

**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 29, 2020 (May 27, 2020)

**FORWARD AIR CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**TN**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**62-1120025**

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

**1915 Snapps Ferry Road Building N Greeneville TN**

**37745**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**000-22490**

(Commission File Number)

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))

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
<b>Common Stock, \$0.01 par value</b>	<b>FWRD</b>	<b>NASDAQ</b>

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.

## **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.**

(b) Effective on June 30, 2020, Matthew J. Jewell will transition from his role as Chief Commercial Officer (“CCO”) of Forward Air Corporation (the “Company”). The Company has initiated a search to identify its next CCO, and in the interim, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas Schmitt will assume direct oversight of the Company’s sales and marketing efforts. Following June 30, 2020, the Company plans to retain Mr. Jewell as a consultant for a period of time to continue his support of the Company’s inorganic acquisition growth strategy.

Upon execution and non-revocation of a general release with the Company, Mr. Jewell will be entitled to receive severance benefits under the Company’s Amended and Restated Executive Severance and Change in Control Plan, as described in the Company’s proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 31, 2020.

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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 29, 2020

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

By: /s/ Michael J. Morris

Michael J. Morris  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer