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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): May 10, 2017

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 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On May 10, 2017, the Company held its annual meeting of stockholders. The final vote of the matters presented for a vote at such meeting was as follows:

Matter	For	Against	Abstain/ Withheld	Broker Non- Votes
(1) Election of Directors:				3,743,506
Charles A. Anderson	88,688,851		496,113	
Gene H. Anderson	88,108,288		1,076,676	
Carlos E. Evans	88,007,712		1,177,252	
Edward J. Fritsch	88,563,020		621,944	
David J. Hartzell	88,689,141		495,823	
Sherry A. Kellett	88,294,584		890,380	
O. Temple Sloan, Jr.	88,039,935		1,145,029	
(2) Ratification of appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent auditor for 2017	92,313,026	588,725	26,719	
(3) Advisory vote on executive compensation	84,582,305	4,476,523	126,136	3,743,506
Matter	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Abstain
(4) Advisory vote on frequency of say-on-pay votes	76,159,712	27,828	12,907,144	90,280

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: May 10, 2017

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