FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

| Name and Address of Reporting Person JEWELL MATTHEW J | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | |
|---|---|--------------|---|------------|--------------|---|---|-------------|------------|--|
| 430 AIRPORT ROAD (First) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/08/2011 | | | | | | Director | | | |
| (Street) GREENEVILLE, TN 37745 | 4. If Amendment, D | ate Origina | ıl File | ed(Month/D | ay/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) (State) | Ta | ıble I - Nor | 1-Der | rivative S | ecuritie | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | ation Date, if Code (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 6. Ownership of Serm: Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | Code M | V | Amount 5,500 | (D) | Price \$ | 20,725.2421 | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 100 | D | \$ 22.00 | 20,625.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 100 | D | 33.99 \$ | 20,525.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 100 | D | 33.93 \$ 33.83 | 20,425.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 100 | D | \$ 33.77 | 20,325.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 100 | D | \$ 33.63 | 20,225.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 100 | D | \$ 33.51 | 20,125.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 100 | D | \$ 33.47 | 20,025.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 100 | D | \$ 33.45 | 19,925.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 100 | D | \$ 33.34 | 19,825.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 100 | D | \$ 33.3 | 19,725.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 200 | D | \$ 33.88 | 19,525.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 200 | D | \$ 33.87 | 19,325.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 200 | D | \$ 33.82 | 19,125.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 200 | D | \$ 33.81 | 18,925.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 200 | D | \$ 33.5 | 18,725.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 200 | D | \$ 33.48 | 18,525.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 200 | D | \$ 33.46 | 18,325.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 200 | D | \$ 33.44 | 18,125.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 200 | D | \$ 33.42 | 17,925.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 400 | D | \$ 33.78 | 17,525.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 600 | D | \$ 33.9 | 16,925.2421 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/08/2011 | | S | | 1,700 | D | \$ 33.97 | 15,225.2421 | D | |

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| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion | Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transact Code | tion | 5. N of Der Sec Acc (A) Disj | fumber 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) urities (uired or coosed D) tr. 3, 4, | | rcisable and Date v/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of | | Derivative Security | Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | Beneficial |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to | \$ 21.88 | 11/08/2011 | | M | | | 5,500 | <u>(1)</u> | 07/01/2012 | Common | 5,500 | \$ 0 | 27,000 | D | |

Stock

Reporting Owners

| D | Relationships | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | Director 10% Owner Officer | | | | | | | |
| JEWELL MATTHEW J | | | | | | | | | |
| 430 AIRPORT ROAD | | | Executive VP, CLO & Secretary | | | | | | |
| GREENEVILLE, TN 37745 | | | | | | | | | |

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

Signatures

Buy)

(Right to

| /s/ Michael P. McLean, Attorney-in-Fact | 11/10/2011 |
|---|------------|
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

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At the time of grant, this option was scheduled to vest 25% each year over a four year period commencing on 7/1/03. All outstanding stock options granted prior to December 31, (1) 2005 became fully exercisable as a result of the Board's accelerating the vesting of all outstanding stock options awarded to employees, officers and non-employee directors under the Company's stock option award plans.

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