## FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| (Print or Ty   | pe Responses  | s)  |   |   |                    |                       |       |  |                    |  |  |   |  |   |                                    |
|--|---|---|---|---|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Hance Michael L   |   |   |   | 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 |   |  |   |                                    |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1915 SNAPPS FERRY ROAD, BUILDING N |   |   |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/05/2020         |                    |                       |       |  |                    |  | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  CLO and Secretary                      |   |  |   |                                    |
| (Street) GREENEVILLE, TN 37745                             |   |   |   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/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)                                   | (Zip)   |   | Ta                 | able I - No           | n-Der | ivative S                                  | Securities         | Acqu   | ired, Disp   | osed of, or l                                       | Beneficially   | Owned   |                                    |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)                             |   | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | Code<br>(Instr. 8) |                       |       |  | of (D)             | 5. Amount of Securitie Beneficially Owned For Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)   |  | ollowing (s) F                                      | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |                                    |
|  |   |   |   |   | Code               | V                     | Amoun | (A) or (D)                                 | Price              | (mstr. 3 a   | mod. 5 and 1)  |   | ` /  | (Instr. 4)  |                                    |
| Common Stock   |   |   | 02/05/2020  |   |                    | F(1)                  |       | 249  | D                  | \$ 0   | 34,296.1729  |   |  | D   |                                    |
| Common Stock   |   | 02/06/2020                                |   |   | F <sup>(1)</sup>   |                       | 183   | D  | \$ 0               | 34,113.1729  |  |   | D  |   |                                    |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)        | 2. Conversion Date or Exercise Price of Derivative Security |   | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution D<br>Year) any                      | 4. Transaction Code Year) (Instr. 8)                                |                    | 5. 6. D<br>Number and |       | d Expiration Date Anonth/Day/Year) U So (I |                    | 7. T<br>Ame<br>Und<br>Seco   | ritle and ount of derlying urities tr. 3 and   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | Owners Form o Derivat Security Direct ( or Indir    | Ownersh<br>(Instr. 4)<br>D)<br>ect |
|  |   |   |   | Cod   |                    | (A) (D)               | Date  |  | Expiration<br>Date | n Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares   |   |  |   |                                    |
| Repor  | ting O  | wners                                     |   |   |                    |                       |       |  |                    |  |  |   |  |   |                                    |
| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             |   |   | 1,  | Relation  | Relationships      |                       |       |  |                    |  |  |   |  |   |                                    |
|  |   |   | Director 10%<br>Owner                                       | Officer   |                    |                       | Ot    |  |                    |  |  |   |  |   |                                    |
| Hance Michael L  |   |   |   |   |                    |                       |       |  |                    |  |  |   |  |   |                                    |

CLO and Secretary

### **Signatures**

**BUILDING N** 

1915 SNAPPS FERRY ROAD

GREENEVILLE, TN 37745

| /s/ Michael L. Hance            | 02/07/2020 |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| **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) Restricted stock withheld by Issuer to satisfy minimum tax withholding obligation on vesting of restricted stock.

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