
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): January 31, 2018

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

001-13100
(Commission
File Number)

56-1871668
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

000-21731
(Commission
File Number)

56-1869557
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 600
Raleigh, North Carolina 27604
(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

Registrants' telephone number, including area code: (919) 872-4924

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrants 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.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Anne H. Lloyd, 56, has been elected to join the Company's Board of Directors effective January 31, 2018. Ms. Lloyd, who will serve on the Company's audit committee, qualifies as an independent director under the standards of the New York Stock Exchange.

Ms. Lloyd served as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. (NYSE:MLM), a leading supplier of building materials, from June 2005 until her retirement in August 2017. She joined Martin Marietta in 1998 as vice president and controller and was promoted to chief accounting officer in 1999. Ms. Lloyd is a director, chair of the audit committee and member of the corporate governance and nominating committee of one other publicly-traded company, Terra Nitrogen Company, L.P. (NYSE:TNH), a global leader in nitrogen fertilizer manufacturing and distribution.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

By: _____ /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller

Jeffrey D. Miller

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: Highwoods Properties, Inc., its general partner

By: _____ /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller

Jeffrey D. Miller

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: February 1, 2018