairman, President and CEO Tom Schmitt.

"I am excited to have Matt and Chris lead the realignment of our sales and operations teams, which will enable greater focus on driving profitable growth," said Mr. Schmitt.

The Company also announced that Christina W. Bottomley, the Company's Vice President and Controller, has been appointed as the Company's Chief Accounting Officer.

All of the above appointments were effective May 7, 2019.

### **About Matthew J. Jewell**

Prior to appointment as Chief Commercial Officer, Matthew J. Jewell was appointed to President of the Intermodal business, effective June 2018. Mr. Jewell was President - Logistics Services from January 2016 to June 2018, Executive Vice President, Intermodal Services & Chief Strategy Officer from May 2014 to January 2016, and Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer from January 2008 until May 2014. From July 2002 until January 2008, he served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel. In October 2002, he was also appointed Secretary. From July 2002 until May 2004, Mr. Jewell was also the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Landair Corporation. From January 2000 until joining us in July 2002, Mr. Jewell was a partner with the law firm of Austin & Sparks, P.C. Mr. Jewell was an associate at Dennis, Corry & Porter, L.L.P. from July 1991 to December 1998 and a partner from January 1999 to January 2000.

### **About Chris C. Ruble**

Chris C. Ruble was appointed to Chief Operating Officer for the Company's Expedited LTL, TLS and Pool Distribution segments, effective June 2018. Mr. Ruble was President - Expedited Services from January 2016 to June 2018, Executive Vice President, Operations from August 2007 to January 2016, and Senior Vice President, Operations from October 2001 until August 2007. He was a Regional Vice President from September 1997 to October 2001 and a regional manager from February 1997 to September 1997, after starting with the Company as a terminal manager in January 1996. From June 1986 to August 1995, Mr. Ruble served in various management capacities at Roadway Package System, Inc.

### **About Christina W. Bottomley**

Christina W. Bottomley has served as Vice President and Controller since August 2018. She is responsible for financial reporting, corporate accounting, income tax reporting and other accounting related functions. Prior to this, Ms. Bottomley served as an Accounting Director at CSX Corporation and as an Assurance Manager at KPMG. Ms. Bottomley is a Certified Public Accountant.

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## **About Forward Air Corporation**

Forward Air keeps your business moving forward by providing services within four business segments: Expedited LTL (provides expedited regional, inter-regional and national LTL services, including local pick-up and delivery, shipment consolidation/deconsolidation, warehousing, final mile solutions and customs brokerage by utilizing a comprehensive national network of terminals); Truckload Premium Services (provides expedited truckload brokerage, dedicated fleet services, as well as high-security and temperature-controlled logistics services); Intermodal (provides first-and last-mile high-value drayage services both to and from seaports and railheads, dedicated contract and Container Freight Station warehouse and handling services); and Pool Distribution (provides high-frequency handling and distribution of time sensitive product to numerous destinations within a specific geographic region). For more information, visit the Investor Relations portion of the Company's website at [ir.forwardaircorp.com](http://ir.forwardaircorp.com).

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